

Seventy-Four Lives Lost in Disastrous Fire in Schoolhouse

FIRE CAUSED MAD SCRAMBLE

Crowds Were Trampled Under Foot in Frenzied Rush for Safety—A Horrible Disaster—Police Took Charge.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Cleveland, South Carolina, May 18—Seventy four bodies were recovered from the ruins of a schoolhouse here early today following a fire which swept the structure during an entertainment last night. Search of the ruins is continuing.

In addition to those burned and trampled to death in the panic following the explosion of a kerosene lamp dozens were in hospitals today suffering from broken legs and arms two persons who leaped from second story windows suffered broken backs.

Police Took Charge.

The chief of police at Camden near here took charge of the rescue work sergeant T. Tilton of the Camden police force stated at 8.15 this morning that 74 bodies had been counted. Most of them were so badly burned as to be unrecognizable, Tilton says. Between four hundred and eight hundred persons were packed into the hall on the second floor of the schoolhouse for the entertainment it was the most heartrending sight I ever saw "Sergeant Tilton told the United press "when I got there the school house was one mass of flames.

Screaming and Groaning.

"People were screaming and groaning. Those who has got out were trying to get back in to release those penned in the Hall way. "We tried to get them out, but the fire spread so fast that it was no use the building burned like tinder, people who jumped out of windows nearby all had broken bones, some of them forgot all about their own injuries when they remembered children or other loved ones left behind in the hall. "You could not get at the facts about it for a long time, the survivors were so excited and grief stricken."

NO CUTLERY AT PASHA'S DINNER

Paris, May 18—Knives and forks played no part in one grand state dinner given in Morocco to a group of Americans who have just returned from French Morocco, where they were guests of the Government. Samuel Harden Church, president of the Carnegie Institute, reciting his experiences at the banquet, said:

"When we reached Marakech we were the guests of the Grand Pasha, courteous in speech and elegant in manner, with whom we sat on the floor and ate a whole sheep with our fingers. The Berber Prince from time to time tore out a rib from the roast and handed it to his guests, and as a special attention he gave a kidney of the sheep to one the American women of the party."

DANGERS IN COD LIVER OIL

Paris, May 18—Parents who have not yet abandoned the ancient habit of dosing their youngsters with cod liver oil every winter and spring were warned this week by Dr. Michel Mouriquand of Lyons that they are endangering, instead of guaranteeing health.

Long experiments involving the use of cod liver oil in guinea pigs and rabbits show that while cleansing the blood and preventing, even curing, scorbutic diseases, there is also the danger of promoting bone maladies for which there is no cure. Better, the doctor says, rely upon castor oil which though unpleasant is much surer in results, whereas even non-Fascisti in Italy are not known to have succumbed to the maximum doses administered as punishments by Mussolini's disciples.

DIFFICULTIES IN WAY OF C. N.R. SUCCESS

RETURNS ARE ASKED FOR

Information Demanded by Members of Parliament—Officers and Salaries Discussed.

Ottawa, May 17—More difficulties are being put in the way of making the Canadian National Railways a successful public enterprise. Not only is an active campaign being carried on in the Senate and in the corridors of Parliament for the purpose of creating distrust in the public ownership and operation of Canada's largest railway system but questions are being asked in the House of Commons which when answered will disclose to the public and more especially to that system's competitors, salary and equipment information which no privately-owned corporation would ever think of revealing to another. Amongst the unopposed motions for papers passed on Monday afternoon in the House of Commons were questions by the leader of the opposition and by E. B. Ryckman, Conservative, East Toronto.

Mr. Hen. Arthur Meighen asked for a return showing all orders for equipment placed by the Canadian National Railways since October 4, 1922, including orders for cars of different kinds separately stated—for engines of different kinds separately stated, with prices in each case or basis of prices and comparison of such prices with last prices at which similar goods were ordered—the said return to contain also names of firms and location of factories with whom such orders have been placed and where same are to be filled—also showing all correspondence and requisitions between officers of the companies and any member of the Government referring to the necessity for such orders.

Officers and Salaries

"Mr. Ryckman asked for a return showing all new positions created and filled as officers of the Canadian National Railways since October 4, 1922 together with salaries attaching to such positions and the name of the appointee to each, also showing all salaries raised and all salaries if any diminished of the officers of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine since October 4, 1922, with particulars as to previous and present salaries in each case.

BONAR LAW RECUPERATING IN PARIS

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Paris, May 18—Scarcely able to speak and showing no improvement Premier Bonar Law of Great Britain today was forced to refuse a luncheon invitation from Premier Poincare. Bonar Law has been suffering from a throat infection. Lord Beaverbrook was in conference with the British Premier today and it was understood they discussed a possible successor to Bonar Law. Beaverbrook publisher of the Daily Express of London came hurriedly to Paris last night.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP IS BELOW THE ESTIMATE

New York, May 18—"This year's sugar crop is many gross tons below even the lowest estimate. That is why sugar is steadily advancing in price in the United States," said Frank Steinhart, president of the Havana Electric Light & Power Company, who arrived today from Havana on the Siboney of the Ward Line.

Mr. Steinhart said the financial crisis through which Cuba has just passed would soon be a memory. His wife and daughter accompanied him. The family will stay at the Hotel Plaza.

Another arrival was Emilio Bacardi of Santiago, son of the famous rum distiller. Mr. Bacardi will remain in New York until next Saturday when he sails for England on the Olympic. He will be a delegate from Cuba to the Conference of Administrative Science in Brussels in September.

PARIS PLANE HORROR IS STILL A MYSTERY

DIRECTORS ON THE SCENE

Victims Might Have Escaped if Parachute Plan Had Been Adopted.

Paris May 18—The cause of the disaster to the Paris-London airplane is still a mystery. The Air Ministry issued a communique late last night in which it said:

"The directors of the company and service officials left for the scene immediately in order to determine the causes of the disaster and to take the necessary measures if possible to prevent a repetition of the accident."

So far, however, the report of the investigators has not reached Paris. The origin of the disaster is a subject of conjecture in all aviation circles, and it is felt it will be difficult to ascertain the cause, in view of the state of carbonization in which both the bodies and the bulk of the machine were found.

A Terrible Sight

One of the few spectators of the accident, Dr. Limichin, who hurried to the scene to give medical help, has told of the spectacle.

"It was too late to be of aid," he says. "The bodies were a terrible sight, the flesh being so lacerated that the features of the unfortunate victims were unrecognizable. Their papers, which, with their money, were saved, enabled us to discover their names. Nothing could be found of the mail bags."

The bodies were removed with much difficulty from the debris of the machine and taken to a village chapel nearby.

Parachutes Not Provided

Another man says he saw the machine at a height of about 600 yards wobbling about as if the pilot was looking for a landing place. Then it began to fall. The wings, he says, fell off during the descent and the plane left a long trail of smoke behind it as it dived to earth. But this witness asserts the machine did not burst into flames until it had struck the ground.

The lives of the six victims might have been saved if recent recommendations regarding safety of passengers had been adopted, reports of eye-witnesses of the disaster showed today. A director of the French company, which owned the ill-fated plane opposed a proposal to provide parachutes on the ground they would destroy confidence in aerial travel.

Had the passengers been provided with parachutes, it is believed they might have jumped and saved their lives.

RALLY NIGHT OF MARYSVILLE METHODISTS

Marysville, May 18—Last night was Rally Night at the Methodist church when a large number of the congregation assembled to honor the event. Rev. R. G. Fulton of Centenary church, St. John was the principal speaker. His remarks were enjoyed by the large audience present as he is a very fluent and interesting speaker. Rev. N. A. MacNeill of the Main Street United Baptist Church assisted in the service. The different officials read their reports which were very encouraging the future for the Marysville Methodist church is the brightest. The popular and esteemed pastor Rev. J. J. Pinkerton is not only an able and interesting speaker but a hard worker and good fellow. He is justly proud of the good progress shown in the church work.

Previous to the meeting there was a banquet served by the Ladies' Aid.

ST. JOHN GIRL WEDS IN LONDON

(Special to the Daily Mail)
London, May 18—The marriage has taken place of Cuthbert Henry de Trafford to Delam Patricia, daughter of F. O. Graham of St. John, N. B.

Chester Gundy of St. John were here for Encaenia the guests of Mrs. F. I. Morrison.

Harry P. Carvell of Woodstock Passes Away Suddenly in Boston

BOMB EXPLODES IN BASEMENT OF CONSULATE

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Mexico City, May 18—A powerful bomb was exploded in the basement of the building occupied by the American Consulate here early today. No one was injured and no damage was done to the Consuls office. No arrests have been made.

DELUGE OF YANKS TAXES ACCOMODATIONS

Hotels All Booked Up and Realty Men Have Trouble.

London, May 17—American visitors are invading London in such numbers that hotels, boarding houses and real estate agents are finding difficulty in providing accommodations for them. One big transatlantic steamship company announces that it expects to bring 80,000 Americans to these shores this summer.

Real estate agents are receiving thousands of cables asking them to reserve houses for periods of not less than three months. Nothing but the centre of Mayfair will satisfy most of the American applicants and the houses must be large enough to permit considerable entertaining.

Homes which have belonged to well known personages seem to have a particular attraction to affluent Yankees. Such dwellings are regarded as giving the temporary owner an additional start in the social world.

Americans generally are pleased with the average English house but complain there are never enough bath rooms. They expect to have a bathroom on every floor—a convenience which most English houses do not possess. They also find fault with the old fashioned fire stoves that are an inseparable and immoral part of every English homestead.

Steam heating is scarcely known. Whenever a hotel guest wants heat he lights his own fire and pays the hotel owners from 50 cents to \$1 for the privilege.

CHAUFFEURS OWN TAXIS

Paris, May 18—Tourists who have wrangled over tips with Paris chauffeurs will not be surprised to learn that the latest statistics show that despite the high price of gasoline 40 per cent of the taxicabs in Paris are owned by their drivers.

This is the result of a movement started last year whereby a chauffeur was allowed to consider the taxi he drove as his personal property after he had made a payment of 500 francs, the companies even accepting accident risks but charging a substantial interest. As the tips average about 100 francs a day a chauffeur can with ordinary luck be his own boss inside of six months.

DRUG ADDICTS FILL PRISONS

Trenton, May 18—Joseph S. Hoff principal keeper of the New Jersey State Prison said today that in the last six months there has been an alarming increase in the number of drug addicts admitted to the prison—an increase which he blames upon prohibition. "During that period" he said "we have admitted about five times the number of confirmed drug addicts so recorded during any one full year previously since prohibition went into effect. It is but a short step from moonshine liquor to dope. It is a custom for the habitual drinker when deprived of liquor to take to dope."

WELL KNOWN IN PUBLIC LIFE

News of His Death is a Distinct Shock to People of Carleton Co.—Fourth Death in Family Within Short Time.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Woodstock, May 18—A telegram this morning announces the death, in Boston of Harry P. Carvell who went there a few days ago to undergo an operation. This news of his death was a distinct shock as he was apparently in good health a few weeks ago. He was a member of the County Council and deeply interested in all public affairs. His brother Louis died suddenly only a few weeks ago. Four deaths in the family have occurred within a few months. Hon. F. B. Carvell is a brother and will bring the body from Boston probably leaving there today with his wife and two brothers, two sons and one daughter survive.

The deceased for years was quartermaster of the 67th Regt. Carleton Light Infantry, being retired with rank of major.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

108th Anniversary to be Observed on Sunday Next—Officers for the Year are Elected.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Methodist Sunday School was held last evening there being a large number of the officials and teachers present. There were short addresses by the pastor Rev. F. H. Holmes, John J. Weddall, W. E. McMullen.

The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:—
J. J. Weddall, Superintendent.
W. E. McMullen, Assistant Supt.
C. H. Burt, Secretary.
Roy B. Young, Asst. Secretary.
R. J. Baxter, Treasurer.
Fred Segee, Librarian.
Egbert Cass and John Tweeddale, Assistant Librarians.

Miss Jane Torrance, Pianist.
Mrs. Lewis Perley, Supt. of Home Department.

Miss Lillian McConaghey and Miss Helen Sharp, Librarians and Home Dept.

Mrs. C. H. Weddall, Supt. of Cradle Dept.

Mrs. M. L. Stevenson, Temperance Supt.

Miss Jane Torrance, Miss Clara Clark and Miss Louise Weddall, Visitors of the Home Dept.

Reports Received

The reports of the different officers were read. Everything was in a prosperous condition. The sum of \$117.42 was raised by the Sunday School for general purposes. John J. Weddall again elected Superintendent has been Superintendent and assistant superintendent for the past forty years. It was decided that Sunday School will be held at noon during June, July and August as has been the custom for the past few years.

Next Sunday May 20th the Sunday School will celebrate its 108th anniversary. There will be a special effort put forth in honor of the occasion.

Death in Devon

Daniel Flynn died this morning at the home of Guy Matthews, Gibson street, Devon, at the age of eighty three years. He had been ill for several months. For years the deceased was employed in the C. N. R. shops in Devon. He is survived by one sister Mrs. Mary Rideout of Fredericton and two brothers John of Providence, R. I. and David of Island Falls, Me. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 with service by Rev. F. A. Wightman.

APPEALS OF HUN MAGNATES REFUSED

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Berlin, May 18—Appeal of Gustav Krupp Von Bohln und Nalbach from the sentence of the French court martial has been rejected a dispatch from Dusseldorf stated. Krupp must serve the fifteen year sentence, and pay the fine inflicted on a charge of inciting a riot at the munitions works in Essen.

\$250,000 RUM SHIP WRECKED IN ATLANTIC

One of Crew Lost Life When Vessel Strikes Rocks in South.

New York, May 18—News of the destruction of a heavily laden rum runner, the Thelma Phoebe, off the Southern Atlantic coast, was received here today. The vessel was bound from the Bahamas to Rum Row off Sandy Hook with a cargo of liquor valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

Owing to the secrecy that enshrouds all vessels in this highly profitable trade, only meager information could be obtained about the wreck. It is believed, however, that the Thelma Phoebe was running too close to the shore and grounded.

The ship was wrecked and both it and the liquor, it is understood, were a total loss. At least one of the crew was drowned and others are unaccounted for.

In common with other rum runners the Thelma Phoebe was making a dash for the New York market to dispose of the liquor before new defensive measures of the Prohibition Department became operative.

One rum runner by putting on top speed managed to reach the line off Atlantic Highlands a few days ago with nearly 40,000 cases of whiskey and fine wines.

Prohibition agents have been keeping a close watch on the sea-going tugs that carry provisions to the rum ships.

The rum runners have adopted the policy of disposing of their cargo as soon as possible. Some are supplying bootleg syndicates and within twelve hours after dropping anchor have transferred their cargoes and are ready to sail for the Bahamas and another load.

FAMOUS ART MODEL IS MARRIED

Paris, May 18—Miss Kathleen Marie Rose, the "American Dolores" became the bride of William Tudor Wilkinson last Saturday it became known today. Dudley Field Malone and his wife were the only witnesses. "Dolores" was born in London went to the United States when a girl and became a dressmaker's model. Due to her perfect figure and striking face she soon became one of the highest paid models in New York. She later joined the Ziegfeld Follies.

Wilkinson, originally of St. Louis was at one time a well known breeder of race horses both in America and Europe. During the war he was an instructor in aviation. He is now engaged in collecting art objects and maintains a beautiful apartment near Place Vendome.

ANOTHER SLUMP IN MARKS

(Special to the Daily Mail)
London, May 18—The German mark reached a new low rate of 230,000 to the pound sterling or 50,000 to the dollar on the London exchange today.