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FIRE DESTROYS LAVAL BUILDING

The Main Edifice Containing the Medical Departments Total Loss.

BLAZE RAGED NINE HOURS

AND \$400,000 OF DAMAGE WAS DONE

Valuable Paintings Saved—Students Had Narrow Escape—Lighted Cigar Butts May Have Caused the Fire.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—The main building of the University of Montreal, better known as Laval University, containing the medical departments, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The damage is estimated at \$400,000, and covered in insurance.

Several of the medical students had a narrow escape when the blaze broke out. They were counting the minutes for the class election, which took place Saturday, and bits of plaster from the ceiling fell and they were later notified that the top or sixth floor of the building was ablaze.

They rushed for their hats and coats and made their way out. A short time before the occurrence of an explosion which set the entire fourth and fifth floors ablaze in the centre of the building.

Every man and every mechanical device of the Montreal brigade were used to fight the flames.

The medical museum, which contained the body of "Giant" Beaupre, was considerably damaged and the Medical Laboratory was destroyed with all the dissecting cadavers.

On the lower floor the students and some of the professors who had rushed to the scene of the fire managed to save some of the most precious articles. Valuable paintings, photographs and other articles which would have been impossible to replace were taken out and carried to the rooms of the Cercle Laval nearby.

When the fire was under control, several firemen made their way into the third floor of the north wing and with the help of Dr. Gaston, Rene De Cotret, chief of the Notre Dame Hospital house staff, salvaged many valuable articles.

The copper dome of the Notre Dame de Lourdes Church nearby grew red hot from the excessive heat and several streams had to be used to cool it off. The church was slightly damaged by water.

The fire lasted over nine hours. The blaze was the most sensational ever seen in Montreal.

PRISONERS CAN STARVE IF THEY WILL IN IRISH PRISONS

(Canadian Press Despatch) Dublin, Nov. 24.—Official notice was given here to-day that no more prisoners will be liberated, conditionally or unconditionally, for hunger striking, and that the hunger strikers must themselves be responsible for the consequences of their acts.

It was also announced that there would be no further amelioration of the prison treatment given any prisoner convicted under the Defence of the Realm Act.

This notice is regarded very seriously in Irish political circles.

HAD CLOSE CALL

Was Drawn Into Machine At The Canadian General.

Peterboro, Nov. 24.—Melville Morrow, son of W. G. Morrow, Water street, was the victim of an unusual accident. He was engaged at his work at a drill at the Canadian General Electric Works, when his clothing became caught in the machinery and threatened to draw him in. By main force, however, he resisted being drawn in but before the machinery could be stopped every stitch of his clothing was torn from his body, with the exception of his boots. His shirt was drawn with such force it almost severed the flesh of his arm.

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN REACHES LONDON.



The picture shows the King and Queen and Princess Beatrice greeting the latter's daughter, Queen Ena of Spain, on her arrival at Victoria Station, London, from Paris, on October 27th. Queen Ena is the figure in furs at the right, and only her mother's face shows in the group.

YPRES MEMORIAL TO EMPIRE'S DEAD

It is Announced That Committee Has Scheme Under Consideration.

London, Nov. 24.—It is announced by the War Office that the Battle of Ypres Memorial Committee has under consideration the question of a memorial to the troops of the British Empire who fought at Ypres.

The Belgian Minister of the Interior stated recently in the Belgian Chamber that the authorities at Ypres had been late in passing the plans for restoration. An official meeting had taken place of representatives of the Belgian Government, town authorities of Ypres, and the British War Office Committee on Battle of Ypres Memorials, and preliminary measures had been taken to protect the Cloth Hall, the Cathedral and the adjoining houses from destruction.

These ruins in their actual state, besides being an eloquent testimony of Teutonic barbarity, would remain a place of pilgrimage, to which the allies may come to perpetuate the memory of those soldiers of theirs who died to keep intact the last strip of Belgian soil.

HOPE SOME OF CREW MAY YET BE SAFE

From the Lumber Steamer Myron Which Foundered Near Whitefish Point.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Nov. 24.—Hope at least that some members of the crew of eighteen of the lumber laden steamer Myron, owned by O. W. Blodgett of Bay City, which foundered near Whitefish Point in a terrible gale which swept Lake Superior Saturday and yesterday, would be rescued was held out today by marine men here and captains of steamers who passed this port.

It was believed that some of the crew who escaped from the foundering steamer might drift ashore and be revived by patrolling coast guards despite their long exposure and terrible buffeting by the great waves.

Wreckage from the Myron continued this morning to come ashore in great quantities, including parts of the cabins and upper works, while the entire bay is strewn with the lumber cargo of the boat and of her consort the Mistec, which was reported towed into shelter by an unidentified steamer.

Stock Prices Improve. (Canadian Press Despatch) New York, Nov. 24.—Stocks manifested no definite trend at a dull opening of to-day's session. General Motors and Crucible Steel, features of last week's firm session, soon strengthened the general list, gaining five and three points respectively.

Dead at Windsor Castle. London, Nov. 24.—Sir Guy Francis Laking, keeper of the King's armory in Windsor Castle, died Sunday night. He was born in 1875 and had written much on armories and art objects of Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

Chief of Police Valade, Gatineau Point, was charged with assaulting a young woman named Dupuis. The hearing of evidence brought out very sad particulars. The accused was found guilty. Magistrate Goyette announced that he would sentence the prisoner on Nov. 29th.

INDUSTRIES CLOSE DOWN

Owing to Lack of Fuel Through Miners' Strike. (Canadian Press Despatch) Chicago, Nov. 24.—Industrial plants all over the middle west continued to close down to-day. Fuel supplies to public utilities were curtailed further and the regional coal committees advised individuals to save coal as the nation-wide strike of the bituminous miners entered its seventh day.

New Jap Ambassador. Tokyo, Nov. 24.—Viscount Uchida, the Foreign Minister, will be appointed Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain, and H. Ijima, at present Ambassador to Italy, will take the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, will go to Paris to sign the Bulgarian Treaty next week.

MAY POSTPONE PROCLAMATION

Of the Peace Pact Until the U.S. Senate Passes Upon It.

SENATE DOES NOT MEET

UNTIL DECEMBER 1ST, THE PROCLAMATION DATE

The Meeting of the League of Nations Can Only Be Called Legally by President Wilson.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The peace treaty may not be declared effective December 1st unless ratification is completed by the American senate before that time.

The tentative decision of the supreme council, announced Wednesday, to make the treaty operative December 1st, was based on the assumption that the United States upper house would reach some compromise and accept the treaty before that date, according to reliable information. (The senate does not reconvene until December 1st.)

It is imperative that the first meeting of the league of nations will be held the same day the treaty becomes effective, it is pointed out and this meeting can be called legally only by President Wilson.

It was feared here the senate's rejection of the treaty during its recent session has indefinitely postponed the date of making the treaty effective, likewise organization of the league of nations.

Those in official positions refuse to discuss formally the situation created by the failure of the United States senate to accept the treaty, there was no doubt it is receiving grave consideration.

The sentiment prevailed here that if the league does not materialize, the allies will demand additional guarantees from Germany. These demands were expected to include: Cession of the left bank of the Rhine and the Saar basin to France. Rectification of the Belgian frontier.

Further German disarmament, with the surrender of all Germany's war materials.

New arrangements for payment of reparations by Germany. Possible annexation of Heligoland by Great Britain.

Newspapers here published little comment upon the senate's action. France generally seemed inclined to an attitude of "watchful waiting."

The sublime portie has applied directly to the peace conference for an early solution of the Turkish question, giving serious reasons necessitating the rapid conclusion of peace.

EGGS \$1.30 DOZEN ON THE TORONTO MARKET

Toronto, Nov. 24.—Eggs soared shy-high Saturday, reaching \$1.30 per dozen at St. Lawrence Market. Even the farmers refused to sell the hen fruit as gold nuggets. Butter sold up to 75 cents a pound.

GENERALS ARE THROUGH.

Hindy and Lady Not to Appear Before Committee. Berlin, Nov. 24.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff will not again be summoned to give testimony before the sub-committee of the National Assembly investigating war responsibility, according to a semi-official statement. It is believed they would be unable to amplify the evidence they have already presented.

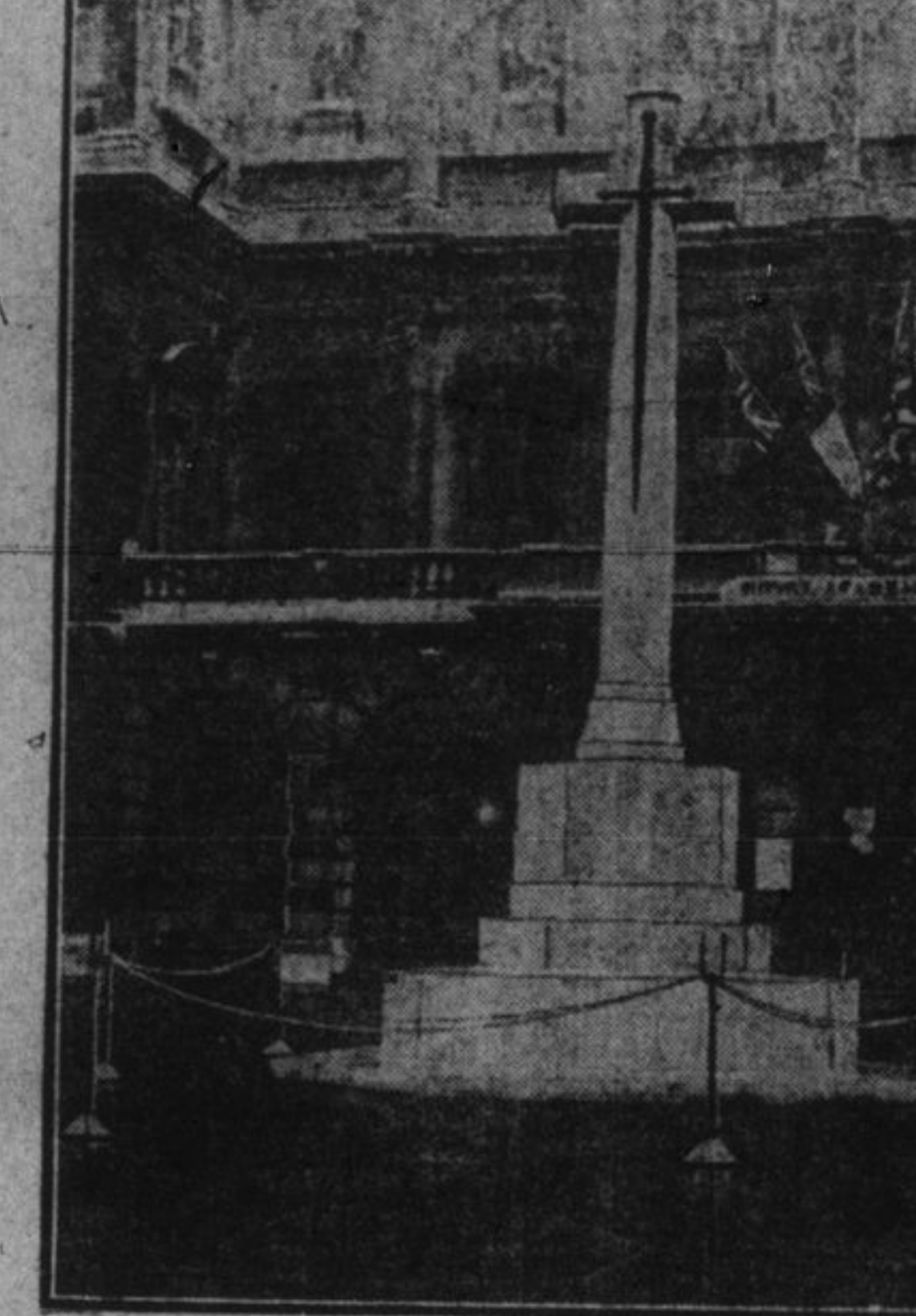
Drive Reindeer Across Canada's West. Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—Driving a herd of 1500 reindeer overland from Alaska to the west coast of Hudson Bay, through a country difficult of passage and largely unexplored, is a feature of the scheme under which the North American Reindeer Company has but recently secured from the Canadian government a permit to use for grazing purposes 75,000 square miles of land north of the Churchill River.

Seeking Divorce. Ottawa, Nov. 24.—Six additional applications for divorce, the cases to be heard at the next session of Parliament, are given notice of in the Canada Gazette. The applicants are: Robert E. Beadie, lithographer, Toronto; Dame Caroline Ewing, Montreal, who seeks a divorce from her husband, Charles Gudeville; John Durso, Lindsay, Ont.; William Gray, Chatham; John H. Harvey, Montreal; and Arthur Jones, Toronto.

60,000 NAMES ON WALLS OF CHURCH

Montreal, Nov. 24.—A church will be erected in Notre Dame de Grace, a suburb of Montreal, upon the walls of which will be inscribed the names of every man who died for Canada in the great war. The church will be used by the combined congregations of the Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. Sixty thousand Canadians were killed.

A NEW MEMORIAL CROSS.



Sir Reginald Blomfield's War Memorial Cross, in the quadrangle of Burlington House. The question of its design being adopted for the overseas graveyards of our fallen soldiers is to be decided by the Cabinet.

CONTINUE COMMENT ON SENATE ACTION

Daily News Says Without America, League's Power Will Be Curtailed.

London, Nov. 24.—The Daily News, discussing the United States Senate's treatment of the treaty and the prospect of it being re-submitted at the next session says:

"The interval between now and the time will be fraught with issues momentous, not only for America, but for the world. It may be putting it high to say, the Prime Minister said of the relief of starvation in Europe, that without America's co-operation we are helpless, but a league of nations, with which America was not associated, would find its power and its moral authority lamentably curtailed. With or without America the League will go forward, but it is no derogation to the dignity of the European members of the League to appeal directly to America to share with them henceforth the burden of peace, as she has shared with them for the past two years and more the burden of war."

"There is now an interval for consideration and, short though it be, it is long enough for the true will of America to assert itself and long enough for the opposing parties in the Senate to come to an agreement, perhaps on the basis of mid-resolution. The world will await the decision with an anxiety which it need not affect to conceal."

THE BYE-ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 22ND

Writs Are Issued Returnable December 15th For Six Cabinet Ministers.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—In the constituencies represented by six ministers of the Prury Cabinet who have seats, writs have been issued for by-elections, and the nominations will be held on Monday, December 15. Polling, where necessary, will take place a week later.

Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, South Perth, had a majority of 2,586. Previously the riding was Conservative by 210. Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Crown Lands, Manitoba, majority 332. Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, Carleton, majority of 1,082; previously Conservative. Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, North Brant, had a plurality of 1,024 over the second man. His constituency was previously Liberal. Hon. Walter Rolfe (Labour), Minister of Labor, West Hamilton, had a majority of 2,378 over his two opponents. Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works, North Westworth, a majority of 2,851, and was previously Conservative.

The ministers without portfolios, Hon. Mr. Mills and Col. Carmichael, will not return to their constituencies. Seats have yet to be selected for Premier Drury, Hon. M. Doherty and Hon. Mr. Raney.

HOLDS SMELL NOT ENOUGH

Actual Liquor Must Be Found Before Conviction Can Be Made. Toronto, Nov. 24.—Justice Masten has quashed the conviction of Salvatore Quiveri, Dominic Scaroni and Caserio Ferrari for having intoxicating liquor in their possession on the ground that the evidence was founded on mere suspicion. No liquor was found. "All that is shown is that there was a smell of liquor," says his Lordship, who concludes that this is not enough.

A Fatal Accident. Fredericton, N.B., Nov. 24.—James Gordon, aged sixty-two of Upper Gaspoint, Queen's county, was instantly killed while working in the lumber woods at Shirley, Sunbury county. He was struck by a falling tree.

Mary Pickford has been awarded a writ in New York in a suit instituted by Com. C. Wilkinson demanding commission for securing a contract for the movie actress, according to the plaintiff's claim.

EXPECT TO EASE COAL SITUATION

Drastic Regulations to Be Made in Canada's Train Service

SUPPLY ALARMINGLY LOW

AS NO COAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN CANADA

Since the Strike of the Soft Coal Miners in the United States Began Two Weeks Ago.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—Drastic regulations in train service will have to be made at a very early date, unless the movement of bituminous coal from the United States to Canada is soon resumed," declared an official of the Canadian Railway War Board.

"As a result of the miners' strike and the consequent restrictions placed by the United States Government on the exportation of bituminous coal from that country, receipts in Canada during the past two weeks have been practically nil. Railways operating in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec are almost entirely dependent upon American mines for their fuel supply, and with the recent embargo on shipments to them, their existing supplies are being depleted at an alarming rate. If this situation were prolonged, the present stocks would soon be exhausted and transportation would be at a standstill.

"It is imperative, therefore, that the supplies now on hand be husbanded in every feasible manner. Arrangements have been made and are now being made to take off a number of trains at the end of the present month, but it is feared that before a normal movement of coal to the railways will have been resumed, it will be necessary to make much heavier reduction."

Wait On Fuel Official. Washington, Nov. 24.—Soft coal operators will not proceed further with negotiations for a new wage scale agreement until Fuel Administrator Garfield has been consulted, they announced Saturday. The joint conference between operators and miners called for this afternoon was postponed until Monday pending consultation between the operators' committee and Dr. Garfield.

"We are awaiting Dr. Garfield's pleasure," said Philip Penna, member of the committee.

REINFORCED CONCRETE FOR NEW SAWMILL

Gillies Bros. Replacing One Burned at Braeside by Bigger One.

Renfrew Nov. 24.—The construction of a saw-mill of reinforced concrete, something new in the sawmill line in Ontario, has been begun by the lumber firm of Gillies Bros., Limited, who do business at Braeside, a few miles from Renfrew. The mill, which will have a length of 100 feet, and a depth of 75 feet, and look out on the Ottawa river, is to replace one of large capacity destroyed by fire on June 23 last. With three double cut bandaws and a resaw, the new mill is to be one of even greater capacity than the old one. All of the machinery is to be electrically driven. A. F. Byers & Co., engineers and contractors, of Montreal, have the work in hand and are to finish it on or about May 1 next. The township of McNab has been asked by the company for a fixed assessment of \$50,000 for a period of ten years.

SEES CITIES FREE OF TRACKS IN TEN YEARS

Ford Says Street Cars Will Be Superseded by Better System.

Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 24.—"This is a bad time for any city to saddle itself with a franchise," said Henry Ford, the Detroit auto manufacturer, speaking of the Toledo street-car situation. "I believe all the tracks will be out of American cities within ten years."

When told that the Toledo Street Railway Company apparently hopes to drive the people of Toledo into granting what it wants by removing the street car service entirely, Mr. Ford expressed the opinion that a satisfactory substitute service could be established and maintained to take the place of the 320 street cars which the street car company has taken out of the city.

After a twelve-hour debate, convocation of the University of Saskatchewan late Thursday night passed a resolution deprecating the manner in which the four professors were dismissed from the faculty of the institution last mid-summer.

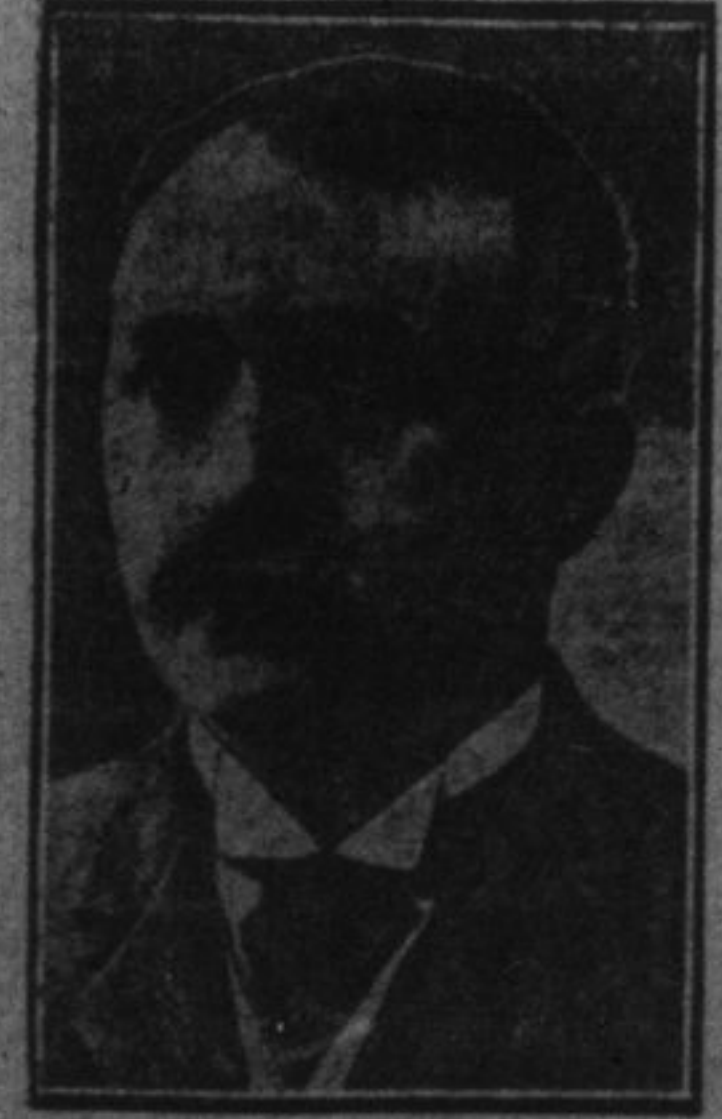
Fred Hanson, farmer, near Regina, Sask., and his wife were shot dead and one son wounded by J. T. Sullivan, who also killed himself.

Twenty-five dancers were lost in a fire and panic in a dance hall at La Platte, Louisiana.

Japan is sending large forces to Siberia to hold back the Bolsheviks.



Who is mentioned as the next Premier of Ontario.



The French statesman, who may again be Premier of France, succeeding Clemenceau when the latter retires.