

FIRE SWEEPED AREA AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 10,000 ACRES

Homes of 150,000 People Still Standing and Uninjured--The Relief Work Has Made Rapid Progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The relief work has made rapid progress. It is now in the hands of the military authorities and has been perfected and systematized until the feeding and sheltering of the thousands of hungry and homeless people is going on expectantly. Five hundred teams are hauling supplies to the sixty odd relief depots today. There is still a scarcity of sugar and coffee, and an urgent appeal is made for more blankets, coats and tents.

STEAMER HAVANA SINKS IN HALIFAX HARBOR

Nearly Cut in Two by the Powerful Coasting Steamer Strathcona, Outward Bound -- Crew Had Narrow Escape.

Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, April 26.—The coasting steamer Strathcona, Captain Read, collided with and sank the British str. Havana, Capt. J. A. Farquhar, in Halifax harbor tonight. The Strathcona, with a full cargo of general merchandise, was bound out the harbor, and when off Point Pleasant she crashed into the wreck of the schooner Alexander R., which was sunk in collision two weeks ago.

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STRIKING MINERS SUBMIT COMPROMISE PROPOSAL

Want Price of Coal Raised for Their Benefit. Mitchell Offers Anthracite Operators Two Alternative Propositions. The Main Demand Is for an Increase of From Five to Fifteen Per Cent. Over Present Wages.

OTTAWA, April 26.—The senate today discussed the invitation to the King and Queen. The house discussed the North Atlantic Trading Company. In moving the address for the royal visit in the senate, Hon. R. W. Scott recalled the fact that he and Senator Darling were the only men in public life today of the hundred and fifty members of the legislature of Upper and Lower Canada who went to Quebec in 1860 to meet the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII. The time recalled for him then to visit the small part of Canada he saw was more than the Duke of Connaught needed now to make his journey around the world.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 26.—The anthracite miners in Districts 1, 7 and 8, comprising the anthracite fields, will hold a conference at Scranton tomorrow to take action upon the reply of the operators, if any, to two propositions submitted to President Baer and his associates today. The session was lengthy and while those who participated were reticent, it is known that there was a wide divergence of opinion as to the form of the proposition to be presented to the operators.

CHATHAM NEWS CHATHAM, N. B., April 26.—A number of lumbermen are in town hiring men for the drives, and good wages are offered for good men. The ice has broken up in some of the smaller streams, and in some places Black River and Napan River are free of ice, but the water is still closed up on most of the tributaries.

WAS WORKING HIS WAY BACK TO HALIFAX (Special to the Sun.) MONCTON, April 26.—Allen Hughes, assistant ticket agent at the I. C. R. station here, has resigned his position to accept a similar one with the Grand Trunk. He left tonight for Montreal, and will be located in the Bonaventure station.

THE DEVASTATED AREA. OAKLAND, Cal., April 26.—The Oakland Tribune today says: "An engineer states that the area devastated by the fire in San Francisco approximates 10,000 acres, or about 15 square miles. There are few cities in the world where so much valuable property is contained in an equal territory. Within this 15 square miles were nearly one hundred banks, some of the finest buildings in the world, thousands of mercantile and manufacturing establishments and more than 230,000 inhabitants, besides 30,000 transients."

GRAPSEY TRIAL NEARING ITS CLOSE. Prosecution Ended Its Case Yesterday. Minister Did Not Believe That Jesus Christ Was the Son of the Holy Ghost. BATAVIA, N. Y., April 26.—The trial of Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, of Rochester, before an ecclesiastical court of five members of the Protestant Episcopal church, is nearing its close. Dr. Crapsey stands charged with heresy and a violation of his ordination vows, the evidence against him being a book of sermons printed over his name and the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal church, which were the subject of his testimony today. The defense endeavored to present the testimony of a number of prominent clergymen as to whether or not Dr. Crapsey's sayings constituted heresy, but the court ruled the testimony out on the ground that no man could qualify as an expert in doctrine and on the further ground that the witnesses were called to express opinions on subjects which were before the court for decision. The lawyers for the prosecution and defense will sum up tomorrow.

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PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—As a result of the San Francisco conflagration the Fire Association of Philadelphia today advanced its premium rates in the congested central district of this city 25 per cent. Other local companies have not advanced their premiums, but there is a virtual assurance that most of them will follow the initiative of the Fire Association.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar. NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

CONTINUED WORK OF INVESTIGATION Managing Director of Manufacturers' Life Again on the Stand—Mr. Junkin's Evidence (Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, April 26.—When the insurance commission reconvened this morning J. F. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers' Life, produced certain correspondence and papers which he had been asked for yesterday. Junkin said that the stock which Cox had purchased from Goodenham was sold by Cox to Mackenzie and Strathorn. Four thousand shares were afterwards taken over by Junkin and disposed of to Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann.

CHICAGO, April 26.—John Alexander Dowie is said to be suffering from myocarditis, or inflammation of the muscles of the heart, and his condition today is considered grave. "Today's interview between my father and mother does not affect the situation at Zion City in the least," said Gladstone Dowie at Zion City tonight.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER QUEBEC, April 26.—Gunner John Berry, charged with the murder of Gunner Hall, at the Citadel on Notown, was found guilty tonight of manslaughter, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

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