

EIGHT HOUSES AND BIG FACTORY NOW IN RUINS

\$50,000 Fire Loss For Company at Wilkins Siding, Nova Scotia. FLAMES SPREAD TO HOMES OF WORKMEN. Plant of Sable Lumber Company in Ashes as Result of Mysterious Blaze - Swept Across Fields to Village - Damage Big.

Halifax, August 1.-The large box factory the Sable Lumber Co. at Wilkins' Siding, eighteen miles west of Liverpool, was destroyed by fire this afternoon and 300,000 feet of lumber in the factory was also burned. The fire broke out at one o'clock, from some unknown cause, over the boiler room and spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save anything. The force of 25 men, who were on hand attempting to move several loads, unable to do so because of the intense heat. One H. & S. W. box car, one of the I. C. R., and several of the lumber company's flat cars were buried. Attempts were made to prevent the flames from spreading over the barens that were dry as tinder. Here again all efforts failed, the flames reaching the houses some distance away and reducing eight of them to ruins, the occupants saving some of their effects. Twenty-five men are thrown out of work, and it is not known if the mill will be rebuilt. The fire is now under control, the large force of men having worked with superhuman efforts to stay its progress. The houses were owned by the company and occupied by its men. The loss will be fully \$50,000. The factory was erected several months ago.

GOMEZ SPIES KEEP WATCH ON CASTRO

Ex-President's Family Refuse to Give Information About Him - His Movements Reported to Government. Tenerife, Canary Islands, August 1.-General Cipriano Castro's wife and children and his brother-in-law, Senor Lazaro, all of whom are in Tenerife, refused today to give any information regarding the Venezuelan ex-president, except to say that he was in Hamburg on Wednesday of this week. It appears, however, that a transportation company has received instructions to arrange for the shipment of an automobile belonging to Castro to the island of Trinidad during the month of August. The Gomez administration, it is said by the port authorities here, has recently sent a number of spies to the Canary Islands, with the object of keeping the Venezuelan government posted concerning every action of General Castro.

SAILORS GIVEN UP AS DEAD REACH VANCOUVER

Vancouver, August 1.-A despatch from Prince Rupert announces the safe arrival there of Captain Holstrom and four members of the crew of the Seattle halibut schooner Welding Brothers, which went ashore on Frederick Island, July 23. These five men returned to the stranded ship when the other twenty-nine of the crew were taken to safety, and it was feared they had perished in a storm that swept the coast a few days ago. The Welding is a total loss, the captain reports.

TWO MILLION TAX FOR VINCENT ASTOR

New York, August 1.-William Vincent Astor will pay the State of New York a tax of \$2,741,833 upon his inheritance of \$50,000,000 from the estate of his father, the late John Jacob Astor. The tax was fixed by the Surrogate today upon the report of the estate transfer tax appraiser.

BULGARIANS HARD HIT BY SECOND WAR

If Allies' Demands Are Granted Nation Will Be Crippled - Heavy Losses. A LARGE TERRITORY. Fighting May Not Be Renewed as Combatants Have Fought Themselves to Standstill.

London, Aug. 1.-The Allies in their demands presented to the peace conference today, proposed the establishment of a frontier standing east from the Struma River, running midway through Rumelia and reaching the Aegean Sea, sixteen miles west of Dedeaquale. This would leave Bulgaria a coast line on the Aegean Sea of less than thirty miles. If these drastic terms are accepted, Bulgaria will lose from two wars a little larger than she entered into them, but she will have to abandon a large amount of territory to Roumania. In addition the Allies maintain their demand for an indemnity. It is probable that the negotiations will be protracted and that the armistice of five days will be renewed. No objection is likely to be raised to its renewal, for it seems that the Allies both the Serbians and the Greeks have fought themselves to a standstill. A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Belgrade asserts that the casualties of the Serbian army in the first month of fighting aggregate nearly 25,000.

PREMIER BORDEN IS AGAIN AT CAPITAL

Prime Minister at Ottawa and Is in Best of Health - Went Right to Office. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 1.-Premier Borden and Mrs. Borden arrived in Ottawa today after their stay at St. Anns, N. B. They were met at the station by Acting Premier Peirce and Hon. A. E. Kemp. The Premier is much cheered by the sun and looks and feels in the best of health. He will probably remain in Ottawa for several days. Mr. Borden and Mr. Peirce attended the luncheon to the visiting geologists at the experimental farm noon and the Premier spent the afternoon in his office.

NEW CROWN TIMBER LANDS ACT WENT INTO EFFECT YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Aug. 1.-The new Crown Timber Lands Act for New Brunswick goes into effect today along with the new scale of stumpage fees and other changes in regulations governing crown timber lands of the province. At the Crown Land Department the staff are having an unusually busy time, this being the date on which payments for bonuses, stumpage and millage renewals are due. Yesterday upward of \$80,000 was received at the department in these accounts.

BREAKS HER OWN RECORD

Victoria, August 1.-Smashing her own record by at least ten hours, the twenty knot turbine passenger liner Empress of Russia will reach port at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning, on her second voyage to this country from the Orient. This will set a new mark for the eight days, 18 hours, from Yokohama.

ASK AUSTRIAN PROTECTORATE

Venice, Aug. 1.-Mr. Sereni, Archbishop of Sicily, left here for Rome today to plead with the Vatican on the necessity to maintain an Austrian protectorate over Catholic Albania, which he says has proved most energetic and effective. It is understood that Italy claims the right to protect Italian Catholics in Albania.

SHUTTED U.S. GOVERNMENT OF LARGE SUM

Western Fuel Company Fixed Coal Scales at Wharf. A MILLION DOLLARS IS AMOUNT NAMED. Former Employee Tells Prosecuting Attorney He was Offered \$50,000 to Vanish - Second charge.

San Francisco, August 1.-At a conference with the special counsel who will prosecute the Western Fuel Company case here this month, David C. Powers, formerly an employe of the company, and now the chief witness for the government, said today that he had been offered \$50,000 if he would vanish. Powers gave the names of those who had approached him and the phraseology of the offer. Matt I. Sullivan and Theodore J. Roche, in charge of the case as assistants to the attorney general, declined to discuss Powers' story beyond saying: "We shall vigorously prosecute every person connected with this immense fraud." The president and directors of the Western Fuel Company are charged with having defrauded the government of customs dues aggregating nearly \$1,000,000 by manipulating weighing sheets showing the tonnage of imported coal. This is the second charge of corrupt influence made since indictments were returned. When John L. McNab resigned as United States attorney he charged in a sensational letter to President Wilson that pressure had been brought to bear on Attorney General McPherson to order the trial postponed.

KRUPP AGENT ON STAB IN GUN SCANDAL

Kaiser Closely Watching Trend of Events at Trial of Accused Men - Sold Government Secrets. Berlin, August 1.-The greater part of the second day of the court martial which is trying four lieutenants, the chief clerk and two non-commissioned officers of the ordnance corps on the charge of accepting bribes for giving information of pending government contracts for arms and ammunition to the Krupp works. The witnesses in hearing the testimony of a former agent in Berlin named Brandt, of the Krupp company, who is being detained in prison waiting trial later before the civil court on a charge of bribery. Brandt, who is an ex-army officer, testified that on beginning his work in Berlin for the Krupp company he spent extra sums of money amounting from \$25 to \$100 monthly, for which an itemized account was not rendered. Later, he said, an arrangement was made with the company by which he received a yearly remuneration for expenses of \$855, which he used in association with comrades. Emperor William is taking a deep interest in the trial, and daily receives a detailed report of the proceedings.

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U.S. CURRENCY STILL SEARCH FOR HIEVES IN JEWEL CASE

Private Detectives Watch the House of Suspect in Boston. NO DEFINITE CLUE FOUND BY POLICE. Narragansett Pier Robbery Still Unsolved, but Victims Keep Up Hunt for Valuables - Agencies Busy.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., August 1.-Private detectives are tonight watching a residence in a suburb of Providence. This home is the long-sought "den" for the gang of thieves who obtained more than a quarter of a million dollars' worth of jewelry here during the 24 hours ending at last Saturday midnight, according to the theory of one of the four detective agencies engaged in the case. The man in the house cannot escape surveillance, but the police have no positive evidence upon which to proceed against him. Another detective agency is watching a house in South Boston, believing it to be either the headquarters of the jewelry stealing band or the home of their agents. Mrs. J. Hannal, who lost \$150,000 worth of jewels, has placed her case in the hands of a firm of detectives at Providence. New York detectives are entrusted with the mission of recovering the jewelry of Mrs. Charles H. Bussey, estimated to be worth \$125,000. Several detectives are still in town, but a great number who have been here were sent today to New York, Boston and other points, to which more or less vague clues led.

EAST BOVING AT CANADIAN HEMLOCK RACES

Perfect Weather Greeted Oarsmen - Crack Crews of Canada Participate in Events - Results Satisfactory. St. Catherine's, Ont., August 1.-Following are the results of today's Canadian Henley races, second time, 10.30. Junior singles - First heat, Thomas Finley, Don R. C. won; A. H. Greenwood, St. Catherine's R. C., second; W. T. Gardner, Boston R. C., third; D. Roberts, Argonauts, fourth. Time, 10.32. Second heat - E. M. Harcourt, Argonauts, won; C. T. Athawes, Hamilton, second; Time, 10.30. Final - Thomas Finley, Don R. C. won; Harcourt, Argonauts, second. Time, 10.32. Working boat four, final - St. Catherine's R. C., W. C. Scott, stroke; J. Bradley, F. Allen and R. Johnson won; Grand Trunk Boat Club, Montreal, second; London R. C., final, third. Time, 5.44.25. Intermediate singles, final - Thomas Finley, Don R. C. won; A. H. Near, Argonauts, second; D. M. Regan, Mutual Rowing Club, Buffalo, third. Time, 10.00. Junior fours, first heat - Hamilton Rowing Club, S. R. Manson, P. H. Keay, D. K. Baldwin and L. R. Galaby, won; Don R. C., Toronto, second. Time, 9.14. Second heat - Britannia R. C., Ottawa, won. J. Paquette, George Purvis, R. Handydale and R. Harvey, won; Argonaut R. C., Toronto, second. Time, 9.24. Final - Britannia R. C., Ottawa, won. Hamilton, second. Time, 9.16. Fourteen-pound junior fours - First heat, Argonauts, A. Burns, stroke; S. J. Fryer, A. Cherrier and M. Middleton, Hamilton Boat Club, second; Lachine Boat Club, third. Time, 9.13.25. Second heat - Don R. C., J. Martin stroke; H. H. Moore, W. F. Walters and T. Shea, won; St. Catherine's R. C., second; Ottawa R. C., third. Time, 9.14. Junior eights, first heat - Detroit B. C., D. Davis, stroke; S. Standish, Argonauts, Don R. C., second; Lachine B. C., third. Time, 7.15. Second heat - Hamilton B. C., W. McFarlane, stroke; J. A. Anderson, coxswain; Ottawa R. C., second; Argonauts, W. H. Smith, stroke, first; Hamilton R. C., second. Time, 7.47.

RIVAL CHINESE ARMIES PREPARING FOR BATTLE

Three Divisions of Cantonese Troops Are Marching on Peking. GOVERNMENT FORCES EXPECT A VICTORY. Dr. Sun Yat Sen Optimistic of Future - Waiting for Other Southern Provinces to Join Rebels - Fighting Will Be Bitter.

Peking, Aug. 1.-The announcement from Canton that three divisions of Cantonese troops are preparing to march against the Northern forces is welcomed in Peking, as government officials say they will anticipate their coming, and it will enable the government troops to inflict a crushing defeat on the rebels without risking the sacking and perhaps the burning of Canton city, and the disorganizing of southern troops. Provisional President Yuan Shi Kai issued a manifesto today in which he asserted that most of the supporters of the rebellion belonged to the Kwo Ming-Tang party, and he demanded the cancelling of their membership, threatening that the law would be sternly enforced if he received an unsatisfactory reply. The President also ordered General Tuan Chih-Koel, commander-in-chief of the government forces in the Yang-Tze river region, to arrest and punish the rebel leaders. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, as in the previous proclamation issued by the government, was again mentioned in President Shi-Kai's manifesto. Dr. Sun Optimistic. Shanghai, Aug. 1.-Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the leaders of the southern rebellion, today declared that the re-occupation of the city of Nanking by government forces was only temporary. The spirit of the southerners, he affirmed, is undaunted, and they hope to renew the struggle when arrangements with Kwang-Tung and other southern provinces have been completed. Dr. Sun Yat Sen will leave Shanghai tonight for Hong Kong, where he personally will make an appeal for further support in his campaign to overthrow Provisional President Yuan Shi Kai for crimes which the southern leader claims have been committed by the president, namely, the illegal execution of military officers, the assassination of the nationalist leader, General Sung Chiao-Jen, the issuing of unconstitutional mandates, and the enacting of laws without consulting parliament. Hong Kong, August 1.-General Lung Chi-Kuang, with a force of loyal troops from the Province of Kwang-Si, is marching on Canton after taking possession of Shihching, on the West River. An engagement is imminent between General Lung's army and troops despatched from Canton by the governor general of Kwang-Tung. BURNED WHILE AT PLAY. New York, August 1.-Twelve children at play have been burned to death in Brooklyn this summer while wearing fringed Indian and cowboy suits. The death today of the twelfth victim, a five-year-old girl, caused Dr. Charles Probst, coroner's physician, to publish this fact and warn parents against letting children wear costumes with inflammable fringes.

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TERRIBLE MURDER IN WINNIPEG

Russian Jewess Dead Beside Two-year-old Baby. REVOLVER BULLET BLOWS OUT BRAINS. No sign of weapon, but Police Hold Servants Pending an Investigation - An Awful Deed. Winnipeg, Aug. 1.-Mrs. David Pleaston, a Russian Jewess, 23 years old was found early this morning by Victoria Komonoweska, her servant, with a bullet through her right temple and blood and brains spattered over her two-year-old baby, Panny, who was sleeping beside her. At three o'clock the maid was awakened by the crying of the nine-month-old baby. She went into the room and tried to awaken the mother, but without success. She went to the next door neighbor who roused in and discovered the murder. No trace has yet been found of the revolver. The maid, Victoria Komonoweska, and a girl who was dismissed a week ago, Mary Manastka, are being held by the police pending an investigation.

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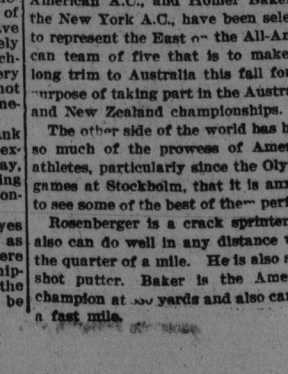
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