

PROHIBITION NOT LESSENER FOR CHRISTMAS

REV. Z. L. FASH DEALS
WITH PRESS LETTERS

Divine Worship Not Animal
Enjoyment—Same Pastor
Contradicts U. S. Claim
of Victory.

In the course of his sermon yesterday morning Rev. Z. L. Fash pastor of the George Street Baptist Church made pointed reference to the publication of anonymous letters in the press asking for a let-up of Prohibition enforcement during the Christmas season. This the pastor stated was certainly contrary to the spirits of the Gospel of good cheer. To drink liquor is to dishonor Jesus Christ. The sermon was, "The Quest for the King" and this quest the pastor stated was race-old, starved and found its consummation in Divine Worship. In the development of this last thought the speaker touched upon Christmas cheer and voiced his scorn at the communications from the public which appeared in a local newspaper against prohibition.

U. S. Not the Winner

In his evening sermon the pastor referred to the statement which had been quoted as spoken by General Pershing that the U. S. Army had won the war. This he declared was false as Germany and her allies had shown themselves so weakened that Great Britain and her allies would doubtless have won the war had they been let alone. The United States on entering the war had not won it but had brought the end much closer and had saved many lives by so doing. The British Empire the speaker stated had not won the war even though she was the greatest empire in the world in spite of the fact that the United States tried to put their standing above that of Britain, Christ and Christ alone had won the war for Christianity. We should live on a friendly footing with the Great Nation to the South of us and unite with them in the proper Christmas spirit.

Death of Aged Lady

Mrs. Matilda A. Shanks one of the oldest residents of Sunbury County, died Saturday night at her home in Ripples. She was aged ninety one years.

Shortest Day of Year

Sunday the 21st inst. was the shortest day of the year. It will be some days however before any appreciable lengthening in the period of daylight will occur.

Returned Home from West

Miss Prudence Dunphy who went West last year to visit her friend Mrs. S. B. Shephard at Seattle, Washington, returned home on Saturday and is being welcomed by her many friends.

Fire Last Night

The Fire Department were called out at 12.30 this morning to the residence of Benjamin Budovitch, King Street, to extinguish a fire resulting from an overheated stove-pipe. Little damage was done by the fire.

Fire Saturday Afternoon

On Saturday at 5.30 p. m. the firemen were called out to answer a still alarm from the residence of Mr. Charles A. Sampson, St. John Street. The fire was a chimney blaze resulting from an overheated furnace pipe.

Saturday Competitions

Three curling games were played in the Saturday competitions at the curling rink on Saturday afternoon with the scores standing as follows: Bridges 18, Hagerman 11, Macnutt 16, McAndrews 8, McDowell 15, Burpee 6.

A Good Price

Ex Coun. Christopher Murray of Dumfries recently disposed of the standing timber on his farm at that place at a price in the vicinity of twenty thousand dollars. This is said to be a record sale price for lumber grown on a farm in York County.

Funeral This Morning

The funeral of Frances Jessie the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arbuckle of Dumfries who died on Friday evening took place this morning at ten o'clock from the late home at Dumfries. Interment was made at the Barony.

Brought Good Price

Coun. R. H. Graham of Prince William brought several hundred pounds of turkey to the city on Saturday and disposed of the lot to a local butcher for sixty cents a pound. For a single bird he realized the sum of \$12. Coun. Graham is one of the most successful breeders of turkeys in York County.

GEM THEATRE BURNED TO SHELL SUNDAY MORN'G

LOSS ESTIMATED AT
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Cause Unknown—Mrs. D. M. Richards and F. G. Spencer, of St. John, the Losers.

The Gem Theatre which for some years past entertained both young and old with excellent motion pictures is a thing of the past. Shortly after four o'clock Sunday morning fire was observed breaking out of the windows and when the firemen were through with their fight against the flames little but the brick walls were left standing and at that part of the tops of the sidewalls had toppled inwards.

The loss is estimated at \$18,000 dollars partially covered by insurance. F. G. Spencer of St. John who owns or operates a chain of picture-houses in the Maritime provinces was the lessee of the Gem Theatre and Mrs. D. M. Richards of Devon is the owner. Mr. Spencer was the owner of the picture-machines, seats, piano and other fittings of the theatre. His insurance is about \$3,000 with loss considerably exceeding that amount.

The Gem Theatre was established about eight years ago at the corner of Carleton and King streets by the late David M. Richards who removed the picture house from the Church Hall building where it was opened originally. The Sampson property, a brick structure, was remodelled into a picture-house. Several years ago after the death of Mr. Richards, a lease was taken by Mr. Spencer.

A Roaring Furnace

Shortly after four o'clock Sunday morning Henry Dillon, fireman at the city lighting plant which is next the theatre observed flames bursting through the windows. The building was a roaring furnace with the fire particularly fierce at the front. The origin could not be ascertained. An alarm from box 35 brought apparatus and firemen to the scene. The run was short and the department was soon at work. There was no hope of saving the theatre but efforts were directed towards preventing spread of the flames.

Most Spectacular Blaze

The fire was most spectacular and people from all over the city and from Devon soon gathered. The proximity of the burning building to the Methodist Church lighted up the tower and steeple of that structure so that it could be seen for miles. Flames spurted twenty and thirty feet through the

CO-OPERATIVE FARMERS' STORE STARTS JAN. 10

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING
HELD HERE SATURDAY

Stock to Amount of \$5,000
Has Been Subscribed—
Branches at Lincoln
and Burton.

The United Farmers' organizations in the vicinity of Fredericton will take over the Sanson & McNally grocery business in this city on or about January 10th and will establish a co-operative business at that stand. At a meeting of the United Farmers of the vicinity on Saturday representatives from all the branches except Nashwaak were present. Stock to the value of about \$5,000 was subscribed by different branches but this remains to be paid in.

A committee composed of Messrs. James Harding and Z. Estey waited upon Sanson & McNally, the present proprietors of the business informing them that on the 10th of January the amount of stock paid in by the different branches would be known and a board of directors would be appointed to look after the interests of the Farmers' Association in the matter. About thirty representatives of different branches of the Association in the vicinity were present at a meeting Saturday and a very optimistic gathering resulted. Ex-Warden Alex. Brewer and Mr. George Estey manager of the Keswick store were present at the meeting and gave very glowing accounts of the work of the Association. The stock was subscribed by only three or four of the branches as all were not represented and of those that were some had not held a meeting recently. Several Marysville people were at the meeting and showed a strong inclination to take stock in the store to be established here. Branches will be started at Lincoln and Burton in the near future and these also show a wish to take stock in the new store, as well as people in Devon and other points in the vicinity.

of sparks fell over a large windows at times and great clouds area. The thermometer was registering ten degrees below zero with a fresh westerly wind.

Residents Threatened

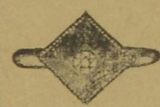
King street near the fire is closely built with one structure immediately adjoining the burning theatre. Owners and occupants of the houses were alarmed but the firemen devoted particular

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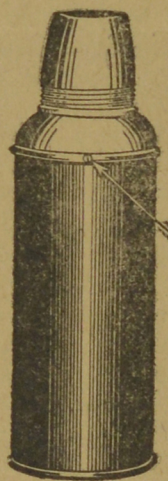
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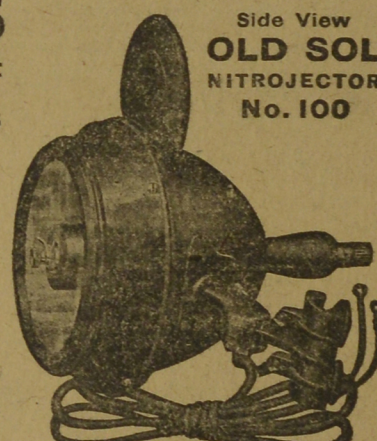
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