

SACKVILLE FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY

Damage in Yesterday's
Blaze Placed at Twenty
Thousand Dollars.

GOOD WORK PREVENTS
GREATER HAVOC

Fire Thought to have Or-
iginated from the Heat-
ing Apparatus - Sev-
eral Firms Burned Out.

Special to The Standard.
Sackville, N. B., Feb. 27.—About 12
o'clock today fire broke out in the
bowling alley situated in the base-
ment of Music Hall block. An alarm
was sounded but the fire had gained
considerable headway before it was
noticed. The origin of the fire is un-
known, but it is supposed that it
started from the heating apparatus
which is situated in the end of the
building where the fire started. The
young man who attended the fire went
to dinner just a few minutes before
the blaze broke out and he claims
that every precaution was taken to
keep the fire confined to the heating
apparatus.

Every means available was used to
keep the flames from gaining headway
and at times five streams of water
were playing on the one spot at one
time. Every fireman stood at his post
and a fight was kept up to prevent the
adjoining surrounding property from
catching. The Powell block adjoining
the destroyed building was at
first thought to be in grave danger,
but the effective work of the firemen
kept the flames from spreading to this
building, which is occupied by the
Bank of Nova Scotia, Powell, Bennett
& Fritts law offices, and rooms oc-
cupied by the Orange Lodge. The
upper portion of the building was
badly gutted but apart from that no
serious damage was done, and the
occupants have again settled down to
business.

The other buildings in close prox-
imity were the Royal Bank of Can-
ada, Fawcett, Copp block and Fawcett,
Cahill block, which were more or less
damaged in the breaking of windows,
etc.

Business establishments situated in
the destroyed block were C. P. R. and
Dominion Express offices, S. & E.
Duncan, milliners, and rooms oc-
cupied by C. M. Gibbs' barber shop, F. G.
Rennie, Western Union Telegraph
office, J. E. Fillmore, hardware
merchants, F. J. Wilson, insurance
agency. The upper flat is used for
an opera conducted by Ayer & Carri,
who lost their motion picture machine.
The total loss is estimated at
twenty thousand dollars, which is
partially covered with insurance.

BILL FOR HOLDING ALL ELECTIONS ON SAME DAY, PASSED

London, Feb. 27.—The House of
Commons today passed by 215 votes
against 152 the second reading of a
bill providing that all parliamentary
elections be held on the same day.
The bill was introduced by Sir Henry
Vernor, a Liberal, and the bill was
liberal party argues that it will lar-
gely mitigate plural voting and the dis-
turbance of business by prolonged
general elections.

The Unionist party opposed the bill
but as the government has taken it
under its wing it is generally consid-
ered probable that it will be pushed
through the House.

TO PREVENT DEPUTY SPEAKER TAKING A PART IN ELECTIONS

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Sir Wilfrid Lau-
rier has given notice of a motion to
prevent the deputy speaker, Mr. P. E.
Blondin, taking part in electoral con-
tests.

The resolution reads:
"That in the opinion of this house
in the discharge of the duties and re-
sponsibilities of the deputy speaker
towards this house he is bound by
and subject to the same rules as ap-
ply to Mr. Speaker, and that, there-
fore, he is debarred from taking part
in electoral elections."

A SEPARATION GRANTED.
Not a process of law, but by the silent
working of "Putnam's" are corns
separated from aching toes. Any corn
or wart that "Putnam's" won't cure
hasn't been discovered yet. Insist
on Putnam's Corn Extractor only, 25c,
at all dealers.

Another industry
A prominent St. John merchant has
received word that the Imperial To-
bacco Co. Ltd., of 900 St. Andrew
street, Montreal, has secured fifty
acres in St. John where this spring
they will build a large factory to be
used for the storage of tobacco. The
factory will also be used for shipping.

THE BARBAROSSA, WITH 1,000 ON BOARD, NEAR CRASH WITH MYSTERIOUS STEAMSHIP, DERELICT, BOTTOM UP.



Extreme watchfulness in the crew's nest aboard the Barbarossa, prevented that vessel from crashing into a derelict steamship, which was sighted, bottom up, off the Grand Banks, according to stories told when the Barbarossa arrived in New York from Bremen. The vessel was four days overdue and encountered heavy weather during the voyage. It was impossible to obtain any clue to the vessel, and the presence off the Banks is a mystery to shipping men. The first report, that it might be the hull of the Titanic, was scouted by seafaring experts. As far as is known there is no other vessel missing. Many are overdue on account of the severe weather which has imperilled vessels on the Atlantic for more than three weeks. A description of the derelict was given by Captain Rudolph Meyer, of the Barbarossa, to Mr. Coffin, the noted marine artist, who made the above sketch from the information on hand.

PRESS VIEWS ON BENTON AFFAIR ARE VARIED

The Nation Says Man who
Jeopardizes Life Must
Take Consequences—Re-
view Says Prestige De-
mands Inquiry.

London, Feb. 27.—The Nation, a
Liberal London weekly, in discussing
the Benton case today approves the de-
cision reached by the Foreign Office
that British intervention in Mexico is
out of the question and declares that
it would be "criminal folly" to "or-
der a wholesale killing" and upset
the good relations between the United
States and this country because a
British subject has been killed.

The Nation maintains that a British
subject who jeopardizes his life and
property in search of riches in a
country like Mexico does so at his own
risk, and the newspaper concludes
with expressing the hope that nothing
be done in this country to stimulate
American intervention in Mexico by
the force of arms.

The Saturday Review, a Unionist
weekly, taken a different view. It de-
clares British prestige requires that
a thorough investigation be made in-
to the death of Benton and the fullest
compensation be given for the out-
rage.

The periodical condemns what it
terms Secretary Bryan's "tone of ir-
responsibility" as being inconsistent
with the encouragement given to Gen-
eral Villa by allowing him to get arms
from the United States.

"The death of Benton," the Saturday
Review concludes, "has brought af-
fairs to a climax and the time has
come when the United States should
declare just what steps it proposes to
take for the Mexican tenance of de-
cencies of civilized life in a country
in which it has predominant interests."

AMERICAN CHAMPION HAS'NT TIME TO GO

McLaughlin Won't be a
Participant This Year, in
British Tennis Meet at
Wimbledon.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Maurice E.
McLaughlin, the American tennis
champion, cannot spare the time this
year to go to England to play at Wim-
bledon in the British championships.
"The trip would mean a month of
travelling," said McLaughlin today, "I
don't feel that I can afford it."

In 1913 McLaughlin won the Wim-
bledon tournament and the right to
meet Anthony F. Wilding in what is
generally regarded as the world's
championship match. The great New
Zealander defeated him in a sensa-
tional series. Wilding will visit the
United States this year as a member
of the Australian team in a quest of
the Davis international cup.

UNITED STATES DEMANDS SATISFACTION FOR THE DEATH OF VERGARA

Bryan Cables O'Shaugh-
nessy to Demand of Huer-
ta Punishment of Those
Responsible for Hanging
of American Citizen.

Washington, Feb. 27.—While there
has as yet been no satisfactory answer
to the request of the American govern-
ment that the body of Benton be de-
livered to the widow, this point is tem-
porarily being waived pending the
medical examination of the corpse.
There is a possibility that after the
evidence in the case has been gathered
the widow may consent to its in-
terment in Chihuahua. If she insists,
it is understood the American govern-
ment will demand surrender of the
body.

The news that General Villa had is-
sued an order requiring the American
consular representatives in Mexico be
advised of all arrests of foreigners was
received with satisfaction here. As-
surances have been coming indirectly,
too, that General Carranza and other
leading constitutionalists will see to it
that no further international complica-
tions are caused on their side of the
rebellion.

The two hours of discussion of the
Mexican situation in its phases by
President Wilson and his cabinet, de-
veloped a unanimity of opinion that the
time had not yet arrived for any
change of the policy of the Washing-
ton government.

Though still reserving judgment on
the facts surrounding the execution of
William S. Benton, a British subject,
the cabinet meeting, Secretary Bryan
cabled Charles O'Shaughnessy to de-
mand of the Huerta government the
punishment of those responsible for
Vergara's death. An explanation will
be sought by the American govern-
ment of why any harm befell Vergara
when assurances had been given to the
American consular representatives that
he was safe.

Incidentally the memorandum circu-
lated by the Huerta government among
the diplomatic representatives in Mex-
ico City pointing out to the United
States that he constitutionalists were
unable to protect foreigners and there-
fore ought to be deprived of the right
to get arms in the United States, did
not reach the state department.

Secretary Bryan said it had not
been received, and there were intima-
tions from high officials that the mem-
orandum meant little in view of the
wanton murder of Vergara.

Practically every move that has
ever been suggested for the protection
of Americans and foreigners in Mex-
ico and for the restoration of peace in
that country, was discussed by the
cabinet. No conclusions were reached
as far as could be learned, except that
there should be aggressive pursuit of
the facts in both the Benton and Ver-
gara deaths.

Late in the day Secretary Bryan con-
ferred with Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the
British Ambassador, whom he informed
that General Villa had consented to
allow the body of Benton to be seen or
examined by two representatives of
the American government, two repre-
sentatives of the British government,
two physicians, and the widow, and
any relatives of Benton who desired to
accompany the party.

BOY SCOUTS COUNCIL MEETS AT OTTAWA

The Duke of Connaught
Present at Meeting—Fund
for Appointment of Secre-
tary Reaches \$35,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The annual meet-
ing of the Dominion Council of the Can-
adian Boy Scouts was held in the Sen-
ate Railway Committee room in the
parliament buildings this afternoon.
The meeting was presided over by the
presence of H. R. H. the Duke of Con-
naught, chief scout; Sir Mackenzie
Bowell, former prime minister, and
other parliamentarians.

Replying to a resolution of thanks
for his devoted and influential sup-
port of the movement, His Royal
Highness made a most gratifying an-
nouncement. This was to the effect
that a personal appeal be made for
the raising of a fund to permit of the
appointment of a Dominion secretary,
had already brought in subscriptions
to the amount of \$35,000, exclusive
of a sum of \$15,000 which was prom-
ised by the late Lord Strathcona.

STEAMER LINGAN STOOD DRIFT WELL

In Fairly Good Condition
after Five Days' Drift
Across the Gulf of Maine.

Boston, Feb. 27.—The disabled coal
steamer Lingan which was picked
up adrift 135 miles southeast of Cape
Cod yesterday by the steamer Mor-
wenna, was towed in today in fairly
good condition, despite a five days'
drift across the Gulf of Maine in
Arctic conditions.

The Lingan sailed from Hero Light
for Louisville, C. B., February 17, and
broke her propeller when half way
across. She was sighted by the Mor-
wenna after a 200 mile drift close to
the northern edge of the Gulf stream.

DR. GRENFELL'S BIRTHDAY

Dr. Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, the
Good Samaritan of Labrador and New-
foundland, was born near Chester,
England, forty-nine years ago today.
His work among the neglected, down-
trodden inhabitants of the bleak bar-
ren coast of "Labrador's Land" has
given him a foremost place among
the twentieth century missionaries of
the religion of service. His story of
"Twenty Years in Labrador" is one of
the most thrilling ever penned. Dr.
Grenfell was best man at the wedding
of Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of
the President, and Francis B. Sayre, as
long as the world endures.

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR CASE

Failed to Establish any Act
of Wrong-doing in Wel-
land County — "Wets"
Gain in Recount.

Welland, Ont., Feb. 27.—In con-
nection with the scrutiny by Judge Liv-
ingstone of the ballots cast in the vote
on the Canada Temperance Act, in
Welland county last January, His
Honor this afternoon decided the
failed to establish any act of wrong-
doing. The scrutiny today confirmed
the count at No. 4 polling place in
Thorold township and No. 6 in Stam-
ford township, in each of which the
"wets" made a gain of eight and the
"wet" majority still stands at thirty-
one.

George Storey, clerk at No. 2,
Bridgport, where E. Coulthurst, the
deputy returning officer, who is accus-
ed of tampering with the ballots, was
in charge, testified today that he and
Coulthurst counted the ballots after
the others had left the booth and
found a mistake in the count. This
corroborates Coulthurst's story that a
mistake of fifteen had been found
when it was too late to notify the
scrutineers. Coulthurst will be called
tomorrow to explain the discrepancy
at his poll.

ANOTHER EXTENSION OF TIME IS GRANTED

Resolution Introduced Yes-
terday, Extends Time for
Surrender of South Afri-
can Rights until Dec. 31st

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—According to a
resolution of which the minister of
the interior, Hon. Dr. Roche has
given notice in the Commons, the time
allowed for surrendering scrip in con-
nection with the South African Vol-
unteer Bounty Act of 1905 is to be
again extended. The resolution pre-
vided that any guarantee or his duly
qualified substitute shall have up to
the 31st of December, 1914 to sur-
render to the Crown all rights under
the said act and receive thereupon
the sum of \$500 out of the appropria-
tions of parliament for that purpose.

In his Seamen's Institute at St. John's
and his schools and hospitals scatter-
ed along the Labrador coast, the great
medical missionary has reared monu-
ments that will perpetuate his name
as long as the world endures.

A SORRY TALE OF THIEVERY TOLD IN COURT

Robert Cobham and Theo-
dore Amberg Told of Mis-
deeds—Disposed of Stolen
Goods.

In the juvenile court before Mag-
istrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon
the hearing in the case of Robert
Cobham and Theodore Amberg, the
fourteen-year-old boys charged with
stealing from Winter street school,
was commenced. The boys were
charged with stealing a fountain pen
valued in the vicinity of \$2.50, a pair
of spectacles valued at \$13, and a
brace and bit, the value of which was
not fixed.

It seems that the boys sold the
pen for ten cents, and after cutting
the ear pieces from the spectacles
sold them to a shoemaker on City
Road for fifteen cents. The brace and
bit were sold for twenty-five cents.
When asked where he secured the
spectacles Amberg replied he bought
them from Gertrude McCarthy at No.
6 City Road. She has been reported
for selling cigarettes to a minor.

Miss Kathleen Armstrong, a teacher
in Winter street school was the first
witness. She lost her fountain pen
at noon Thursday, during the dinner
hour. The pen was taken from the
tray on the teacher's table.

Witnessed recognized the fountain
pen (exhibited in court) as belong-
ing to her.

Detective Lucas secured the pen
from a brother of the Cobham boy,
who told the detective he had taken
it from Amberg.

Amberg here said he had purchased
the pen. That was all he knew.

Miss Smith, another teacher, said
she had met Amberg in the school
shortly before one o'clock. He had
asked her for Miss Armstrong's room.
Witness did not see the other boy.

Amberg had told the witness he had
an appointment with Miss Armstrong
at half past twelve.

Detective Lucas sworn said: The
matter was reported to him yesterday
and I and Officer Pitt went to the
Cobham house on City Road and
placed the boys under arrest on sus-
picion of stealing. While there Wal-
ter Cobham, a brother of the prisoner,
gave witness the pen, stating he had
taken it from Amberg.

Albert Peters, a school boy, was
the next witness. He recognized
Robert Cobham. Had seen the boys
in the school in the vicinity of one
o'clock. One had a brace and bit.
George Fryers, another school boy,
was the next witness. He recognized
Robert Cobham. Had seen him yes-
terday afternoon shortly after one
o'clock in a shop near the school.

Fred Simonds, school boy, also
gave evidence.

Walter Cobham, brother of one of
the prisoners, sworn, said he had
taken a pen from Amberg. Witness
had been in Victoria Rink when he
heard of the robbery. He had gone
home and found the prisoners there.
He had put Amberg out of the house.
Witness had later taken the pen from
Amberg. Amberg had told witness he
had stolen it.

Amberg when called said he had
bought the pen for five cents from a
boy.

William Thompson, an employee of
the Sussex Milk Co. on Pond street
was the next witness. He had bought
a pen from Amberg for fifteen cents.
The pen was a self-filling Waterman.
Later Amberg returned and had
another pen and a pair of spectacles.
Case adjourned.

IGNORANCE OF THE LANGUAGE HIS EXCUSE

Evanturel Says He Did
Not Know He Was Sell-
ing His Influence.

LEADER SAID TO HAVE
ASKEED RESIGNATION

Simply Wanted to Help
Liquor People, and didn't
Realize he was Comprom-
ising Himself, he claims.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—"I will make a
statement in the house, but I have not
yet decided when that will be," said
Gustave Evanturel, M. P. P., for Pres-
cott, today, "I don't think I should say
anything else."

"Your claim that your knowledge of
the English language is such that you
did not understand that you were sell-
ing your influence as a member of
the house to the liquor people if you
obtained the position as organizer?" he
was asked.

"That is perfectly true. I simply
wanted to work for them and realize
my influence as a member was most
remote."

"Have you heard anything from your
constituents?"
"Not yet. I will hear from them
within a few days and until I have
heard from them I don't know what I
will do."

"Then you may resign?"
"I do not know yet what I may do."
Mr. Evanturel explained that he
would not have been so hasty in invit-
ing Mr. Howard Ferguson to proceed
with the letter reading had he known
that the letter in question was the
one to a hotel keeper. He understood it
to be one in connection with another
matter.

Among the members there is gossip
concerning the admission which Mr.
Evanturel has made, and the state-
ments he has made about the alliance
of the Conservatives with the liquor
interests. Mr. Evanturel they say, as-
sumed that he had a grievance when
he was not given the position of pro-
vincial organizer for the province at
\$10,000 and immediately started to ac-
cuse them with arraying themselves
with the Conservatives.

The Attorney General and acting
Premier, the Hon. J. J. Roy had a
short visit from Mr. Evanturel. The
member for Prescott offered some ex-
planation about the letters written
and the one read in the legislature.

This explanation was that he did not
comprehend the English language suf-
ficiently and on account of his inno-
cence of the English language he had
compromised himself which he had no
intention of doing.

Mr. Evanturel also visited the lobby
of his "beloved leader," Mr. N. W.
Rowell, where he had a long confer-
ence with Danahy, Macdonald, Mr. P.
Russell. Mr. Rowell was not in the
humor for seeing visitors about
this time Mr. Evanturel called.

Just what action will be taken will
be decided by the government and
the members of the legislature until
Mr. Evanturel has made his statement
and much will depend upon it as to
whether a criminal action will be tak-
en or not.

Mr. Rowell is said to have asked
Mr. Evanturel in plain terms to resign.

CITY SHROUDED IN DENSE FOG

Heavy Vapor Blotted Out
Street Lights and Halted
Traffic—Nothing to Com-
pare with it.

A heavy vapor enveloped the city
late last evening blotting out, except-
ing at very close range, the lights
that usually help to make the streets
passable at night. The fog came
down like a heavy blanket, and in
many of the streets it was almost im-
possible to see lights the width of the
street away. Standing at the foot of
King street and looking towards King
square no sign of illumination could
be discerned.

At eleven o'clock the fog was at
its worst and traffic on the streets
was slowed down considerably, and
great precautions had to be taken in
order to prevent accidents. People,
who came in on the Boston train
were greatly surprised at the condi-
tions, and many expressed their be-
lief that nothing similar had ever
happened to St. John.

The ferryboat also experienced
difficulty and her whistle was kept
going almost continuously during her
passages across the harbor.

The fog made its appearance shortly
after ten o'clock and it was not till
after midnight that it cleared to any
appreciable extent.