

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., AUGUST 28, 1901.

**OIL SANDS STRUCK IN NUMBER TWO WELL AT THE PALMCOCK.**

**Big Flow of Gas—Indications Most Favorable For Rivaling of Output From First Well—The Work to Be Prosecuted.**

Moncton, Aug. 23.—(Special)—Promoters of the oil-boring operations at St. Joseph's are greatly elated over the prospects of a shortly striking oil in much greater quantity than in the first well. At a depth of about 100 feet in the second well, oil sands were struck this morning and a great flow of gas followed. This is regarded as a very favorable indication, and the borers feel confident of striking an overflow well before going much deeper. The recent boring is being carried on very near the first well and the management of the work naturally feel very enthusiastic over the prospects of soon striking oil in a quantity that will demonstrate beyond doubt its existence in abundance in that region.

Hampton, N. B., Aug. 23.—(Special)—Matthew Lodge, who has been visiting Rev. W. W. Lodge here, received a telegram this morning from Moncton that the operators in the oil fields at St. Joseph's struck the oil sands in No. 2 well. The dispatch added that there was a strong

flow of gas in the new well, and that the indications pointed to this being at least as good a producer as the present pumping well. In conversation with your correspondent Mr. Lodge said: "Our company will immediately torpedo this well with nitrogen—nitrogen which later will be made at St. Joseph's by a man from the Acadia Powder Company's works at Halifax. We will then connect this new well with the present pumping well by means of jacker rods and the two wells will be pumped by the same power. We will also begin the boring of new wells, and for that purpose have ordered two more working rigs. It is our hope to have at least a score of wells in operation in the vicinity of the present well within the next several weeks. The directors of the company are more than satisfied of the commercial value of the property, but it is the company's intention to demonstrate that fact beyond the possibility of doubt before any of the stock will be offered to the public."

**BITS OF EMPIRE GIVEN AWAY.**

**Facts Which Show That England is Not the Land-Grabber Which Some Would Have Her Called.**

To put it roughly, the British empire at the present day consists of 15,000,000 square miles of an entire earth of 51,500,000 square miles. This magnificent empire has been built up since the year 1508, at the average rate of 22,000 square miles a year. Thus, supposing it were possible to continue at the same rate of "land grabbing," as our continental friends term it, for a further period of 683 years, the British Empire would, at the end of that period, or in the year 2191, comprise the entire earth.

This is a somewhat startling calculation, but it is even more so when we consider the vast tracts of land which have been won by Great Britain and they calmly handed over to some other power, when they might have remained and flourished as our colonies and dependencies. It is an interesting fact that had Great Britain retained all her conquests the war between Spain and America would not have taken place, for the simple reason that Spain and the Philippines would have been flourishing British colonies. When one considers the vast natural wealth of Cuba and the Philippine Islands, and how enormous would have been their resources had they been governed properly, instead of having their life's blood sucked out of them by the inevitable results of misadministration, one cannot help wondering what government, reputedly wise, could have let such possessions fall out of our hands. Dogged persistently by a ruinous colonial policy, Cuba, nevertheless, was the richest and grandest colony of that once predominant power—Spain. Under the rule, and given facilities for development Cuba might, indeed, would, have become one of the very richest colonies in the world; and Great Britain could have made her that. Very much the same might be said of the Philippines, whereas they constitute a comparatively poor colony, owing to the strangling policy of the Spanish home government. Properly treated and encouraged, they might have become jewels of a nation's crown. Great Britain conquered both these priceless possessions in wars encouraged by Spain. We spent our money, our blood, our lives to win them. In Cuba

alone we lost more than 5,000 lives, and then, rather more than 100 years ago, we threw them to Spain, our enemy, to culous mismanagement and practical ruin. We often hear wild talk about the advisability of our giving up Malta; but those persons who know the island admit what a highly valuable possession it would be in the event of our being involved in a European war. To give it up would be just such a hideous blunder as we committed in the matter of Minorca. The latter island might have been of the utmost value to Great Britain. With Gibraltar, Minorca, Malta, and Cyprus, situated as they are in the Mediterranean, we should have had four naval bases in that sea within easy distance of each other. But in throwing away Minorca we lost a valuable base; and we threw it away, after possessing it for many years, without any conceivable reason.

The number of possessions we have had in the Mediterranean and given away for nothing, or next to nothing, is really surprising. The Ionian Isles and Corsica were also British possessions, but like Minorca, were soon thrown away. We did wonder for the Ionians after we captured them in war with France in 1800. We set them on their feet, and backed them up until their standing was quite firm; we pacified them, encouraged them, nourished them at the cost of millions of British money, and then sneaked out of the side door, and allowed Greece to annex them. The Corsicans practically gave themselves and their island to Great Britain, who held the island a few years, and then opened the door to France. Among other possessions we have at different times given up or allowed to slip are the islands of Euboea, Sardinia, and Sicily. With these and Gibraltar, Minorca, Malta, Cyprus, Corsica, and the Ionian islands, we have made a list of possessions that would have made a European war practically a British lake, and a European war would obviously have been infinitely less possible than it is now. How we came to give such possessions away one cannot understand. The only satisfaction to be derived is the thought that the acquisition that Great Britain grabs all she can reach is, unhappily, glaringly disproved by English history.—London Times.

**FOUR DAYS AND A HALF ACROSS OCEAN.**  
**British Press Reports Scheme for Fast Transatlantic Service.**

London, Aug. 24.—The Daily Express prints a statement based on the government's parliamentary powers to build docks at Berehaven, Ireland, to the effect that a scheme is seriously afoot to inaugurate a 4½-day transatlantic service. According to the paper the scheme provides for a pier alongside of which there will be forty feet of water at low tide, the construction of a fleet of steamships capable of making 25 knots an hour, and the building of railways between Berehaven and Barry.

**Captain's Certificate Suspended.**  
London, Aug. 23.—The board of trade has suspended, for six months, the certificate of Captain Dennis Williams for the loss of the British steamer Delmar, which went ashore July 8, at Renous, N. F.

**CHATHAM PULP MILL AFFAIRS.**  
**Investigation Asked; Alleged Property Was Transferred in Trust for Bondholders' Benefit.**

Toronto, Aug. 25.—(Special)—A petition was filed at Osogood Hall yesterday, on behalf of Charles Ramsborough, in the affairs of the Maritime Fibre Company. It is alleged in the petition that the company, without consent of its creditors or without satisfying their claims, conveyed to the Royal Trust Company, of Montreal, and Hugh Robinson, Montreal, certain real and personal property representing the whole or main part of its assets in trust for the benefit of bondholders, said fund amounting to \$500,000.

**MAINE CENTRAL FREIGHT DOWN EMBANKMENT.**  
**Air Hose Bursting Caused Accident—Cattle for the Fair in the Wreck.**

Newport, Me., Aug. 23.—The bursting of an air hose on a freight train on the Maine Central Railroad this morning caused the sudden appliance of the air brakes and seven cars left the track, rolled down an embankment of about 30 feet and were demolished. The train was between East Newport and Etta, about one-half mile east of East Newport, and six of the derailed cars were loaded with live stock for the Eastern Maine State fair at Bangor. Fortunately none of the train was injured and all the live stock escaped injury, except light bruises. The track was obstructed for several hours after the accident, and much delay was caused to passenger traffic. The train was in charge of Conductor R. S. Rich and Engineer Fred Crockett.

**POWERFUL NEW PROJECTILE.**  
**One That Will Destroy Armed Vessel if Exploded 100 Feet Away.**

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**BODIES OF FIVE VICTIMS OF THE ISLANDER LOSS.**

**Steamer Arrives at Vancouver; Nineteen Bodies Have Been Recovered.**

**REMAINS OF CAPTAIN**

**Among Those Recovered—Report of Ghoulish Acts Committed by Indians—Robbing the Dead in Progress—Officers Sent to the Scene.**

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—The steamer Hating arrived today bringing the remains of five victims of the Islander disaster. In all 19 bodies have been recovered and it is authentically stated that the total number of lives lost was 40. The bodies brought here today were those of Mrs. Ross, wife of Governor Ross, of the Yukon Territory, and her infant child; Mrs. Ross of San Francisco; Dr. Joseph A. Dunnan, of Victoria; and Captain H. R. Foote, master of the Islander.

Advices from Skagway of the latest date, state that after some of the bodies were recovered, ghoulish acts were committed by Indians. At that time the coast was not in control of patrolmen and the bodies cast ashore were temporarily unprotected. As soon as it was discovered in Juneau that the work of robbing the dead was in progress, the United States marshal dispatched a number of deputies to the scene and at the date of the sailing of the Hating it was understood that several of the Indians had been apprehended. Of the bodies recovered, nine were buried in Juneau. It is understood that the majority of those interred were members of the crew. It is thought that some bodies yet remain within the wreck. As yet the task of raising the vessel has not been considered.

**POTATO CROP IS GOOD IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY.**

**Owing to Scarcity Elsewhere Prices Range Pretty High.**

Presque Isle, Me., Aug. 23.—Reports from all over the potato raising district of Aroostook county are to the effect that the early crop is turning out well, the yield in most localities running from 20 to 70 barrels to the acre and in some places as high as 90 barrels. Owing to the scarcity in other parts of the country, Aroostook potatoes are now in great demand. The price is now \$2 a barrel, which is higher than in any other part of the state. A good deal more money than they had expected, notwithstanding the various drawbacks—rust, insects, etc., will be as large as that of 1900, for, although the yield per acre is less than last year's, the acreage planted is enough larger to make up the difference. In the shipping season of 1900, which lasted ten months and 15 days, there were shipped from this county over the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad 6,087 carloads of potatoes or an average of 22 carloads for every week day. This year's shipments will be fully as large.

**POSTAL BUSINESS; CANADA AND ENGLAND.**

**Big Volume of Matter Has Passed from one Country to Other.**

Toronto, Aug. 23.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "A rough estimate of the weight of letters and post cards despatched from this country to Canada during 1900 reaches 83,500 pounds, while the weight of books and newspapers was 1,068,000 pounds. From Canada 79,000 pounds of letters and 375,000 pounds of circulars, books and newspapers reached this country. The number of parcels despatched during the year ending March, 1901, was 95,387."

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**Canning Factory Burned.**

Portland, Me., Aug. 23.—The residence and canning factory owned by Aaron Merrill at Pine Point, were destroyed by fire during the night, causing a loss of \$4,000 and for a time much surrounding property was threatened. A volunteer bucket brigade, however, succeeded in extinguishing small fires in nearby buildings, caused by flying sparks. The cause of the fire is not known.

**FEARED THAT LOBSTERS MAY BECOME EXTINCT.**

**Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission Will Urge Strict Legislation.**

Boston, Aug. 23.—Much anxiety is expressed by persons interested in the lobster industry of the state and by members of the fish and game commission at the alarming decrease in the number of "count" lobsters taken. In a recent report to the commissioners, Deputy Bureau of Lynn, said: "In my trips along the coast I find a large number of fishermen have taken up their traps owing to the great scarcity of lobsters. Those whom I talked with tell me it does not pay to bait and haul 50 traps and find only eight or ten small lobsters."

In regard to this report Captain Collins, chairman of the commission and one of the greatest authorities on lobsters and fish, says: "There is no doubt that some radical measures will have to be adopted to prevent the extinction of the lobster. This will probably take the form of a recommendation by the commission for legislation that will either provide for a close season or for a law that will come nearer to enforcing itself than does the present one. This state is not the only one where the lobster has fallen and has fallen in Newfoundland the commissioner on fisheries has recently called attention to the fact that the lobster industry has decreased more than 20 per cent in the past year and recommended legislation to protect it." The agents of the commission have been very active in enforcing the short lobster law. Many convictions have been secured, resulting in fines ranging from \$10 to \$275, the latter amount having been assessed upon K. Lynn, in whose possession over 20 short lobsters were found. The length of the coast line of the state, however, makes the work difficult.

**LEFT HIS FAMILY TO NURSE A LEPER.**

**St. Louis Physician, Not Afraid of Infection, Will Study the Disease.**

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 23.—Dr. Louis Knapp has left his wife and four children to become the nurse of Dong Goo, a St. Louis Chinaman, who was recently discovered in a rooming house near quarantine indefinitely, as it is estimated that the Chinaman may live ten or fifteen years. Dr. Knapp does not believe that he will become infected with the disease, and has undertaken the nursing of the Chinaman for the purpose of studying the disease carefully in all its phases. He believes that if he does not discover a cure for the disease he will at least add materially to the data already compiled.

**CROUPY COUGHS OF CHILDREN.**

The tendency to croup is a foe that all parents have to fight. Croup comes in the shape of a cold, but it is not a cold. If it is to be helped at all, Adamson's Balm is a blessing to all families. Indeed, no other way is safe with young children in the house. You cannot tell what night your child may wake up choking to death with croup. In such a case, if you do not have Adamson's Balm at hand, you may have to call a doctor and wait an hour, or perhaps two hours, while the child is gasping for breath. How much simpler where the true specific for croupy coughs and all throat troubles is right at hand. Indeed, no other way is safe with young children in the house. Adamson's Cough Balm is a most delicate and effective remedy, relieving the little throats at once. Its action is soothing and certain. It clears out the phlegm, which produces the croupy sound, and it is a safeguard which no mother who knows about it will dispense with. All coughs and inflammations of the throat or bronchial tubes are cured by the Balm with promptness that surprise. All druggists sell it, 25 cents. The genuine has W. Kinnaman & Co.'s name in the bottle.

**Killed While Bathing.**

Boston, Aug. 23.—Jeremiah J. Mullins, 40 years of age, while bathing at Common's well this afternoon, struck his head on a ledge. His skull was fractured and he died later.

**Boston Woman Killed.**

Boston, Aug. 23.—Margaret McGrath, 23 years old, of Heath street, died this evening as the result of injuries received while alighting from an electric car on Columbus avenue.

**The Philadelphia Reconstructed.**

London, Aug. 23.—The American liner steamer Philadelphia (formerly the Paris), arrived at Southampton last night, from Belfast, where she was re-constructed after going ashore on the Cornwall coast in the spring of 1899.

**Killed by Grand Trunk Train.**

Lewiston, Me., Aug. 23.—An unknown man was struck by a train on the Grand Trunk Railroad near Danville Junction about 9 o'clock this evening, and instantly killed.

**Bank of Bombay Raises Discount.**

Bombay, Aug. 23.—The Bank of Bombay's rate of discount has been raised from 3 to 4 per cent.

Kumfort Headache Powders are made many people wouldn't use them. Four in to cure headache and they do it, or so a packet 10c. One usually does the work. An oak tree of average size, with 700,000 leaves, falls from the earth about 123 tons of water during the five months it is in leaf. To cure a headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders.

**ALLEGATIONS OF MAIL CLERKS DENIED BY C. P. R.**

**Company Tells Department of Labor That Their Line is All Right.**

**CASE FOR CHURCH COURT.**

**Ministers Under Suspension Pending Investigation—Smallpox Among French-Canadians Who Did Not Know It—New Brunswick Appointments.**

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—(Special)—On receipt of a petition from the mail clerks running on the main line of the C. P. R. between here and Winnipeg that the roadbed was, through the continuance of the strike, no longer in proper condition, the department of labor recently communicated with the company to ascertain the facts and incidentally to do what it could to promote an arrangement of the existing troubles. A reply has now been received in which the company denies the allegations of mail clerks and says that their line is all right.

Rev. Foster MacAmmond and Rev. D. Cook Sanderson, the two Methodist ministers whose movements in Syracuse have attracted such wide attention are now under suspension pending investigation into their conduct, by the district meeting. They will be tried separately by a court of six members drawn from the Brockville, Matilda and Perth districts. If the trial results in an acquittal they will be restored to their pulpits. If the judgment is against them they will remain under suspension till the next meeting of the district conference.

The Evening Journal published a story of the existence of thirty-five cases of smallpox in a place called St. Pierre de Wakodid in the county of Wright. The victims are all French Canadians and did not know what the disorder was from which they were suffering.

**ROOSTER WON HIM A BRIDE.**

**Battle of Bantams Settled When Kentucky Girl Should Wed.**

Nellie Thornbury, of Hodgenville, Ky., had two suitors—Thomas Long and Chad Gray. She couldn't make up her mind which one she wanted. The country clerk's office near by, where a license to marry was asked for, declared that she would marry the backer of the winning chicken.

**NOVA SCOTIA BARQUE HIT.**

The R. Morrow of Maitland Damaged in Collision With Steamer Alleghany.

Queenstown, Aug. 23.—The British steamer Alleghany, of the Virginia line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Steamship Company, towed into this port today the British barque R. Morrow, of Maitland, N. S., with her port quarter damaged as a result of a collision with the Alleghany during a fog when 130 miles west of here. The Alleghany was apparently not injured, as she proceeded on her voyage to Newport News, for which port she sailed last Thursday from London. The Morrow was bound to Barrow, from Harsboro, N. S., which port she left July 22.

**NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE; LAUGHED AS HE FACED THE MOB.**

**He Killed Because He Had Nothing Else to Do—Infuriated Citizens Would Listen To No Talk of Trial.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 23.—Henry Niles, a negro, was today burned by a mob of citizens for criminally assaulting and shooting to death Mrs. Charles Williams, wife of a prominent farmer, near Winchester, Tenn., last Friday. Admitting his crime and asking his friends to "meet him in glory," he met his fate without a groan. He was captured early this morning at Water Tank, near Gowan, Tenn., and was taken to Winchester by his captors and placed in the county jail. Sheriff Stewart barricaded the jail. A mob gathered and Assistant Attorney General Nat. M. Whittaker made a speech, promising to reconvene the grand jury tomorrow to indict the negro promptly and have him tried at the present term of court. This appeal was supplemented by others.

Several hundred citizens from the neighborhood where the crime was committed had by this time augmented the crowd. They swept forward upon the jail, overpowered the sheriff and his deputies, took the prisoner and started at 10:15 a. m. for the scene of the crime, 12 miles distant. The mob was determined and it seemed that almost the entire population for miles around had turned out to see the lynching. The grim procession of thousands marched to the Williams home. Arriving at a point in sight of the scene of the crime, the negro was given a chance to make a statement.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST ARRESTED IN TORONTO.**

**Charged with Manslaughter in Connection with His Son's Death.**

Toronto, Aug. 23.—(Special)—Andrew Lewis, Christian Scientist, was arrested today charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of his 14-year-old son Roy, who died of diphtheria. The parents refused to call a physician during the boy's illness but had him treated "spiritually" by Richard Perry, Christian Science demonstrator. After the boy's death a qualified physician was sent for and asked to grant a burial certificate which he did, but reported the matter to the health authorities, resulting in the arrest of Lewis. A warrant is also out for Perry.

**ROYAL PARTY DUE AT HALIFAX SEPTEMBER 15.**

Left Cape Town Friday for St. Vincent Direct.

**SUPPOSED DEAD, BACK FOR DIVORCE.**

Woman Returns to Former Home for Legal Separation from Husband.

Mansfield, Mass., Aug. 23.—A sequel to the disappearance of Mrs. Luella Rathburn, two years ago, is her petition for a divorce from Herbert A. Rathburn. Mrs. Rathburn, who was Miss Luella Chapman, and Mr. Rathburn were married in 1879. In 1889 Mrs. Rathburn disappeared and a man who was working here also departed. It was believed that she had died. She alleges that her husband was extremely cruel and abusive.

**Now It Is Blondin, Sure.**

Three weeks ago Blondin worked three days for Andrew Blue at Leggett's Point, a part of Little Metis, 32 miles west of Matane, and from there he came toward here.

**In Dry Dock at Halifax.**

Halifax, Aug. 23.—Steamer Usher, Capt. Cann, 37 days from East London, Cape of Good Hope, arrived here this afternoon and went into dry dock to have bottom cleaned and painted. After this is finished she will proceed to St. John to load hay for Cape Town.

**Friend—Do you take any interest in Christian Science?**

Politician—Now! There's quite a few of them people, but they don't vote solid.—Pack.