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ONE CENT

WEATHER
Moderate winds; scattered showers. Sunday, fair and warm.

NEW BRUNSWICK AS A FRUIT CENTRE

Mr. T. H. Estabrooks Thinks There Are Great Chances

AT OUR VERY DOORS

Visit to Okonagon Valley Convinces Mr. Estabrooks That New Brunswickers Are Not Making the Most of Their Opportunities

That the development of fruit culture in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia could be made an important factor in the agricultural future of the provinces, is the opinion of T. H. Estabrooks who returned a few days ago from a trip through the west.

Among the places visited by Mr. Estabrooks was the Okonagon Valley, British Columbia, and the region around Arrow Head and Kootenay Lakes.

"Many of these fruit growers are pioneers of the western wheat fields, who have made money enough to spend the rest of their days in comfort in this country where the climate is not so trying. Apples, plums and other fruits are grown successfully, and this line of effort is making wonderful strides. It has all been developed in the past three or four years.

"Why could not the valleys of the St. John river and the Annapolis Valley be developed in the same way?" asked Mr. Estabrooks. "In New Brunswick many men are doing exceedingly well in growing fruit. In apples there are unlimited possibilities. In the Annapolis Valley apples and other fruits, as is well known are grown very successfully.

"New Brunswick has many advantages over British Columbia as regards fruit growing. There is an export market for the unlimited quantities of apples and other fruits. It seems to me that if the farmers here would enter upon this line of business on the same scale as they do in British Columbia their efforts would be crowned with immense success.

AN INHUMAN FATHER

New York Man Must go to Jail for Failing to Get Doctor for His Child.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Clarence W. Byrne, a salesman, who was recently convicted of failing to employ medical assistance for his six year old daughter, who died of pneumonia, was today sentenced to thirty days imprisonment by the court of general sessions.

THREE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Naval Gun Explodes on French School Ship With Fatal Results.

Foulon, Aug. 2.—The breech block of 100 millimetre gun was blown off today on the gunnery school ship Couronne during target practice, and three persons were killed and five wounded.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION

Life Insurance Underwriters of Canada Will Meet in Toronto August 19 and 20.

The most important gathering of life insurance underwriters ever held in the Dominion will be the first annual convention of the Life Underwriters of Canada which will be held in Toronto on Monday and Tuesday Aug. 19 and 20.

This will be followed on Aug. 21, 22 and 23 by the 18th annual convention of the National Association of Life Underwriters of the United States. The King Edward Hotel will be the headquarters of both conventions. For the Canadian gathering transportation arrangements have been made on the Standard certificate plan.

ELECTRIC CAR STRIKES AUTO

Three People were Killed and Two Badly Hurt in the Crash

JACKSON, Mich., Aug. 2.—A west-bound car on the Detroit, Jackson and Chicago Electric railroad, struck an automobile containing five Jackson residents at Sutton's crossing, about three miles east of here, this evening.

Two parallel electric railroad tracks of the unused Boland line and the Detroit, Jackson and Chicago, cross the country road at the point where the accident occurred. A house and some trees hid the approaching car.

INQUIRY INTO A FIREMAN'S DEATH

Inquest Into Death of Charles McKenny at Woodstock Last Night.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The inquest into the cause of the death of Charles McKenny the fireman who was electrocuted on July 21 was held last evening by Coroner W. W. Hay and a jury. The witnesses examined were A. W. Fields, Robert Welsh and F. B. Carroll.

AMERICAN BOAT WON

The Dixie Defeated the British Boat in International Motor Boat Race Yesterday.

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 2.—The American motor boat Dixie, owned by Commodore E. J. Schroeder, of the Automobile Club of America, today won the race for the international motor boat cup in Southampton water, beating the nearest British boat, Dalmer II, by three quarters of a mile over a 3 1/2 mile course.

THE WESTERN CROPS

While Conditions Are Now More Favorable There Will be a Light Yield in Some Places.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—The C. P. R.'s weekly crop report shows that the outlook is more favorable than was expected three weeks ago. The weather has been good and recent rains have made the prospects more encouraging.

NO CHANGES IN THE CABINET YET

Montreal Star Has An Interesting Story

LAURIER WAS READY

To go to the Country With a New Cabinet But the Action Has Been Delayed—Quebec Situation.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3 (Special).—The Star today gives currency to a report that since the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from abroad, he prepared the personnel of a new cabinet which was to be due course presented to his excellency for ratification with the understanding that dissolution should follow the announcement. It is alleged that Earl Grey, knowing of the premier's promise to Mr. Borden to hold another session before dissolution, suggested that the plan in view of his present position, should have Mr. Borden's consent. The opposition leader, it is stated, was in Montreal at the time, and intended remaining here for several days, but only another day, proceeding to Ottawa.

Another item of interest in the Star's article is that Premier Gouin has secured the consent of the lieutenant governor to the dissolution of the provincial legislature, and he will go to the country the last week of September.

CHARGED WITH THEFT IN SYDNEY

Italian Couple Arrested Here at Request of Sydney Police

Joseph Ventroca and his wife, Conetta, were arrested here this morning at the instance of Sydney Magistrate William R. Hearn, of Sydney, N. S., on a charge of stealing from the central police station. Chief of Police Clark received a telegram from Sydney Magistrate Hearn, giving a description of the prisoners who left Sydney last night, and instructing him to arrest and detain them here, pending the arrival of a constable with a warrant.

THEY MAY BE KIDNAPPERS

People living along the Manawaglinch Road are inclined to think they have kidnapers in that vicinity.

Yesterday afternoon a party of Gypsies was noticed going along the road in a caravan from the direction of Spruce Lake toward Fairville. In the party was a little white girl about five or six years old. The little one was well dressed and had very light hair, in direct contrast to the other members of the party.

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LIGHTED A PIPE AND WAITED FOR DEATH

August-Mehlig Tried Hard to Commit Suicide

BUT HE STILL LIVES

Turned the Gas on, Made of His Room a Lethal Chamber and Sat Down to Wait for Dissolution—He Was Arrested.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—According to the Times, August Mehlig, 60 years old, of East 108th street, turned on the gas in his room early yesterday morning after closing the windows and fastening the bedroom door, then he sat in a chair to smoke while death came. At five o'clock, three hours later the gas began to make him sick, so he shut it off and opened the windows to think it over.

The hours dragged by, but noon found August still puffing his pipe. At 3.30 in the afternoon his wife smelling gas and failing to find him, called in a policeman.

THE UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—The examiners of the University and High School leaving examinations have presented their report to the board of education.

There were 114 candidates taking matriculation examinations and six taking high school examinations. Of the 114 candidates for matriculation, 107 took the second division and five in the first division, and of these 10 passed in first division, 50 in second, 20 in third, 23 in third conditionally and 4 failed.

Of the seven candidates who took special papers for engineering, two passed the first division, one in the second, one in the third, and one failed. Of six candidates for leaving, one passed in the second division, two in the third, and three failed.

The following are the names of candidates for matriculation who passed in the first division, arranged in order of high test averages: Isabel F. A. Thomas, Fredericton; Harry D. Macauley, St. John; William H. Hoyt, St. John; Edith D. Wallace, St. John; Olive Allen Wilson, New Westminister; B. C. Amy Napier, St. John; Hazon Howard, St. John; Wm. H. Irving, Moncton; Margaret Wilson, New Westminister; B. C. C. Perley Steeves, Fredericton.

Secretary S. M. Wetmore of the S. P. C. A. will lay a complaint against Samuel Day, teamster, in the police court. Day is reported to have overloaded a double team he was driving, having 36 bags of salt, weighing 200 pounds each on his truck.

Charles McDonald who was arrested last week on a charge of obtaining money to the amount of \$30 from Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, and pleaded guilty to the charge, was today brought again before Judge Ritchie who sentenced him to a term of three years in Dorchester penitentiary.

NEWFOUNDLAND HAS NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 2.—James Kent, senior member of the legislature from the eastern division of St. John's, was appointed attorney general today, in succession to Sir Edward Morris, resigned.

Eight deaths were reported at the office of the board of health during the present week as follows: Tuberculosis, 3; lupus, premature birth, heart failure, acute Bright's disease, epidemic anæmia, one each.

BOILED HIS WIFE TO DEATH IN OIL

And Served Her Body at Cannibal Feast

A HARROWING STORY

Of the Gross Cruelties Practised by Thanh—Thal, King of Annam—French Government Will Put Stop to it.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—The French government has at length been aroused to the necessity of abolishing once and for all the atrocious and cruel usage of Thanh-Thal, the King of Annam, in Cochinchina.

It was officially announced that the French Resident at Hue, the capital of Annam, had intervened the king in his palace there, and had established a regency consisting of the council of ministers, under the presidency of the minister of justice.

Since last spring, when the king was declared insane a few months after a cannibalistic feast on the remains of one, at which he compelled his courtiers to participate, he has been confined in a palace where he has been allowed some authority. The incessant clamor of the oppressed subjects has at length resulted in the action of the French resident.

The kingdom of Annam has been a French protectorate since 1883. In that year the ruler, Hm Nghi, was deposed for the massacre of the French residents of Hue and Thanh. Thanh-Thal was established in his place.

The king is at present only twenty-eight years old, and the sudden acquisition of power by the king, Thanh-Thal, was not long before he began a series of brutalities that horrified France and his own nation. The king is held in relation to his subjects, and no one dared to attempt to curb him.

Last August Thanh-Thal summoned seven of his four hundred wives before him and calmly directed some of his guards to put six of them to death, after torturing some of them to insanity and subjecting them to atrocious mutilations. A few hours later the seventh was boiled to death in oil and served at a royal feast to the noblest courtiers of the kingdom had been summoned. At the threat of instant death they were forced to eat at the ghastly banquet.

When the French authorities entered the palace they found the king sitting in a room that looked more like an abattoir than a throne room. Some of the nobles had been strung up to the ceiling by prongs and pinners fastened in their tongues cut out, and two were still running about the palace shrieking in agony. In one of the rooms two of the wives lay boiling in oil vats. Some had been caged with lions and other wild animals and torn to pieces.

It was but a few days before this that he had shot down without cause one of the oldest princes of the kingdom. An example of the absolute authority of the king is the rule which he has several times enforced, that anyone found wearing yellow clothes—the color of the royal garb—be put to death.

The six million subjects whom he ruled by the sword and the pestilence, and were there loud appeals for aid from France.

HIRAM AFTER SCALPS

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam is in town today to see how the ball game, in which a team from Hampton will face the city players, Hiram says the Kings county boys can throw the ball a mile and bat it over Fort Howe.

"And, by Hen!" said Hiram. "If they don't win the game it'll be the empire's fault."

THE BRITISH JOURNALISTS

They Will Reach Vancouver Tomorrow After Glorious Trip Through the Rockies.

FIELD, B. C., Aug. 2.—Three glorious days were spent in the Canadian Rockies by the British press men who were the guests of the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Banff, the beautiful, was reached Wednesday morning and the glories of Bow Valley were fully exploited.

The great coal mines at Bank Head were also inspected and a visit paid to the buffalo park with the cave and basin and other points of interest. The trip up the lovely Bow Valley in the early hours of Thursday and the delightful drive up the mountainside to the lake in the clouds, were followed by a day of mountain-climbing and today the great divide was crossed and Field reached at 10 o'clock. Then came a visit to charming General Lake and a pony ride to the lookout of the marvelous Yoho valley, where a view was obtained of the Takla-Kan falls which drop 1,200 feet.

"There is nothing finer in all Switzerland," was the consensus of opinion of those of the party who had visited the land of William Tell, "and there is not so much grandeur and beauty there."

The visitors were particularly pleased with the P. R. mountain hotels, which they asserted, were much better than those of Switzerland. Speaking of the trip, P. H. Cockman, of the London Morning Post, says:—"To see Canada should be part of an Englishman's education. He knows it on the map, he knows its length and breadth, he knows that it contains a vigorous population, these things he accepts as facts, but he can never grasp the realities of Canada until he visits it, speaks with its people, sees sufficient of its resources to indicate to him the immensity of the vast, and travels over its vast territory. He then understands that Canada, though a very potent land of the present, is even more a land of the future. As for ourselves, not only have we thus learned much we shall not forget, but through the courtesy and kindness of everybody we have met in the course of our tour, we shall carry away with us pleasant recollections of hospitality which shall never fade away."

"I must add a cordial word of thanks to the C. P. R. for the admirable manner in which it has organized our tour and for the excellent way in which it was carried out."

The party leaves for the coast tomorrow and will reach Vancouver Sunday morning.

A MOTHER'S SACRIFICE

A Connecticut Woman Gives Forty Inches of Skin to Save Her Son's Life

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 2.—To save the life of her eight-year-old son, Joseph, whom she had accidentally scalded, Mrs. Joseph Graf yesterday submitted to a reduction of her own skin. Dr. William Burke removed forty square inches of skin from her arms and grafted it on the abdomen of the child.

A few days ago Mrs. Graf slipped and spilled a pot of coffee over the boy. Dr. Burke decided that the burns in healing might cause a contraction which would prove fatal if the child was not replaced. The operation was entirely successful.

MUST FURNISH CLEAN LINEN

In Georgia it is a Misdemeanor for Hotels to Supply Guests with Soiled Sheets or Towels

ATLANTA, Aug. 2.—The hotels of Georgia were raked for and aft in the house today because of the character of the linen, and as a result a bill was passed making clean sheets, clean pillow cases and clean towels compulsory in the houses of the state.

WELL KNOWN PASTOR DEAD

Boston, Aug. 2.—Rev. Charles A. Crane, D. D., pastor of the People's Temple of this city, and one of the best known Methodist clergymen in New England, died suddenly at his home tonight from heart disease.

Rev. Dr. Crane was born in Quincy, Illinois, fifty-three years ago. He had been pastor of the People's Temple for several years. His wife, son and daughter survive.

THEIR FINE WILL BE NAMED TODAY

Standard Oil Company of Indiana Will be Heavily Penalized For Accepting Rebates on Oil Shipments—Minimum Possible Fine for the Offence is \$1,462,000.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Judge Landis, in the United States district court today, will name the amount of the fine the Standard Oil Company of Indiana will be obliged to pay for accepting rebates from the Chicago and Alton railroad on shipments of oil from Whiting, Indiana, to East St. Louis, Ill.

The corporation is punished in \$2,400,000 and the minimum is \$1,462,000. The corporation is punished in \$2,400,000 and the minimum is \$1,462,000. The corporation is punished in \$2,400,000 and the minimum is \$1,462,000. The corporation is punished in \$2,400,000 and the minimum is \$1,462,000.

THEY OPPOSE TRADE TREATY

Boston Manufacturers Against Agreement With Germany.

Boston, Aug. 2.—The Home Market Club representing a variety of manufacturers and the National Association of Wool Manufacturers are out in strong opposition to the trade agreement with Germany, arranged by the North commission. Samuel S. Dale, editor of the New York World, to whom Mr. North wrote a defense of the agreement, issues a reply in which he arrays North against North.

OLD HOME WEEK IN ST. CROIX VALLEY

Train Arrangements Made—Many Visitors Expected.

Boston, Aug. 2.—The committee in charge of the St. Croix Valley Old Home Week celebration have nearly completed arrangements for the event and it is expected there will be many reunions in Washington county (Me.) and Charlotte county (N. B.) next week.

Early Monday morning a special train will leave the north terminal station on the western tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and will stop to leave its passengers at their old homes in Franklin, Cherryfield, Unionville, Harrington, Columbia Falls, Jonesboro, Whiteville, Machias, East Machias, Marion, Denysville, Fenwick, Perry, Eastport, Charlotte, Milltown and Calais. The special will also stop at Haverhill and Dover to take aboard the residents of those places who are going back to their homes once more.

STEAMER NOTES

Steamer Manchester Exchange, Captain Varwell, sailed this morning for Manchester via Philadelphia. Temple for several years. His wife, son and daughter survive.

Arthur F. Sladen, private secretary to Earl Grey, arrived on the Atlantic express today to look into the arrangements made for the reception and entertainment of his excellency. Mr. Sladen will also visit Halifax to make final arrangements there. R. S. Barker, private secretary to Lieut.-Gov. Trevelick, is also in the city today on business connected with the governor general's visit.

THE GREAT ARBITER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(Special.)—Considerable anxiety is felt here concerning the international situation. There is trouble in Korea and Morocco, and it does not appear that President Roosevelt has at present any particular excuse for issuing a statement. Such an extraordinary condition of affairs is unheard of. However, the trouble will never be settled until the United States settles it, and that is the one ray of comfort visible at this time.

Weather report:—Sunshine, with fog showers, with rain; wind, N. S. E. W. a depression central at the park, followed by mosquitoes; wet feet, followed by warm drunks; Sunday—nothing doing.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

A customer went down to a wholesale merchant on South Wharf this morning to ask the price of flour.

As soon as he entered, the merchant set out to explain a poor shot he had made on the golf links one day last week. The customer said he had not heard of it.

The merchant seemed much surprised and asked the customer if he played golf. The customer replied in the negative, and asked the price of flour.

The merchant seized him by the arm, fixed him with an ardent gaze, and launched into a glowing description of the same.

At the end of half an hour the customer again asked the price of flour. At the end of an hour he asked once more. An hour later he broke away and got as far as the door. The merchant seized a hat and joined him outside, walked up to the wharf with him, and at the corner of the Market Square held him for fifteen minutes with a vivid description of a bout he had with Bogey on the links.

The customer finally got away, ran to his store, and telephoned to another house to learn the price of flour.