

FIRE SWEEPS OLD ORCHARD DESTROYING 17 SUMMER HOTELS AND 80 OTHER BUILDINGS

Western Section of Maine's Beautiful Watering Place in Ruins, Loss Running up to Half a Million Dollars—One Man Killed, Others Injured—Boston and Maine Depot Destroyed—Aid Summoned from Outside.

OLD ORCHARD, Me., Aug. 15.—(Special) A fire which swept the western section of this town, along the shore, causing a loss estimated at half a million dollars. All the buildings were of wooden construction and were therefore an easy prey to the flames, which spread with remarkable swiftness, reducing to ashes a section of half a hundred acres within three hours. The burned area extends from Old Orchard avenue eastward between Milliken street and the great houses and private residences of this popular resort.

BIG METEOR FELL AT LONG ISLAND

And Nearly Scared the People Out of Their Wits. Landed Only Half a Mile From a Life Saving Station—It Killed Many Fish, Giving Profit to Boys.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The World today says:—At six o'clock last evening an immense meteor apparently about 75 feet in circumference, fell into the sea about a mile off the great L. I. life saving station. First a roar was heard and an instant later a great stream of fire seemed to come down from the clouds and plunge into the sea in the wake of the meteor. The meteor fell, the water boiled and a mighty boiler letting off steam. Great waves rolled in upon the beach. Part of the bathing pavilion was washed away, along with it several fishermen's boats. Much damage was done to property abutting the water front. Some persons thought the incident marked the end of the world. Even old fishermen, used as they were to facing death at sea, were terrified and did not for a long time get down to the beach. George Green who was in command of a vessel in the St. Pierre when Mont Pelee blew its head off, and destroyed that city, was sitting on the water front when the meteor fell. He declared that nothing like it had ever happened him so much except the Mont Pelee disaster. The meteor apparently fell vertically. From the time the noise was first heard until it plunged into the sea, was probably three quarters of a minute after the disturbance had subsided, hundreds of dead fish were found on the shore. These were gathered by boys and peddled by them.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 17.—The R. C. R. arrived by special train over the C. E. R. at 4 o'clock this morning from Montreal. They were met at the depot by the flat band and escorted to the barracks. All the old officers returned with the regiment. An automobile party, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Young, and Miss Young, of Bangor, arrived here this afternoon, and leave in the morning for St. John by way of Gagetown. R. S. Barker arrived home last evening from St. John, having completed his trip with the vice-regal party. The private secretary says that the governor general and his family were greatly delighted with Fredericton, and he would not be surprised if they returned again at some future date.

OTTAWA, Aug. 18.—Among the guests at the Fish Hotel, Old Orchard Beach, which was destroyed by fire last night, were Hon. William Paterson, Minister of Public Works, with Mrs. Paterson.



"OUIDA," THE FAMOUS AUTHORESS IN HER GARDEN. The best-known of living English authoresses, Miss de la Rame ("Ouida"), is now living the life of a recluse in a village in her beloved Italy. She has at last accepted a Civil List pension of £500 from the British government, and for her present needs, £100 from the government of Italy, to enable her to visit her garden in the hills in which she lives with a servant and three dogs.

BIG INCREASE IN WAGES IN CANADA

Taifty Laid on by a Baptist Preacher Yesterday. And in Return for Compliments He Was Invited to Dinner With the Oil Man.

ROCKEFELLER ASKED FOR \$100,000,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—According to a despatch to the Tribune from Cleveland, Ohio, John D. Rockefeller was invited to contribute \$100,000,000 to the cause of evangelism yesterday. Shortly after he had been invited to dinner by the Rev. Courtland Meyers of New York, Mr. Rockefeller gripped the preacher's hand cordially and invited him to Forest-Hill to dinner. Mr. Meyers in his sermon attacked newspapers, charging them with responsibility for the impression that present-day conditions, economic as well as sociological, are rapidly reaching a crisis which might cause a revolution. Incidentally he praised Mr. Rockefeller's recent utterance, in which he pleaded for "fair play" for big corporations. Mr. Meyers added his own appeal for a square deal, predicting that "the present attitude of misrepresentation, misunderstanding and criticism cannot longer be endured."

BELIEVE THERE IS COMBINATION AMONG THE FUEL DEALERS

Trades and Labor Council Ask Investigation of Affairs of Montreal Firms. MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—Believing that there was a combination among the fuel dealers of this city and vicinity, in the similar period of 1906, the Trades and Labor Council have been working for weeks to obtain evidence bearing on the question. An application was sent to the government on Saturday praying for the appointment of a royal commission to hold an investigation into the buying and selling of coal. It was pointed out to the Standard that when any change was announced the action of all who handle coal in this city was unanimous and simultaneous. The government will also be requested to investigate the alleged ice trust, in which, it is said, there is evidence of a combine, which is even more of a close corporation than the alleged fuel trust.

SNOW IS ALREADY FALLING IN THE WEST

Montreal Will be Again Tied Up by a Big Longshore Strike—Production of Gas in Ontario. TORONTO, Aug. 19.—It was stated by J. F. Aitken, of Chatham, who arrived in the city last night, that the "natural" gas wells of East Tibury were at present producing more than forty million cubic feet of mineral gas a day. WINNIPEG, Aug. 19.—Reports of cold weather and storms in the far west are current today, and it is said to be snowing at both Edmonton and Calgary. A full season's crop of wheat may be obtained not only for this year, but for succeeding years. Canadian pease can also, Mr. Jackson says, find a good market in England. There is likely to be further trouble on the docks here as the Longshoremen are not satisfied with the settlement of the spring strike. Paquet, secretary of the Longshoremen, said that there was every likelihood of a strike in the fall when the port would be tied up tight, at the time when freight was offering in large quantities and had to be moved before the ice makes.

DAUGHTER BORN IN N. Y. GOVERNMENT HOUSE

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 19.—A daughter was born this morning to Governor and Mrs. Hughes. Mother and child are doing well. Governor and Mrs. Hughes have three other children, Charles E. Hughes, Jr., about 18, a junior at Brown University, Helen, about 18, and Catherine about 10. This is said to be the first baby ever born in the executive mansion.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson.

AUTOMOBILE AND TRAIN COLLIDED

Three Persons Killed; Another is Dying. Prominent Family of Bristol, Conn., Practically Wiped Out—Were Apparently Racing with Express.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Aug. 18.—A large automobile containing a party of five from Bristol, Conn., collided in terrific violence with the New York-Pittsfield express at Ashley Falls, six miles south of Great Barrington, today, with the result that three of the motoring party are dead, one is dying, and the other is painfully injured. The dead: Charles J. Root, 40 years old, an automobile manufacturer of Bristol, instantly killed. Mrs. Root, his mother, who died from her injuries, while being removed to Pittsfield by train, died in a village. Miss Howells, the latter's sister, instantly killed. The dying: Miss Mary T. Root, aged 24, Mrs. Root's niece. The injured: Miss Katherine Root, aged 24, Mrs. Root's niece. According to the engineer, and Conductor Jaqua of the express, Mr. Root had been apparently racing with the train, the tracks running almost parallel with the road for some distance. The accident occurred at a grade crossing of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, just north of the Ashley Falls station. As the train did not stop here, it was running at high speed. The motor-car struck the tender of the engine at an angle, the violence of the impact being shown by the fact that the car was smashed to bits. The five occupants were hurled many yards to the earth. The express was stopped as quickly as possible, and the train crew hurried to the victims of the accident, two of whom, Mr. Root and his aunt, Miss Roberts, were found dead. Mrs. Root and Miss Mary Root were taken aboard the train and to the hospital at Pittsfield, but the former died before that city was reached. Miss Katherine Root was brought to the home of a friend here, where it was learned late tonight that her recovery was expected. Miss Mary Root was reported at the Pittsfield Hospital as not likely to live, and her recovery is doubtful. She has a compound fracture of the hip, her shoulder is crushed and there are serious internal injuries. It was learned from Mr. Root's friends that he was deaf. His mother and aunt were also deaf of hearing, the former being also blind. The motorists were familiar with the road over which they were travelling to this place. The accident practically wipes out one of the most prominent families of Bristol. Mr. Root was a well known manufacturer there of brass fittings and airplanes, counting machines and registers.

ENCOURAGING REPORT FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS

General Prosperity is, However, Increasing the Number of Labor Disputes. OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 18.—During the second quarter of the current year, comprising April, May, and June, there has been a remarkable increase in the wages in Canada. Statistics compiled by the department of labor show that there were 117 changes in wages for industrial groups during the period of which, 104 were increases in pay, 2 were decreases in hours, and 11 were both increases in pay and decreases in hours. Maintenance of wages in the C. N. R., and C. E. R., to the number of 14,000 were given increases, in building trades 7,299 men got increases, textile workers 6,000 employees, coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia to the number of 4,000 got increased pay, and lumbermen in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces numbered 19,000 men, obtained more pay. Only in 1903 have as many cases of increased wages been reported, and then not nearly as many were affected. General prosperity is increasing the number of trade disputes. During July 20 were reported to the labor department, which is 11 more than in the similar period of 1906. The establishment of 6,781 employees affected, and 81,000 working days were lost. There were 1,241 affected in the building trades. Unfavorable weather and complications in transportation caused a heavy falling off in the number of homestead entries for the six months ending with June 30. During the half year there were 14,154 entries made, against 24,098 in the similar period of the year before, a decrease of 9,944. The law providing for the deporting of criminal, indigent and insane immigrants, within two years after their arrival in Canada, is being vigorously enforced. The Canadian immigration department has sent out a circular to the police departments and corners of Canada asking them to report any immigrants who may have committed crimes so they can be dealt with under the act. England will this year afford an excellent market for Canadian fruit according to a report which Trade Agent J. B. Jackson of Leeds has made to the department of trade and commerce. He says Canadian apples have achieved such popularity in Great Britain that a shipper will make arrangements to send regularly to England. He says that the fruit is kept up to standard. A full season's crop of peaches may be obtained not only for this year, but for succeeding years. Canadian pease can also, Mr. Jackson says, find a good market in England. There is likely to be further trouble on the docks here as the Longshoremen are not satisfied with the settlement of the spring strike. Paquet, secretary of the Longshoremen, said that there was every likelihood of a strike in the fall when the port would be tied up tight, at the time when freight was offering in large quantities and had to be moved before the ice makes.

SPANIARDS CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY

Are Not Doing Their Fair Share in Morocco. PARIS, Aug. 19.—The Figaro Casablanca correspondent says: "To the surprise of all, the Spanish contingent returned to the city after a moment's making a reconnaissance of the ground allotted them. They announced that they would repeat the reconnaissance the next day and then would decide what they would do. There is much indignation at the attitude of the Spanish troops, who do nothing but stroll about the city, while the French soldiers are worn out from constant guard. M. Malpertuis, the French consul here, has received a number of emissaries of the tribesmen who hinted that several of their tribes are ready to submit to the French if they are met in the right spirit."

YOUNG GIRL WAS ASSAULTED BY TRAMP

GREENVILLE, Pa., Aug. 18.—Miss Anna Whitehead, 14 years old, daughter of a prominent Methodist Episcopal minister of Turnersville, Pa., is in a critical condition from a brutal assault perpetrated late last night by a water-bearer and plunged over an embankment. Norcross was pinned under the machine and killed instantly. The chauffeur received a bad scalp wound. The others escaped with a severe shak-up.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID FOR AN ATTACK OF CRAMPS

MONTREAL, Q., Aug. 19.—Maurice Ross, of 15 Vercheres street, came by sudden death early this morning by swallowing a dose of carbolic acid in mistake for medicine. Ross had an attack of cramps in the stomach. He leaves a widow and nine children.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 18.—Professor Short, chairman of the board of consultation on the dispute between the Grand Trunk and the locomotive engineers of that company, reports to the labor department that an agreement was reached by both parties covering three years. The agreement provides substantial increase for the engine drivers. General Manager Hays has signed the agreement for the company and Messrs. Cameron, Battley and Johnson for the men.

A MUSICAL BATTLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Prof. Tower, of the University of Chicago, who recently made researches into the habits and life of the potato-beetle, declares that he has evolved from that insect another, which is so large that he is afraid to turn it loose, because of the deprecations it might commit. The new insect is very fond of music, and is gorgeously colored. The professor says that this insect refutes certain points of the Darwinian theory.

WHEN YOU ASK FOR SURPRISE SOAP

A PURE HARD SOAP. INSIST ON RECEIVING IT.

COUNTRY MARKET. Wholesale. Potatoes, new, per bush. 0.70 0.80. Beef, western, per lb. 1.50 1.75. Beef, butcher, carcass, 0.09 0.10. Beef, country, carcass, 0.07 0.08 1/2. Mutton, per lb. 0.06 0.07. Lamb, per lb. 0.13 0.14. Pork, per lb. 0.15 0.16. Ham, per lb. 0.15 0.16. Roll butter, per lb. 0.23 0.25. Tub butter, per lb. 0.20 0.24. Eggs, per dozen 0.18 0.20. Turkey, per lb. 0.10 0.12. Fowl, per pair 0.75 1.00. Chickens, 0.50 1.00. Cabbage, per doz 0.00 0.00. Hides, per lb. 0.08 0.00. Lambskins, per lb. 0.14 0.05. Sheepskins, each, 0.00 1.50. Veal, per lb. 0.08 0.10. Peas, per bush. 0.70 1.00. Beans, per bush. 0.70 1.00.

RETAIL. Roast beef, 0.11 0.20. Spring lamb, per lb. 0.14 0.18. Beef, corned, per lb. 0.00 0.12. Pork, fresh, per lb. 0.15 0.16. Steak, per lb. 0.14 0.25. Ham, per lb. 0.00 0.20. Bacon, per lb. 0.18 0.20. Tripe, per lb. 0.10 0.00. Turkey, per lb. 0.22 0.25. Chickens and fowl, fresh killed, 0.50 1.25. Butter, dairy, rolls, 0.25 0.26. Butter, tubs, 0.22 0.23. Eggs, fresh, per doz, 0.18 0.25. Onions, per lb. 0.05 0.00. Cabbage, each, 0.06 0.08. Potatoes, new, per peck, 0.30 0.40. Celery, fresh, per box, 0.06 0.08. Parsley, per bunch, 0.05 0.00. Beets, per bunch, 0.05 0.00. Carrot, per bunch, 0.05 0.00. Squash, per box, 0.00 0.05. Spinach, per peck, 0.40 0.40. Radish, per bunch, 0.05 0.00. Peas, per bush, 0.40 0.40. Beans, per bush, 0.40 0.40. Eggs, per dozen, 0.20 0.22.

FRESH COD AND HADDOCK, per lb. 0.05 0.07. Finnan haddies, 0.09 0.00. Soleless cod, per lb. 0.12 0.00. Stink herring, per box, 0.02 0.00. Salt shad, each, 0.25 0.30. Salt mackerel, each, 0.20 0.25. Gespereaux, 0.03 0.00.

GROCERIES. Beef tongue, per lb. 0.10 0.00. Onions, Egyptian, bag, 0.00 0.00. Onions, Spanish, cases, new, 3.00 3.00. Cheese, per lb. 0.12 0.12 1/2. Rice, per lb. 0.04 0.04 1/2. Cream of tartar, pure, 0.20 0.23. Currant butter, salt, 0.15 0.19. Biscuits, per keg, 2.10 2.20. Sal soda, per lb. 0.00 0.01 1/2.

FRUITS, ETC. Black cherries, 0.05 0.10 1/2. Prunes, California, 0.06 0.10 1/2. Currants, per lb., 0.08 0.08 1/2. Apples, evaporated, 0.06 0.09 1/2. Walnuts, Grenoble, 0.15 0.15 1/2. Peanuts, roasted, 0.12 0.13. Almonds, 0.15 0.16. Filberts, 0.12 0.13. Pecans, 0.12 0.13. Dates, new, 0.04 0.04 1/2. Figs, new, per lb., 0.10 0.11. Seedling raisins, per lb., 0.12 0.12 1/2. Malaga, London layers, 1.00 1.00. Malaga, clusters, 2.75 2.75. Malaga, black, baskets 2.00 2.00.

JURY FIND THAT THE DERRICK WHICH FELL KILLING THREE MEN, WAS NOT PROPERLY ANCHORED

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