

Monday, Aug. 3.

Summer Men -Half Balbriggan

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Dr. White

SPECIALISTS

DECAPITATED FROM WINDOW

Sand Pipe Near Watary Hulbert of St. as the Victim.

AS, Aug. 2.—Harry Hulan Central engineer re-Flora-street, this city, ar Waterford this morn-

ER FAST ASLEEP.

Fatal Collision Didn't Cause Him.

N.B., Aug. 2.—(Spec- tion shows that Driver whose engine collided near here yesterday, do- gage and fatally injur- ing was asleep in his cab. orders to proceed from the yard a few miles fore the yard was reach- ed occurred, and when the other train entered they found him fast and engine were going the impact wasn't hard.

He Did Know.

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St. Thomas, the Rev. is "bout that, but w'en g'n dat bunch from St. it all over 'em, and dey sped since."—New York

a writing done on to- in the old days?"

ed the boy. "Then I ken a crowd to break New York Times.

DOCTOR'S OPPORTUNITY

PROBS

TIME HAS COME FOR A CLEANER CURRENCY AND DISTINCTIVE COINAGE

Complaint is General That the Prevalence of Disreputable Mediums of Exchange is a National Disgrace.

Canada is now more than ready for clean currency. The dirty bills and defaced coins which are circulating among the people of this country add no credit to the good name of the Dominion. If sanitary considerations do not suggest something better, then pride of country should rise to the occasion.

Canada has probably the most disreputable medium of exchange of any nation which pretends to civilization. In this the government itself is the chief offender and has been during the changing administrations since confederation.

It is where silver is used in greatest quantities, however, that the debauching of the currency is most noticeable. Plugged half dollars, flattened dimes, worn quarters and crumpled five cent pieces are shovled on in the channels of business.

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CHANGE IS LIKELY TO BE MADE AT \$5000

Board of Control Likely to Close With Expert Electrical Engineer at An Increased Figure.

The appointment of William G. Chace to the position of electrical engineer in charge of the city electrical distribution plant at a salary of \$5000 a year will probably be made within the next few days by the board of control.

Mr. Chace has offered to devote his whole time to the work at the salary mentioned and has also promised that the advice of Cecil B. Smith, senior member of the firm of Smith, Kerry and Chace will be available without expense.

The salary originally determined upon was only \$3500, the city will be compelled to meet Mr. Chace half-way. Mr. Rust approached Mr. Chace with the \$3500 offer some weeks ago, but it was declined, and several other prominent local electrical engineers were negotiated with with a like result.

Since then the position has been advertised and a number of applications have been received. From information obtained, however, it appears that the board of control is disposed to accept Mr. Chace's offer very serious consideration, especially in the light of the suggestion that C. B. Smith's valuable advice should be drawn upon. The firm had the contract of preparing plans for the distribution plant, and the controllers feel that it would be a distinct advantage to secure Mr. Chace, with the practical knowledge he possesses of the lines upon which the city plant is to be built, a knowledge which peculiarly qualifies him for superintending the construction.

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The powder magazine at Hosmer exploded, killing one man. The two black hand suspects who were in Fernie jail were brought in from Cranbrook, and will be brought on here. The other prisoners were given their liberty.

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Vancouver wired \$5000, and Spokane rushed in a carload of provisions. The Daily News publishes an extra this morning with the following account of the disaster from its special correspondent at Fernie:

"Fernie is in ruins. Only thirty-two houses have survived the disastrous fire which swept the city out of existence yesterday. It is not definitely known as yet whether any lives were lost in the city proper, but the finding of several corpses in the neighborhood of the city is reported, and it is feared many have perished in the relentless flames.

"The fire originated in a bush fire that has been burning for the last month, in the limits of the Cedar Valley Lumber Company to the west of the city.

"On Saturday a gale of wind started early in the morning with the force of a cyclone and revived the fire that was supposed to be quenched. By about 11 in the forenoon it had spread to the goat ranch.

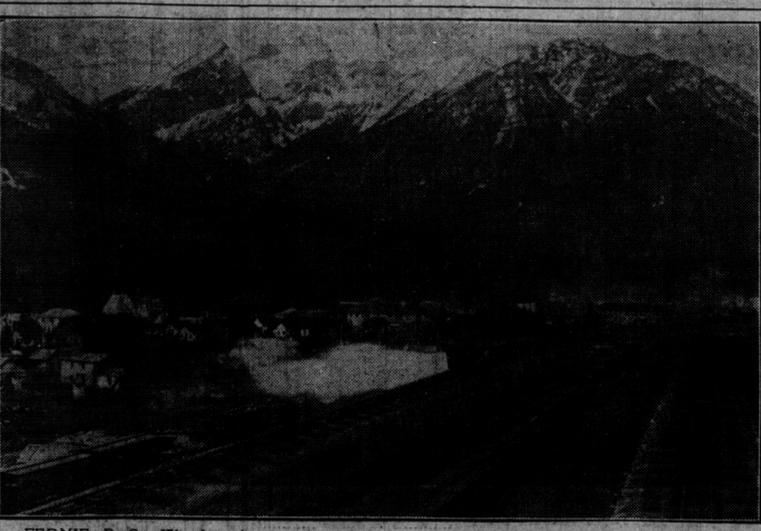
"The fire jumped the river about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, striking the south end of the town. The Fort Steele brewery was the first to go, and from there the sparks carried the fire into the old town, which was soon a pall of smoking embers. At the same time the Elk Lumber Company's mill and the Cedar Valley mill caught fire, and in an incredibly short time West Fernie was a seething mass of flames, the people fleeing for their lives. The conflagration jumped the river by the wagon bridge, and inside half an hour the entire business section was in flames, owing to the high wind scattering the burning shingles in all directions, and for long distances.

"When at its worst the fire was taking springs of over a hundred yards in length, and zigzagging in all directions.

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FERNIE, B. C.—Wiped out by great forest fires. In foreground of picture will be seen the coke ovens of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., which have been destroyed.

80 DEAD AND 7000 HOMELESS—THREE TOWNS ARE WIPED OUT

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AIR SHIP CIRCLES CITY HALL TOWER

Capt. Beachey Interests Thousands of People With a Real Exhibition of Aerial Navigation—The Machine.

If "Bobs" disappointed, Beachey didn't, and thousands of people early last evening enjoyed the unique spectacle of a huge airship skimming thru the air, across the bay, around the city hall and then returning to its place of beginning at the Island baseball grounds.

To be sure, the flight wasn't made at the advertised time, but as soon as the breeze had quieted, close to sundown, the journey was begun.

"They're off!" was the cry at the Island, and before the craned necks and awed gasps of the multitude, who had pushed into the ball grounds when Capt. Beachey's airship was being towed into the centre of the field, the little gas bag with its intrepid operator first slowly arose and then taking an upward tilt rushed up until it had reached the height of the ball tower, some 300 feet.

Then with a dexterity born of many flights the captain pulled a lever, turning the nose of the ship out, at the same time, throwing forward his weight, he made a long swallow-like swoop that caused a little trepidation among the onlookers. And so on, he swooped, he rose in a straight line until one wondered when he would stop. He manoeuvred in and around, in all demonstrating his thro command of the frail craft.

Captain Beachey striking in a north-easterly direction from the Island, west east to St. James Cathedral which he mistook for the city hall, then headed northwest circling the city hall tower, and then returning in a wide sweep to the westward, to the Island, has been young-looking man of not more than thirty years. His keen eyes look out gravely from under deep brows, and his mouth is firm and reserved. His speech is even and placid and he talks with confidence of his invention. Since he was 15 years of age he has been engaged with the problems of aerial navigation battling in the blue, and his present ship is the result of long and careful experience.

He has made over sixty ascents in his vessel and appears to have no dread of results. The balloon type of airship is of course safer in principle than the aeroplane, the experts appear to think in the long run it will be the aeroplane that solves the problem finally. The difference is that, between the bird and the artificial device of man's inventive genius. If the natural mechanism of the bird's means of flight can be approximated it will be on the basis of the aeroplane principle. The balloon idea is the less practical one of designing a steering apparatus for a soap bubble.

Captain Beachey's airship has the appearance of a gigantic spiderweb narrow floating lengthwise above a fragile framework whose vertical wires have altogether too much of the delicacy of the cobweb to ensure a stable confidence in the ordinary commuter. Hanging from the frame work are about a score of little brown cushions.

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PRINCE AT COWES.

Indomitable Averaged 25 Knots From Shore to Shore.

OTTAWA, Aug. 3.—(Special).—Earl Grey this evening received a message from the Prince of Wales announcing his safe arrival in England.

The message read: "Arrived safely at Cowes after most successful voyage. We averaged over 25 knots from land to land."

The average from port to port was 21.2 knots.

GENERAL LIKES TORONTO.

Sir Reginald and Lady Pole-Carew Extending Their Stay Here.

General Sir Reginald Pole-Carew and Lady Pole-Carew, who are at the Queen's, are so much interested in their visit that they have decided to defer their departure west until Wednesday or Thursday.

Sir John Barrin, of Yorkhamb, England, is another notable English guest at the Queen's.

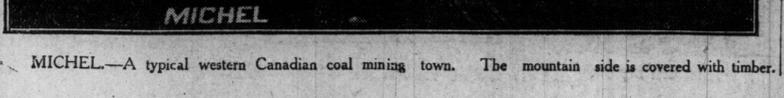
SLASHED WITH RAZOR.

Italian Gets Gashed Throat in Quarrel With Friend.

Pietro Pantera, 256 Niagara-street, an Italian, went into Philo Lamb's hotel at 96 Agnes-street with a friend at 8.45 last night. A dispute arose, and the friend drew a knife, slashing him across the neck and on the hand and then decamped. Pantera was removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where 15 stitches were required to close the wound in his neck.

Boys Charged With Theft.

John and Harold Colby, two boys, living with their parents at 172 West Queen-street, walked into Leano Kalmers store at 1299 West Queen-street. When they left the store was \$5 shy, and last night they were arrested by P. C. Duke and Detective Dickinson, charged with theft of the money.



MICHEL—A typical western Canadian coal mining town. The mountain side is covered with timber.

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