

HEAVY FIRE LOSS IN JAPAN

800 HOUSES WIPE OUT NEAR TOKIO

A Destructive Blaze Originates in a Fireworks Plant.

BIG LOSS OF PROPERTY

Ships Anchored in the Near by River Were Destroyed.

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Tokio, March 19—Fire originating in a fireworks establishment in the Sugamo district of Tokio wiped out eight hundred houses in an extensive territory here Friday morning.

A number of others were badly damaged. Ships in the river nearby burned when the blaze spread toward them.

Troops were called out and rendered valuable assistance to the firemen in fighting the flames.

TO SEND PIECE OF THE OCEAN TO CHICAGO

Chicago, March 19—A bit of the sea—one million gallons of genuine ocean water—is to be transported to Chicago.

George F. Morse, director of the \$2,000,000 Shedd Aquarium, to be erected in Grant Park, is making a preliminary survey of the Atlantic, Pacific and gulf coasts in search of a favorable spot from which to obtain the sea water which will mean life to the salt water fish of the aquarium.

Synthetic salt water lacks the organic content and chemical constituents of real ocean water, without which salt water fish cannot live, Morse said.

The entire shipment will require 125 railroad tank cars having a capacity of 8000 gallons each. The million gallons will be stored in a huge reservoir.

WOMEN WERE DISPERSED BY THE POLICE

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

San Luis, Potasía, Mexico, March 19—The police last night dispersed a crowd of women from in front of the bishop's palace as the authorities began to close churches and collect all religious literature.

The Red Cross nurses quitted the women after police had fired into the crowd wounding one woman.

CO-EDS ESCHEW OSCULATION AND PETTING

Syracuse, N. Y., March 19—Petting parties, with their accompaniment of kisses and holding hands are taboo at Syracuse University.

The virulent "flu" germ is over-active among the student body, and Dr. George C. Ruhland, deputy commissioner of health, says "outward signs of affection" have helped the little bug to get in his good work.

This last is not as a commentary—but at the Pi Beta Phi sorority house six girls and the chaperon are all ill with the grip.

N. S. MEMBER TAKES WHACK AT PROHIBITION

Urges Adoption of Some Form of Govt. Control.

SAYS THE LAW A FAILURE

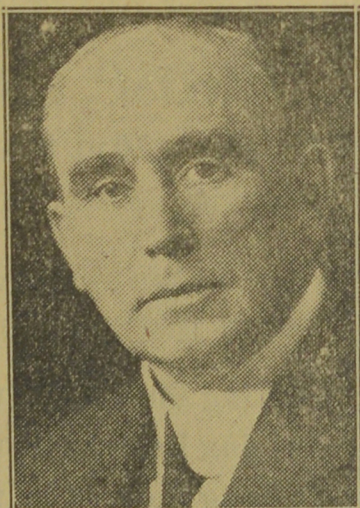
Would Divert the Booze Profits to the Public Treasury.

Halifax, N. S., March 18—Urging that if some form of government control were introduced in Nova Scotia to replace the prohibitory measures now on the statutes, the wealth that goes to maintain "portly foreigners who decorate the hotel lobbies throughout the province," would be diverted in a large measure to the public treasury and go far toward reducing the deficit of over \$1,000,000 which the country faced for the current year, John F. Mahoney, Conservative, Halifax explained in the legislative assembly tonight that he had not brought down a beer and wine bill which he had proposed doing earlier in the session, but criticized the present system and declared that the law had been given a chance and had failed.

For example he pointed out, a "member of this honorable house" might be away from his home six weeks or more and during that time his "private dwelling" is the hotel room in which he lives while in the city. That man, if he legally purchased a bottle of liquor in Halifax would have to travel to his home perhaps at the other end of the province, in order legally to consume the medicine prescribed by his physician. In moving that the colosse be struck out of the bill Mr. Mahoney termed the attempt to achieve temperance a failure. He believed that in Halifax sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of government control and suggested a plebiscite. He had not introduced the beer and wine bill because he did not wish to embarrass the government he said.

E. R. Nickerson, Conservative, Shelburne, said that he could bring many arguments to refute those of the Halifax member, that the law had failed. It had failed but had achieved great things he said.

The debate was precipitated at a late hour tonight while the house was in committee of the whole and was terminated by the committee rising at the Premier's request.



W. J. EGAN.

Deputy minister of the Canadian department of Immigration and Colonization who has just returned from a three month's visit to the British Isles and Europe where he went on official business in connection with increased immigration to Canada predicted for this year.

Mr. J. Y. Mersereau of Chatham, who, when at home combined the duties of artist, alderman and journalist, was in the city yesterday.

European Nations Ratify Eight Hour Day Labor Convention

Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, France and Italy Sign Agreement—Conference Lasted for Nearly Twenty Hours—Senate Irreconcilables at Washington May Prevent U. S. Participation in World Court.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, March 19—The representatives of Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, France and Italy today signed agreements pledging their Governments to ratify the Washington eight hour day labor convention.

For nearly twenty hours the delegates had been in session with only two brief intervals for refreshments. Italy has already ratified the convention effective on ratification by other European States. There has been a general desire to ratify the convention but it was first necessary to interpret the various passages likely to be understood differently in the various countries.

New Move at Washington

Washington, March 19—A plan has been devised by the senate "Irreconcilables" which may alter if not actually prevent American participation in the world Court of Justice.

The move is prompted by the action of the council of the League of Nations in authorizing an invitation to the United States to meet with the council next September and explain the reservations which the Senate attached to the resolution for American adherence to the world court.

FUNERAL OF LATE E. H. ALLEN HELD TODAY

The Fredericton Curling Club Represented by Delegation—Service at Christchurch Cathedral.

The funeral of the late Hon. Edmund Head Allen took place this afternoon from his late home, 688 George street, and was attended by many friends and relatives. A large number of very beautiful floral pieces were sent. After prayers at the house the body was taken to Christchurch Cathedral where service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Larder assisted by Rev. A. F. Bate. The procession then went to Forest Hill Cemetery where Rev. Mr. Bate conducted the service at the graveside.

The pall-bearers were Robert Fitz-Randolph, R. S. Barker, Col. T. G. Loggie, A. R. Wetmore, Walter Limerick and D. Lee Babbitt.

The mourners were Dr. T. Carleton Allen, W. Brock Allen, J. Brunswick Allen of Kingsclear, W. Delancey Allen of Kingsclear, Drury Anderson, Thomas Anderson, Arthur Anderson, Amos Shields of Minto, J. S. Armstrong, H. S. Bridges, Alex. J. Thompson and Henry Anderson.

The Fredericton Curling Club was represented by a delegation of members the deceased for many years having been a valued member and in later life an honorary official.

J. Melklejohn of Gagetown, superintendent of the Cossar Farm there, is in the city.

Edwin J. Tucker of West Saint John is a guest at the Queen.

George M. McPhail of Woodstock arrived in the city last night.

DEBATE ON ADDRESS TO END ON TUESDAY

Committee Work on Bills to be Well Under Way Next Week—Week-end Exodus.

A week-end adjournment of the House of Assembly is to be made this afternoon until Tuesday afternoon next. J. S. Lord of Charlotte continued the debate this afternoon and the expectation is that Premier Baxter will conclude the debate on the Address on Tuesday.

The Public Accounts Committee which met for the second time this morning adjourned until Tuesday morning. It is probable that some of the other large committees of the House will be in session next week.

Private legislation is expected to be along far enough for the committees to work on the bills. The Moncton bill for the imposition of a sales tax on business of mail order houses located within the Province is expected to be ready early in the week.

This evening there will be the usual week-end exodus from the capital.

Death at Burton

Mrs. Kate Burpee widow of Cyrus Burpee, passed away Thursday at her home in Burton at the age of seventy-four years. Death followed a short illness. Surviving are one son F. Atlee Burpee of Burton, two sisters Miss Sarah Hoben and Miss George Hoben of Burton and two brothers Reuben Hoben of Burton and Enoch G. Hoben also of Burton formerly of Fredericton. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon. Service will be conducted at the home at 1.30 and at Pine Grove Church at 2 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Chapman. Interment will be made at Pine Grove Cemetery.

THE PRESIDENT ARRIVES AT PLYMOUTH, VT.

Called There by Death of His Aged Father.

MADE TRIP BY SLEIGH

Had to Abandon His Auto on Account of the Snow.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Plymouth, Vt., March 19—President Coolidge arrived in Plymouth at 10 o'clock today by sleigh from Woodstock, where he had left the train, which had brought him from Washington.

Less than fifty persons, including fellow townsmen of the late Colonel Coolidge, and newspaper men stood in the square of the little village as the President's sleigh was driven to the door of the family homestead where the elder Coolidge died last night.

Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, his son John, Attorney General Sargent and Major General his companions in the sleigh ride from Bridgewater, the President at once entered the house of death.

The party proceeded by auto as far along the road from Bridgewater as the heavy snow allowed and then changed to the sleighs.

WILL MAKE WAR ON THE MOSQUITOES

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Glencoe, Ill., March 19—The townspeople here are preparing to march on the mosquitoes.

Tonight a mass meeting has been called at which time mosquito extermination experts will explain just how the pestiferous mosquitoes may be eliminated.

Eleven hundred invitations were mailed out for the meeting, one to every family in the city.

PLAN TO HELP OUT YOUNG FOLKS IN THE CHURCH

San Antonio, March 19—Installation of courting booths in every new church building was recommended last night by Dr. Ira Landrith, national extension secretary of the Christian Endeavor, as a way for the church to get a firm grip on the young people of today.

Dr. Landrith was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of local Endeavorers.

"Young people are going to get together in some way or other," he said "and if the church does not supply the means, they will go to the other extreme. They will meet at 2 o'clock in the morning when each of them is supposed to be in bed and the car in the garage, if at no other time."

Explaining his idea of a courting booth, Dr. Landrith said there should be a number of them in a large parlor adjacent to the remainder of the church, all of which could be seen from the centre by a chaperone. Partitions to allow "Bill" to try a little originality when proposing also were advocated.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gibson and daughter Kathleen left last evening for Savannah, Ga., where they will spend some weeks.

H. M. Stillwell of Moncton is in the city today.

PEKING IS NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Deadly Clash Between Presidential Guards and Students.

CASUALTIES NUMEROUS

Public Meetings in City Have Been Prohibited.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Peking, March 19—The City of Peking is virtually under martial law today after a deadly clash between armed members of the presidential guard and several thousand demonstrating students yesterday in which many students were killed.

Public meetings have been prohibited in the city for the present.

BETTER FILMS UP TO PUBLIC SAYS EXPERT

Hollywood, Cal., March 19—The motion picture industry is prepared to produce artistic pictures just as soon as the public is in the proper mood to accept them. This is the consensus of producers and directors and the hoped-for movement they say also has the approval of scenarists and players as well.

Clarence Brown, director, supports Jesse Lasky in voicing the opinion that "the public will not get better pictures until they demand them."

Brown cited several pictures that he placed within the category of the artistic. Some patrons described them as the finest produced but the box office result was a sad disappointment.

RUM RUNNER WAS SHORT ON SUPPLIES

Yarmouth, March 19—The Weymouth rum-running tern schooner, St. Claire Theriault, Captain A. A. King which left Halifax several days ago for Nassau put into Yarmouth Sound yesterday morning and reported short of supplies. The vessel was afterwards towed into the harbor and docked at Killam Bros. wharf. The schooner reported at the Customs "from sea" with a cargo of 10,650 cases of liquor.

COL. COOLIDGE PASSES AWAY IN VERMONT

Plymouth, Vt., March 18—Col. John C. Coolidge, father of the President died tonight.

Within two weeks of his 81st birthday, Col. Coolidge had been sinking gradually since he suffered a severe heart attack a week ago. A remarkable physique coupled with an iron will carried the aged patient through to a new rally for life but he lost strength day by day. Another severe heart attack early today heralded the approaching end.

The President speeding northward on a special train to the bedside of his dying father, lost in a hopeless race with death. The presidential train is due to reach Woodstock, 13 miles from here tomorrow morning.