

CONFESSES TO SETTING FIVE HOTEL FIRES

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NEWPORT AND DERBY GIRLS ARE BRIDES

Three Weddings Take Place of Interest to Border Towns

SOMERS-GORDON

The marriage of Mrs. Carrie Somers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Abbott of Derby to George Henry Gordon, of Montreal, son of G. H. Gordon of Cap-Chat, P. Q., took place at the home of the bride's parents at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. A. Edwards, pastor of the Congregational church of Newport. The wedding was a very quiet affair and was attended by only relatives and immediate friends of the family. The couple left Sunday night for Montreal where they will spend their honeymoon.

The house was artistically decorated with ferns and roses. The table in the center of which was a wedding cake, made by Mrs. L. A. Edwards, a sister of the groom, was decorated with ferns and roses. Refreshments of chicken salad, cake and coffee were served.

The bride is very popular both in Newport and Derby. She worked in (Continued on page five)

NAVY DESERTER HELD FOR BOSTON FIRES

BOSTON, June 30—James Hobco of Clifton, N. J., a deserter from the navy, today confessed that he was the firebug who applied the torch to five hotels here within the past week, according to an announcement from police headquarters. He was charged with arson and officials considered sending him to a psychiatric hospital, because of his statement that he had "wheels in his head."

The first of the fires occurred in the Adams House, the Boston home of Governor Coolidge on June 24. Later the Hotel Hollis, Hotel Brewster, and the American House were the scenes of fires and yesterday the Hotel Essex was selected by the firebug. In most cases the loss was small.

Hobco, who had registered under an assumed name, was arrested at the Essex because of peculiar actions. His handwriting was found on the registers of three of the hotels. He explained his use of false names by the statement that he was a deserter from the battleship North Dakota. He is said to have declared that he did not know why he had started the fires but acted during spells when he heard wheels going around in his head.

Hobco, the police said, admitted specifically setting the last four of the fires but said he could not remember having set that at the Adams House. He was charged however with setting all five fires. The police of New York were notified of his arrest with a view to investigating the possibility that Hobco was responsible for a somewhat similar series of fires there recently.

GIRL SCOUTS

MAKE MERRY AT LAKE WILLOUGHBY

Reporters of Troop 1 of St. J. Tell Interesting Tales of Camp Life

Troop 1 of the Girl Scouts of St. Johnsbury pitched camp June 19 on the shores of Lake Willoughby and since then, we have been having the jolliest of all jolly times. Upon our comfortable farmhouse and our Camp Cook and Mother, rests our daily peace and comfort. Four counselors, Helen Steele, Helen Ross, Eleanor Jencks and Madeline Cary, direct our sports and join in with the fun. Each day two scouts are appointed for kitchen police work, their duties consisting of washing dishes, paring potatoes, and other sundry domestic matters. Two other scouts are appointed each morning and night for the conveyance of milk. A store close by is profiting by our deposits. We hereby submit our first edition of the Camp News.

FIRE

Loud calls for the volunteer Brigade of Buckets were heard Saturday afternoon. The Scouts bravely rushed forth but were unable to beat the Ford truck and motor cycles; and reached there just in time to see the rescuers marching home.

The wedding bells, known commonly as the dinner bells, rang thrice merrily at the triple wedding June 26. Judy Carpenter and Eleanor Steele as Josiah Arab and Arabella Clopatra; Vera Doyle and Margaret Ricker as Rowena Fitzgerald and Ivanhoe Fitzgerald; Mary Rathbun and Jack Frost as Lydia Pinkham and Ichabod Jehosophat as brides and grooms. The blushing brides were beautiful in bath towels and curtains, while the grooms were resplendent in embroidered pajamas and whiskers. The ceremony was thoroughly performed by Counselor Ross, whose previous summer and a pillow protruded pleasantly beneath her supple; while a benignant grin shone with the glasses that rode down her nose, and she pronounced them spliced, knotted and hitched as holy men and wives. Congratulations were extended.

Just after sunset Sunday night, the crowd gathered around a driftwood fire to see who could toast the most marshmallows in the shortest time. A few burned tongues seemed to prove no hindrance even when it came to telling ghost stories in the moonlight.

Mr. Brown, the popular store keeper. (Continued on Page Four)

WOMAN KILLED WITH HUXLEY NOT HIS WIFE

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., June 30—The woman who was killed at a grade crossing accident yesterday in which Frank Huxley of Jamaica Plain also met instant death was today positively identified as Josephine R. Burke of Jamaica Plain. It was at first supposed the dead woman was Mrs. Huxley.

BANDIT'S ROB TRAIN OF PAY ROLL OF \$59,725

AUGUSTA, Ga., June 30—An express car on the Charleston and West Virginia railroad was reported robbed near here early today by bandits who gagged and bound an express messenger and made away with \$59,725 constituting the payroll for the Marines at Paris Island, South Carolina station.

PLEGDED TO OLD SUGAR FOR 24 CENTS WHOLESALE

HAVANA, June 30—Cuban Cane growers, sugar mill owners and brokers, claiming to control the sale of 2,180,000 sacks of unsold sugar were on record today as definitely pledging not to offer any more sugar for sale until the price had reached 24 cents a cun— the level reached during the last half of May. This decision was reached at a mass meeting held last night at which a committee of 12 was selected to act as the exclusive selling agency of those represented at the meeting. The amount of unsold Cuban sugar was estimated by a member of the selling committee at 3,920,000 sacks. Their holdings of 2,180,000 sacks leaving only 1,740,000 sacks under outside control.

Band Concert on Railroad Street Park

The St. Johnsbury Band will give another one of their popular concerts Wednesday evening at the Railroad street park. Following is the program: March "El Capitan" Sousa; Overture "Old Gold" Rockwell; Waltz "On the Trail to Santa Fe" Waltz "Mammy's Lullaby" Robertson; Selection from "Climes of Normandy" Fox Trot "Oh, by Jingo" Fox Trot "Ching-a-ling Jazz Band"; "Prizita's Maiden Waltz" Roberts; One Step "Bye Lo" Perkins; March "Lights Out" McCoy.

BIG STORM

SWEEPS OVER NORTHEASTERN VT.

Wind, Lightning and Rain Combine to Damage Property

Northeastern Vermont was visited by a severe storm about 5 o'clock Tuesday evening which did much damage to wire service besides blowing down trees and destroying some property. The lightning was almost continuous and struck in several places in St. Johnsbury. In less than one hour the Fairbanks Museum recorded a rainfall of 1.46. This is the heaviest rainfall in June since June, 1908, but there have been heavier storms later in the season as in July, 1913, there was one of the heaviest storms ever recorded when almost five inches fell in one day. The first storm Tuesday afternoon was the heaviest and before 6 o'clock .58 inches of rain had fallen. The Museum authorities reported this by wire Wednesday morning to the power station of the Connecticut River Power Company at Vernon and the government station at Hartford.

The damage by the wind was severer north and east of St. Johnsbury than in the village. The only property damage reported was at the farmhouse of John Nolan on the Stiles Pond road. Mr. Nolan occupies the Zenas Owen farm and the roof on the ell part of his house was taken by the heavy wind and lifted over the chimney of the house and finally landed in the field several rods from the house. Many trees in that vicinity were blown down or uprooted. Motorists coming in from the north reported their passage obstructed at several places by trees in the highway and the unfortunate tourists that were caught out in the heavy rain had the satisfaction that at least they were insulated from the lightning as few had time to place chains on their cars.

In the village of St. Johnsbury lightning struck in several places. (Continued on page six)

Nominating Speeches At Democratic Convention With Lively Fight Over Dry Plank

(By the Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30—Definite and final instruction came from the East early today that William G. McAdoo's name was not formally to be placed before the Democratic National convention.

Burriss Jenkins of Kansas City, who was prepared to make a nominating speech for McAdoo revised his plans again and decided to accept the wishes of the McAdoo managers.

Several hours of debate failed today to bring the platform subcommittee into final agreement on the prohibition issue with Secretary Colby leading the fight for a light wine and beer plank. The problem showed signs of becoming the most troublesome facing the little circle of platform builders. A canvass of sentiment soon after the meeting began last night is said to have shown a majority sentiment against any wet declaration but when the subcommittee came formally to take up prohibition proposals in the natural course of its deliberations it was decided to reopen the whole subject.

Besides the plank offered by Sec. Colby various wet declarations in different forms was suggested and the days also put forwards a set of proposals ranging from an ultra-dry plank to a plain enforcement plank.

Candidates for presidential honors were placed in nomination at today's session of the Democratic National convention. While committeemen struggled behind closed doors attempting to draft a platform acceptable to all elements in the party, the convention under a rule approved yesterday, saved time by having the nominating speeches made in advance of the adoption of the declaration of principles.

Beginning before noon oratory unfolded and was expected to continue throughout the day interrupted only by noise demonstrations as the names of favorite candidates were placed before the delegates. With all the candidates formally in nomination the convention will await the report of the platform committee before proceeding to pick the nominee. Balloting may not begin until late Thursday or Friday.

Planks defining the Democratic party's attitude on the League of Nations and Prohibition question—two of the prominent issues—have not been finally decided upon though it is said an agreement is not far off on the league declaration.

A great crowd turned to the convention hall prepared for a day of excitement. Campaign managers and delegations actively supporting candidates were well prepared for the day. All sorts of devices for arousing the enthusiasm of the crowd and for noise-making purposes were brought in and concealed until the opportune time arrived for bringing them out.

Speeches were made nominating Atty. Gen. Palmer, Gov. Cox of Ohio, Chairman Homer S. Cummings of the Democratic National committee, Gov. Edwards of New Jersey, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, Senator Owens of Oklahoma and John W. Davies.

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