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SEVENTY-FIVE RESIDENCES AND THREE CHURCHES AT HOULTON TAKEN BY FIRE.

Loss of \$400,000 Occasioned Saturday by Most Disastrous Conflagration Ever Experienced in the Maine Town—Assistance Rendered by Nearby Places, Including Woodstock.

Houlton, Me., May 17.—What proved to be the most disastrous conflagration in the history of the town started at noon today and before it was finally gotten under control, had destroyed the greater part of the business section, 75 residences and three churches, etailing a loss of \$400,000, only one-third of which is covered by insurance. One hundred and twenty-five families rendered homeless, and the loss to the town as a whole will require many years of repair.

WATCH TROOPS PASS FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

Grand Military Spectacle at the Festivities in Madrid.

Madrid, May 19.—The entire population of Madrid seemed to have assembled this afternoon along the broad and leafy Paseo del Prado and Paseo de Recoletos, the grand boulevard of Madrid, to witness the great military review.

GROGERS CUT DOWN CREDIT OF MINERS.

Action Taken by Them in Scranton; Wholesalers Demand Cash.

Scranton, Pa., May 19.—At a meeting tonight the retail grocers association decided to restrict credit during the pendency of the strike. The wholesalers in the afternoon decided to demand cash payments from the retailers.

GAYNOR AND GREENE BACK TO QUEBEC.

Kidnapped Prisoners Delivered to Ancient City's High Constable.

Montreal, May 19.—(Special)—Col. Gaynor and Captain Greene, wanted by the United States government, charged with embezzlement, and who were kidnapped at Quebec last week by Montreal detectives, were taken back tonight on a writ of habeas corpus.

TERRIBLE DISASTER COMES UPON COAL CREEK MINE WORKERS BY EXPLOSION.

Only One Who Went Down to Labor is Alive, and He Was Blown Out of the Mine Entrance—Awful Sight Met View of Rescue Party.

Coal Creek, Tenn., May 19.—The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining, occurred at 7:30 o'clock this morning when between 175 and 235 men and boys met instant death at the Fraterville coal mine, two miles west of this town as a result of a gas explosion.

MAINE HAS NOW A SMALLPOX SCARE.

Eleven Cases Near Hallowell; Four New Ones Saturday.

Hallowell, Me., May 17.—There is some excitement on account of the outbreak of smallpox on Granite Hill about three miles from this city. About a dozen cases were discovered today making 11 in all. A strict quarantine has been placed on a number of buildings there.

BURGLARS AT WORK IN MUSQUODOBIT.

Use Dynamite in Archibald's Safe Door, But Get Only a Few Dollars.

Truro, N. S., May 17.—(Special)—The quiet village of Musquodibit was started by the presence of burglars last night. Archibald, blew open the safe and caused general disturbance. They were unsuccessful in locating the cash, but carried off a few dollars left in the till, and a quantity of dry goods and clothing.

STORY OF CANADIAN'S GALLANTRY AT HART'S RIVER OFFICIALLY TOLD BY COLONEL EVANS.

Details of the Conflict Where Canada's Name, Earned on South African Battlefields, Was So Admirably Upheld—A Number Singled Out for Special Mention—Lieutenant Carruthers' Brave Stand.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special)—Colonel Evans, commanding the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa, has sent to the general officer commanding the following report of the action at Kleinhart's River on March 31: "The 1st and 2nd columns marched at 3 a. m., carrying two days rations and one blanket per man. The right wing marched with the main body and the left wing was ordered to follow the main body in advance and the left wing surrounding it, gave the effect of a very large additional body of troops and I believe this to some extent deceived the enemy as the column was enveloped in a cloud of dust and its exact component parts were difficult to distinguish.

CARRUTHERS' STAND.

Well Worthy of the Best Traditions of Canada and the Empire.

"While the camp was being attacked Lieutenant Carruthers' party (about 21 men of 3rd and 4th troops, 'E' Squadron) had moved off to the right of the farm, Sergeant Hodgins with another party of the 3rd and 4th troops, 'E' Squadron, was to the right of Lieutenant Carruthers. Still further to the right was a detached post of about 75 mounted infantry. Several hundred Boers swept down on this post on the right, stampeding the mounted infantry, who galloped through the line occupied by our men. Lieutenant Carruthers, assisted by Sergeant Perry, Corporal Wilkinson, Lance Corporal Bond and Private McCall, kept his men in hand, dismounted them and formed in a half moon shape to face the Boers.

ATTACKED FROM THREE SIDES.

From 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. the camp was subjected to a tremendous fire and shell fire, concentrated from three sides, but every attempt to approach was driven back by the steady and well directed fire of our rifles and guns. At about 5 p. m. the enemy withdrew. Their artillery fire, though well directed inflicted comparatively little damage as few of their shells exploded. Their guns were those taken from Methuen's column. The concentra-

TWO CAMPBELL BOYS DROWNED SUNDAY.

Boat Overturned by Squall as They Were on Their Way to Work at Lubec.

Lubec, Me., May 18.—Two young men of Campbell (N. B.), Arthur Porter and Henry Williams, each aged 16 years, lost their lives by drowning today while en route to this place where they had secured employment in a saw mill factory. Porter and Williams were making the trip from Campbell in a sail boat and were near their destination when the accident occurred. The boat being struck by a squall just off Pope's Folly Island. The boys attempted to lower the sail, but the craft was overturned and sank, carrying them with it. The bodies had not been recovered up to tonight.

THREE FISHERMEN FINED \$100 EACH.

On Payment, Ottawa Orders Captain Pratt to Release Schooners He Caught With Dynamite Aboard.

St. Andrews, N. B., May 16.—(Special)—The department of marine and fisheries has instructed Captain Pratt, of the Curlew, to release three captured dynamite fishing vessels on payment of \$100 fine each. The department desires it to be known that in future the full penalty, with forfeiture, will be exacted from offenders against the anti-dynamite regulations.