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FORCE COMPANIES TO MEET CLAIMS

Fire Insurance Companies Which Manifest Desire to Evade Payments of 'Frisco Fire Losses May Have State Licenses Revoked.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18--That the insurance Co.'s, which manifest an intention of resisting claims and evading payment of losses sustained by policyholders in the great fire here, by resorting to legal technicalities will be marked companies and may meet with drastic action in some states, is indicated by the tenor of replies received by insurance commissioner Wolf, in response to his appeal to the insurance departments of other states to assist him in compelling insurance companies to deal fairly with their policyholders in the present crisis. Commissioner Wolf yesterday received official communication from Samuel P. Davis, state controller of Nevada:

"I understand that some of the eastern and foreign companies are proposing to use legal technicalities in the matter of adjusting losses in San Francisco, that where houses were dynamited to stay the progress of the flames, houses which in the natural course of events would have been swept away by the fire a few minutes later, they will refuse to pay the insurance.

"It appears to me that the act of destroying these buildings was alone what saved the rest of the city from total destruction, and no doubt protected these companies from further loss. If this use of dynamite is to be made a pretext to evade their just obligations in San Francisco, it is sufficient evidence to me that the companies are dishonest, and on a proper showing of these facts I will revoke their licenses in Nevada."

The Water Supply

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18—Health Officer D. M. Ragan, reported to the board of health yesterday that within a few days the city's water supply will be in a normal condition again. The 44 inch Crystal Springs pipe, which was broken for three thousand feet, has been repaired, and there is now flowing into San Francisco, 26,000,000 gallons a day.

CRITICAL MOMENT HAS ARRIVED IN RELATION OF CZAR TO HIS PEOPLE

Russian Government Has no Option Between Surrender or War---Court Reactionists Trying to Make Emperor Fight

ST. PETERSBURG, May 18—The critical moment which will decide whether there will be peace or war between the crown and the people apparently arrived with the adoption by the lower house of parliament last night of its reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament. President Mouromtzff has gone to present the reply to the Emperor and his majesty's response is awaited with great anxiety. Popular opinion considers that the government has no option between surrender or war. Nevertheless while events during the past week followed each other with extreme rapidity the issue now pending is not likely to be decided quickly. The Russians generally believe that the emperor, court and government have undoubtedly been dazed by the blunt, direct fashion with which parliament has spoken out and their policy naturally would be to gain time. The emperor, personally, is in a beneficent frame of mind and for the present will not listen to the counsels of those who advise him to dissolve parliament and fight. Nevertheless his majesty is resolved not to yield all that the parliament demands. It can safely be predicted, therefore, that he will pursue a temporizing policy with partial amnesty as the first step thrown to the country. The constitution democrat leaders whose programme would be upset by the dissolution of parliament are quite as anxious as the emperor to avoid the precipitation of a conflict. They would regard the failure of the government to declare war as a big preliminary victory, of which they would take advantage by forcing through their agrarian project, upon which they count to strengthen themselves in the country before the final battle onens.

That the court reactionists, headed by General Trepoff, are seeking in every way possible, to influence his majesty to fight, is apparent by the discovery made by the receipt of a secret circular sent to the governors instructing the leaders of the "Black Hundred" organizations, immediately to dispatch to the Emperor protests against amnesty and the abolition of the death penalty. These have been flowing in to Peterhoff from all directions, over fifty being printed in the Official Messenger this morning.

Despatches from the interior report demonstrations in front of the prisons in all parts of Russia in favor of the release of the political prisoners. At Simferopol troops surrounded the prison in which the political prisoners were making a demonstration and fired at them through the windows. In St. Petersburg the political prisoners awaiting transportation at the deporting prison, hung out red flags from the windows and sang the "Marseillaise" throughout the night, while crowds outside joined in the revolutionary song.

LONDON, May 18—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says that Count Witte, addressing the Council of the Empire, Thursday, said he was unable to support full amnesty because it would be tantamount to encouraging another revolution. He would give amnesty only to those who had been carried away by the excitement of the moment. If the members of the Council of the Empire asked for the release of the revolutionaries, their wives and daughters would be exposed to direct horrors. The necessity, the former premier said, was the restoration of order.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A CONSTABLE

Joseph Hamburg, of West End, Administered Severe Beating to Constable Heffer on Princess Street---Police Find Hamburg Hiding and Arrest Him

An exceedingly brutal assault was committed by Joseph Hamberg of Carleton, upon Constable Heffer at noon today on Princess street near the corner of German street and was witnessed by several citizens, who, however, were some distance from the two and before any one of them could intervene Hamberg had done his work and had left old man Heffer lying on the street bleeding profusely from several wounds.

The constable had placed Hamberg under arrest for debt but the latter, who is an able man, refused to go with the constable and immediately proceeded to beat Heffer, who is about seventy years of age and small in stature. Hamberg got clear of the constable easily, but not satisfied with that he followed the old man up and struck Heffer several times in the face finally beating him to the ground.

Having done that Hamberg ran down Princess street leaving his hat, which the constable took hold of.

When old man Heffer regained his feet it was seen that he had been struck in both eyes and he was also cut on the forehead and nose. He immediately went to look for a policeman but was unsuccessful in finding one.

Hamberg after running down Princess street in his bare-head went down on the wharf where he was lost to the crowd for about five minutes. He then appeared wearing a cap and walked along St. John street and went into James Powers' saloon. In the meantime he had been followed and on reappearing from the bar went along Brittain street to Leonard's fish establishment. A gentleman having notified Sergt. Baxter went with him to the establishment but as soon as Hamberg saw the officer in the company of several others coming down the yard he ran into the warehouse and hid. The sergeant and several others hunted about the premises and finally found him hiding in a corner. He was immediately placed under arrest and locked up in the Brittain street lock-up.

The assault was witnessed by several well-known citizens who had been inspecting Jack Pugsley's new automobile at the corner of Canterbury and Princess streets.

The penalty for assaulting a constable in the discharge of his duty is $80.

PAINTERS TO GO OUT MONDAY

Seven Thousand of Them in New York to Strike For Higher Wages.

NEW YORK, May 18—By an unanimous vote of the New York district council last night, 7,000 members of the brotherhood of painters, decorators and paperhangers were ordered to go on strike Monday morning. The painters recently asked for an increase from $3.50 a day to $4, and the decorators from $4 to $4.50. The arbitration board deadlocked and Charles Stewart Smith, former president of the Chamber of Commerce was called in as umpire, his decision to be final. Mr. Smith made an award for $3.50 as uniform wages for painters and decorators.

BRICKLAYERS GET $7 PER DAY

San Francisco Advances Wages of Bricklayers and Helpers to Attract Skilled Labor.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18—The masons and builders' association has raised the wages of bricklayers and bricklayers' helpers. Commencing May 21 bricklayers will receive $7 per day of eight hours and helpers $4 a day. This is an advance of one dollar a day for bricklayers and fifty cents for helpers. In a statement that has been issued, the builders' association declares the supply of this kind of skilled labor is inadequate to the demand and that it has been found necessary to take this action as an inducement to journeymen to come and help in rebuilding the city.

In a baseball game this morning the Canterburys defeated the Young Rockwoods by a score of 7 to 6. The batteries were: Smith and Bridges for Canterburys, and Parker and Smith for Young Rockwoods.

Eva Fulton, daughter of G. O. Fulton, a leading merchant of Truro, was married last night to Roy Orman Bond, a locomotive engineer on the I. C. R. The wedding took place at Truro.

MAXIME WAS NOT ARRESTED

Russian Political Fugitive is Safe in New York and Will Speak in Montreal.

MONTREAL, May 18—(Special)—The Russian political fugitive Dr. Gregory Maxime, who was reported to be on his way back to Russia in the hands of the Russian secret service men, is safe in New York. A despatch received today in Montreal by J. Carz, states that Maxime would speak there this evening and that he would come to Montreal June 15 and probably spend some time here. The Russian fugitive credits the story of his arrest to the malice of his enemies. He was formerly editor of the Russ and won the enmity of the government for his severe criticism of official practices.

SHOT HORSE IN PARIS STREET

Impulsive American Causes Wild Sensation in French Capital.

NEW YORK, May 18—A cable despatch to a morning paper from Paris says: James Watson, of Denver, has been arrested as the result of a remarkable street scene. A bicyclist was knocked down and badly injured by a heavy vehicle, the driver of which drove off.

Watson, who was riding on a passing omnibus, drew a revolver and shot the horse, thus preventing the driver's escape. Mr. Watson was taken to the police station and held. He offered to compensate the owner of the horse.

The magistrate released him on bail. His revolver was restored to him because its calibre did not exceed that of revolvers allowed to be carried here without taking out a license.

The main charges against Watson are firing a revolver on the public highway and cruelty to animals. He achieved his object in shooting the horse, the arrest of the driver following.

J. D. Chipman of St. Stephen is in the city.

CARNEGIE ON SOCIALISM

Ironmaster Says Chances for Success in America Are as Good Now as Ever They Were.

NEW YORK, May 18—The American today says: Talking to a group of young men in the Carl Schurz funeral train yesterday, Andrew Carnegie was led into a discussion of socialism, and of what the man in New York without a dollar should do. He said: "I am an individualist and think the state is doing as much as it should. If I were a young man and alone in the world, I'd work for a dollar a day if necessary, and I don't think I would ask any one to help me. There is always room for the man who is willing to work, and when I hear to the contrary, it seems hard to believe.

"I know of manufacturers who are willing to pay $3 a day for men, and they all meet their difficulty in securing labor. Socialism is a thing which is growing in this country. I see evidences of it everywhere, but to me it is not the real sort. With health and good habits and the willingness to work, the chances in America are as good as they ever were."

A P. E. ISLAND MURDER CASE

Warrants Issued for Men Who Gave Liquor to John McPhee ---Three Drinks Killed Him

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., May 18 (Special)—Warrants were issued today for the arrest of Alex D. Gillis and Alex. Gillis, each aged 25, and Mrs. McPhee, for the murder of John McPhee, a farmer aged 54, who died at Orwell on Saturday last, after partaking of liquor supplied by the two young men. The coroner's jury found that death was probably caused by the liquor, of which the deceased had taken three glasses. His head was slightly bruised, the injury being due, it is claimed to his falling from a stool. The murder theory is not generally believed. The body is to be exhumed and an autopsy held.

THE COUNTRY MARKET

Indications point to a good supply of produce at the country market for tomorrow's trade. Following is the list:—

Veal, 8 to 16c. lb.; lamb, $1 to $2 a quarter; mutton, 12 to 18c.; choice Canadian beef, 14 to 20c.; pork, 14 to 16c.; sweetbreads, 15c pair; calves haslets, 20c.; fowl, $1 to $1.50 pr.; turkeys, 20c. lb.; case eggs, 15 to 16c. doz.; hennery eggs, 18 to 20c.; spinach, 40c. pk.; lettuce, 6c.; celery 20 to 25c.; cabbage, 10 to 15c.; cucumbers, 10 to 12c. each; tomatoes, 25c. lb.; radishes, 6c.; parsley, 5c.; Bermuda onions, 7c. lb.; beet greens, 10c. bunch; rhubarb, 6c. lb.; asparagus, 25c. bunch. Butter is selling for 20 to 22c. cents in rolls and 18 to 20c. in tubs. Sweet potatoes, 6c. lb.

Jas. McKenna arrived in the city on the Montreal express today.

FELL FORTY FEET; UNHURT

Irving Tapley Had Wonderful Escape from Serious Injury.

FREDERICTON, May 18—(Special)—A young man named Irving Tapley, employed by D. J. Shea, while working on the roof of Charles A. Tupper's residence this morning, fell to the ground, a distance of forty feet. He retained consciousness, and the doctor who was called found that his injuries were nothing more serious than a few bruises. The accident was caused by the ladder breaking.

Hyde and Webster have been notified that fourteen thousand feet of sewer pipe ordered by cable from Scotland on Wednesday, for this city, will be shipped on Saturday. The pipe condemned by Engineer Barbour is being offered for sale.

The water in the river is falling rapidly, and the weather continues fine and warm.

A letter received from G. V. Cunliffe, states that the river is falling at Fort Kent, but the prospects are bright for all drives getting out. The water fell four inches at Woodstock last night, and there were a few light showers. At Edmundston there was a drop of about six inches.

Gilman Brothers and Burden's drive of four millions on the Pokiok will be out early next week.

J. H. Dickson, clerk of the executive council, is quite ill at his home here.

FUNERALS

A large gathering of citizens followed the remains of the late Judge Gilbert to their last resting place in Fernhill cemetery. The body was brought to the city this morning and placed in Trinity church.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including a sheaf of wheat and flowers, consisting of stocks, white lilies and maiden hair fern, from Dr. A. O. Earle; a large bouquet of stocks, carnations and lilies from Mrs. H. Wilson, cut flowers from the family, and many others.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Daniel and Rev. W. B. Stewart.

The pall-bearers were Judge Barker, Judge Trueman, C. N. Skinner, G. O. D. Otty, Lewis Almon and Dr. A. O. Earle.

The funeral of the late Chas. K. Short which took place today from his late residence, 28 Paddock street was largely attended. A short service was held at the house at 2 o'clock after which the body was taken to the Reformed Baptist church where service was conducted by Rev. Miles Trafton; and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. There were no pall-bearers.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Hatfield took place today at 2.30 o'clock from her son's home, 116 Broad street. Rev. F. S. Bamford officiated and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of the late Wm. Kirkpatrick took place today from his home, Quispamsis, Rev. Thos. Marshall officiating. Interment was made in the family lot at Quispamsis.

BODIES RECOVERED

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., May 18 (Special)—The remains of the two Calais men Leavitt and Curtian, who were drowned on Thursday in Meddy Bemps Lake, were recovered this morning.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING

R. M. Harvey Has Secured Chief Clark's Grounds as Location for Barnum's Show

"The circus is coming!" This is the decision at last reached by Barnum and Bailey's representative, R. M. Harvey, who has been conducting the preliminary arrangements. The big tent will be pitched on the Clark grounds, in Lancaster, arrangements to that effect having been made this morning with Chief Clark.

The big show will arrive here on Friday, July 20th, and will give a performance both afternoon and evening.

The circus will come here from St. Stephen via the C. P. R. and from here will go to Moncton, Halifax, New Glasgow, Amherst, Chatham and Fredericton.

Mr. Harvey said it was their intention to arrive in Halifax on Saturday, the 22nd, but the Halifax people would not allow them to, so that they will stop over in Moncton, the merchants of that town gaining about $3,000 thereby.

PROBATE COURT

Late Dr. Holden's Estate Valued at $5,000 Personal

The last will and testament of the late Miss Elizabeth Disbrow was admitted to probate today and testamentary letters were granted to her sisters Emilyl, and Louise Disbrow. Personal property, $300. Hanington, Teed & Hanington, proctors.

Letters of administration have been granted in the estate of the late Dr. Holden to his widow, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Holden. The estate values at $5,000 personal property. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford proctors.

Letters of guardianship of the persons and estates of Frederick William and Louise A., Florence E., and Emily L. Simmons, infant children of Frederick and Louise S. Simmons, both deceased, have been granted to Rosina Webb, grandmother of the infants. $2,750 of the personal property belongs to the children. H. V. Smith proctor.

CIVIC PAY DAY

Chamberlain Sandall paid out the following amounts in civic salaries this morning for the past two weeks:

Streets	$2,506.78
Water and sewerage	1,336.86
Ferry	225.89
	$4,069.53

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, May 18 (Special)—The increasing dullness of the stock market since the recent rise was again in evidence. With the exception of MacKay Common, which sagged from 72¼ to 71¾, the general tone of the market showed firmness. The only active features were Montreal Power at 92, Dominion Iron 39, Toledo 33, Montreal Street Railway 274¼ to 274½.

EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND, Calif., May 18—A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Oakland last night and at San Jose and other points. No damage is reported.

In the equity court this morning W. J. Mahoney moved for the adoption and change of name of Frances X. Burke to Frances X. Collins. Granted.

DEAN STREET'S ANNIVERSARY

Fredericton Clergyman Receiving Many Congratulations Today.

FREDERICTON, May 18—(Special)—Rev. Sub-Dean Street is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry here today. This morning at eight o'clock he celebrated holy communion at the cathedral, being assisted by Canon Montgomery and Rural Dean Dibblee.

He afterwards entertained members of the deanery to breakfast at his residence. This afternoon he entertained them to luncheon at the Barker House. The reverend gentleman is receiving many congratulations, including an address from the Deanery of Fredericton.

SEVENTEEN YEARS ON POLICE BENCH

Judge Ritchie Celebrates His Seventeenth Anniversary Today.

Judge Ritchie today celebrates his seventeenth anniversary on the bench, and has during that time proved his worth as judge of the city court and police magistrate of the City of St. John.

Today the flag is floating over the police court in his honor and the judge is receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

A PLEASANT ANNIVERSARY

Gurney Division Celebrated Its 59th Birthday Last Evening.

There was a very pleasant gathering last evening in the Temperance Hall, Market building, to celebrate the 59th anniversary of Gurney Division, Sons of Temperance. Rev. A. B. Cohoe presided and during the evening Rev. Mr. Hindley delivered an eloquent and pleasing address. The programme was as follows:

Flute solo, Mr. Stokes; vocal duett, Mrs. F. H. Tingley and Prof. Titus; reading, A. W. Baird; vocal duett, Gladys Scribner and Winnie Titus; reading, Miss Kate Tingley; vocal solo, Miss Gertrude Frodsham; vocal solo, Mrs. F. H. Tingley; reading, Miss Currie; vocal solo, Mr. McKenzie; reading, Miss Grace Law; vocal solo, Miss Edmunds; vocal duett, Mrs. Metcalf and Mr. McKenzie; instrumental selections, Messrs. Hyt, Donald, Smith and Hoyt; reading, Miss Edna Bettle; selection on bones, James Bond.

Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment, and needless to say the large gathering had a thoroughly good time.

Senator Lovitt of Yarmouth, is at the Royal.

YANKEE TARS IN BIG FIGHT

Sailors on Shore Leave in Cuba had Serious Affray With Natives---One Killed, Twenty-two Wounded.

WASHINGTON, May 18—The navy department has received the first report of a serious fight which occurred at Guantanamo, Cuba, on April 29, between American sailors and natives, in which one American was shot and 22 others were wounded.

While the sailors were ashore at Guantanamo they left the naval reservation and were attacked by a large band of natives, who used their knives and machettes with telling effect. The bluejackets had no weapons, and although outnumbered three and four to one, they fought with their fists until all were disabled.

The local police, it is said, instead of attempting to quell the riot, sided with the natives. The sailor who was shot was for a time in a serious condition, but has since recovered.

WEDDINGS

Porter-White

A quiet wedding took place in St. Luke's church on Wednesday afternoon when James S. Porter formerly a resident of British Columbia but now with the Star Line Steamship Co. was married to Miss Mary E. White of White Head, St. John river, by Rev. R. P. McKim, Miss McFarlane was bridesmaid, and George Chesley supported the groom.

A MARINE DISASTER.

PORT SAID, May 18—The British torpedo boat number 56, capsized off this port during the night. Seven of her crew were drowned.

S. S. Campana of the Quebec S. S. Co. from Montreal to the Gulf ports ran ashore at St. Valier in the St. Lawrence river last night during a thick fog. She was on her way to Quebec from Charlottetown and Gaspe.

Harry Brown while working in Wm. Lewis & Sons foundry on Brittain St. this morning fell from a ladder to the ground, a distance of about 15 feet, and sustained a compound fracture of the leg. The necessary surgical assistance was rendered and the injured man conveyed to his home.

Mrs. George MacLeod, of St. John, N. B., is the guest of Miss Ludington, Dorchester street.—Montreal Star.

Miss Kittie McGoldrick, daughter of Alderman McGoldrick, arrived home from Boston yesterday.

Dr. Thos. Walker, A. McNichol and W. B. Wallace returned from Fredericton today.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks returned home on the Montreal express today.

QUESTION OF JUNK LICENSES BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE NOW

Today in the police court Charles Anderson was fined $4 for drunkenness.

Edward O'Brien was arrested yesterday in the north end for being drunk and he resisted so that Officer Hamm, had to throw him on the road. A teamster driving a load of wood came along and had the officer not happened to see the vehicle coming both would have been run over. As it was O'Brien was hauled from under the wheels in the nick of time, although some affirm that the team ran over O'Brien's hand, which this morning was very sore. The officer then placed O'Brien on a sloven and had him carted to the north end station. This morning he was fined $8.

Edward Marney, one of the three boys complained of, by a man named Varner, for throwing potatoes at him on two different occasions was arrested last night and as he pleaded not-guilty was remanded. Mabee and Allen have not as yet been captured.

Karl Lundin and Gustav Rosenkiosk were arrested this morning by Officer Finley for wandering about the South Wharf and not giving satisfactory accounts of themselves to the police.

This morning the Swedes said that they had no money or no place to go last night They also stated that they had arrived on an immigrant steamer from Digby and had been boarding at Johnston's on the South wharf. They were remanded.

Several Jews reported for doing a junk business since the first of May, without licenses, appeared in court this morning, and were represented by Daniel Mullin, K.C. Two of the number reported were absent this morning, but the rest pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Mullin said that the Jews applied to Mayor Sears for their licenses, but had not obtained them. In April last they had been reported for not getting out licenses, and at that time procured them. Now, however, they could not obtain them at City Hall.

Mr. Mullin said that the mayor had taken some particular view of the licenses, and that he understood that the question of the licenses, having been referred to Recorder Skinner, the latter had given his opinion in the matter.

Mr. Henderson said that the Jews might not have their shops fronting on the street, and that is why the mayor has refused them licenses.

Judge—"I will decide that point if the case comes before me."

Mr. Mullin said that the junk dealers were acting in good faith, and the judge said: "What is the use of the mayor holding court down there when they had licenses before? If they had all the essentials last year, presumably they have the same this year.

Mr. Henderson—"They should be supplied with licenses, and then if they disobey the law, report them."

The case was stood over until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The magistrate also stated that citizens had better take out their licenses, dog licenses, etc.

A man named Watters had complained against Joseph Riley for assaulting and insulting him, and the S. P. C. A. also take a hand in the case as it is claimed that the accused stuck a pitchfork in a horse. The matter comes up tomorrow morning.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

This is the Eighteenth of May. Mr. Peter Binks says that if the Loyalists could come back and look us over, and inspect the streets and get a peep at the city council, they would be sorry they ever founded the place.

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A GLEAM OF HOPE.

The Times new reporter was called into the editor's room this morning and informed that his work was not very even in quality.

"Some days," said the editor, "you write fairly good stuff—some days it's rank."

"Sir," said the new reporter, "you fill me with joy. I now have a more confident feeling that some day I shall be an editor."

The editor saw the point and any further remarks he may have intended to make were postponed.

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NEW YORK, May 18—(Special)—When Mr. Russell Sage was informed of the accident on the St. Martins railway yesterday, he wired at once to St. John to know if the N. B. Southern officials were alive to the fact that they had a reputation to sustain. He ordered them to have two accidents on that line at the earliest possible moment, or to purchase the St. Martins railway and charge it to his account.

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in extending the waterworks system to Loch Lomond the city permitted the contractors to go within a mile of some property Jamesey owns in that neighborhood. He considers that he has a good claim for substantial damages, and his solicitors have filed a claim. It is known at City Hall as "Waterworks Claim No. 23."

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says that the freshet is subsiding in his neighborhood, and his boys are sorry. They have been catching trout on the intervales, within a stone's throw of the barn. Hiram says he never saw the fish so plentiful or so large as they are this spring. The river won't hold them all, and they have taken to the intervales and marshes.

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WOULD RATHER WALK.

A man who had both legs broken this morning heard the doctor telephoning for the ambulance to take him to the hospital.

"Don't do that, doctor," he said feebly. "Don't ask me to wait for the ambulance. I'll walk."

"Perhaps that would be best," said the doctor. "The ambulance may not get here till tomorrow."

AN INTERESTING FUNCTION IN CITY HALL THIS MORNING

The Mayor's office is now adorned with a handsome moosehead, which was presented to the city through the mayor this morning by Chamberlain Sandall.

The presentation was made by the chamberlain in a few well chosen remarks. He said he had been on the horns of a dilemma for some time to know where to keep the head, as it was of a goodly size, and had decided that the mayor's office would be the proper place. He hoped that while the horns adorned the walls of the executive office that no dilemmas would ever disturb the peace and harmony of the city's chief executive.

Mayor Sears in replying said he was pleased to accept the gift on behalf of the citizens and common council and thanked the donor for his elegant and appropriate gift and said he would have it properly cared for during his term of office.

He again expressed appreciation of the gift and trusted that no dilemmas would occur during the time it hung upon the wall.

Ald. Baxter was called upon and made some fitting remarks along the same line alluding to the gift as being appropriate to New Brunswick and this city.

The mayor's clerk was asked to speak but pleaded the excuse of bronchial trouble. It was intimated, however, by the city engineer that the mayor's clerk could tell the story of the first moose ever seen in this province, before the time when white men trod these shores.

Those present at the function were: The Mayor, Ald. Willet, Baxter, Lockhart, Hamm and Rowan, Engineer Peters, Clarence Ward, Director Cushing, Common Clerk Wardroper, J. Harris, Rev. R. Matheson and members of the press.