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THE WONDERS OF THE WIRELESS 'PHONE

Conversing a Distance of 310 Miles, and Can Cover 600 or 700 Miles.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The naval lieutenants, Colin, Jeance and Mercier, the inventors of a wireless telephone apparatus which recent tests have shown to be superior to anything existing, have achieved remarkable success with their new instrument, communication with the wireless station Raz De Seine Department of Finistere, a distance of about 310 miles. The transmitted words were somewhat faint, but could be plainly distinguished, and the officers are confident that they can make great improvements in the apparatus, which has been the result of only four months' experimentation, enabling the exchange of conversation up to 600 or 700 miles.

Lieut. Colin is now superintending the installation of an improved and more powerful plant in an endeavor to make possible the transmission of despatches between Paris and New York.

FIVE DEATHS BY DROWNING

Two Young Men and Three Young Women Were the Victims.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The overturning of a small rowboat off Ellis Island to-day caused the death by drowning of John Boydano, 28 years old, of Fall River, Mass., and John Starboro, of the same age, of this city.

Grand Isle, Vt., Aug. 16.—While bathing this afternoon, three young women who were staying at a cottage near Adams Landing were drowned in Lake Champlain. They were:

Miss Lucy Perry, aged 19, Plattsburg.

Miss Sarah Disasway, aged 27, Plattsburg.

Miss Elizabeth Disasway, Brooklyn, N. Y., age not given, a cousin of Sarah Disasway.

According to the report of the accident which has reached here, the three young women were bathing together, when one of them stepped into a deep hole and sank. The other two went to her assistance and they also stepped into deep water and went down, neither of them being able to swim. There was no other bather nearby and no one on shore was able to go to their assistance. The bodies were recovered after they had been forty minutes in the water. They were sent to Plattsburg to-night.

HAINS BROTHERS ARRAIGNED TODAY

New York, Aug. 17.—Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. S. A., who shot and killed William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club Saturday, was arraigned to-day in the first district court in Long Island City before Magistrate Matthew J. Smith. Arraigned with the captain was his brother, who kept back the crowd with his revolver while his brother slew the man whom he asserted had ruined his home.

The two men were yesterday taken from the Flushing police station where they had been confined during the night to Long Island City, where the magistrate read the charge against them. As counsel for the men had not arrived, the hearing was postponed until today, in the meantime the Haine brothers are being kept in the Queens county jail. T. Jenkins Hains, who was first held on a charge of attempted felonious assault, was later charged with being an accessory to the killing of Annis. Before the arraignment to-day, Harvey Rockwell, who had been a close friend of William Annis, the slain man, turned over to the district attorney of Queens county a package of letters received recently by Annis, in which he was warned that his life was in danger. The Hains brothers when brought into court to-day seemed little disturbed by the proceedings. General Peter C. Hains, father of the young men, was in court to-day looking after the interest of his sons. Yesterday young Mrs. Hains, who, it is said, had been on terms of close friendship with Mrs. Annis, wife of the slain man, and went to Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook in an effort to get possession of her three children, who have been living with General and Mrs. Hains.

The body of Wm. Annis was removed yesterday by a Flushing undertaker to his former home in Claremont avenue, Manhattan.

DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING

St. Catherines, Ont., Aug. 17 (Special).—Two of probably the fiercest electric storms this district has ever seen visited this section during the night. Some barns throughout district were struck and burned, and several farmers had haystacks burned. Lightning struck the transformer house of the Falls Power Co. and did considerable damage.

USURPING SULTAN MEETS WITH DEFEAT

Three Hundred Killed and Five Hundred Wounded and Great Wealth of Booty Taken by Loyal Troops.

Tangier, Aug. 17.—A wireless despatch received from Abdel Azziz, the Sultan of Record, announcing the victory of his troops over the troops under Mulai Hafid, the usurping sultan, in an engagement which was fought recently during the march toward Morocco city, says that the defeat of the enemy was complete. The losses of the adherents of Mulai Hafid are estimated at 300 killed and 500 wounded. An immense amount of booty, including a large number of camels, was captured. The booty was so great that the victors were obliged to sell at quarter the market price in order to get rid of it.

Abdel Azziz at the head of a column defeated the Rehmana tribe, who were supporting Mulai Hafid, killing fifty of the tribesmen and taking 200 prisoners.

ST. JOHN SOLDIER DRANK TOO MUCH

Made Trouble on the Train--Almost a Fight Over Football---Boys Arrested.

Moncton, Aug. 17 (Special).—The Moncton Soccer team, which is now well ahead in the Maritime Soccer League, defeated River Herbert at Strathcona, Saturday by a score of two to one. The game was fast and at times furious, spectators flocking on the field on one occasion when the Moncton team was awarded a penalty kick for an alleged foul which gave Moncton the winning point. The situation looked threatening for a few minutes, but order was restored without damage being done.

Two street singers who were in Moncton, Saturday, named Agelo and James Cacchione, were arrested at Shediac yesterday on complaint of a brother that they had run away from home. The lads were aged ten and sixteen years.

A St. John soldier, a member of the contingent which was going to Petewawa gave some trouble on the maritime express Saturday night. He had evidently been drinking, and when asked by the conductor to leave the platform of the car and go inside he refused and resisted. An officer was finally summoned and settled the matter.

DROWNED IN THE MIRAMICHI

Newcastle, Aug. 17 (Special).—Herman Seba, a German or Swede, aged 21, single, in the employ of Ritchie's Mill, was drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming. He ventured out too far and became exhausted. His companion, David Evans, was with difficulty rescued by other swimmers. Seba's body was not recovered. Seba came here three months ago on a foreign ship. Getting discharged for illness at Nelson. He is thought to belong to Riga, Russia.

PLAY RESULTED IN HIS DEATH

Halifax, N.S., Aug. 17.—(Special)—Robert Hines, four-year-old son of Capt. Lovitt Hines, died this morning as a result of injuries received Saturday. The little fellow was playing with matches and set fire to his clothes. His father rushed to his aid and burned his hands badly extinguishing the flames. It was thought at first that the boy was not seriously burned.

OCEAN PASSENGERS

Since the White Star Line established a service from Southampton to New York the records for the year ending May 31 show that 42,000 passengers have sailed from Southampton on the White Star and American liners, or an increase of 11,043 passengers over the preceding year. The number of persons sailing in the cabins was nearly doubled.

NEW TURKISH MINISTER

Constantinople, Aug. 17.—Osman Nizami Pasha has been appointed minister of war to succeed Redjeb Pasha, who died suddenly yesterday of apoplexy.

Dominion L.O.L. No. 41 will hold their 40th anniversary in their hall Symonds street tomorrow evening.

ARMED PEACE PREVAILS BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Five Thousand Five Hundred Troops Patrol the Streets---Attempts to Set Fire to the Town Were Frustrated---Negroes Fleeing in Hundreds From the Place--The City Steeped in Sorrow at the Disgrace.

Springfield, Ills., Aug. 17.—With nearly the entire force of the Illinois National Guard in control today, Springfield again is ruled by law and order. Fifty-five hundred armed soldiers patrol the streets and the fever for blood has abated, temporarily at least, among the wild element which ruled the state capital for 48 hours. There has been comparatively little disturbance since the second infantry from Chicago swept through the streets yesterday. The news of the coming also of the Seventh Infantry and the First Cavalry, both of Chicago, had been heralded all over the city and this went far toward bringing about peace. The most overact of the night was an attempt to cut the fire alarm and telegraph wires at 7th and Washington streets in the heart of the business district. With the wires down the city would have been practically at the mercy of the incendiaries who found fighting the buildings in which the negroes lived or maintained small business the easiest way of helping the rioting along.

The man who would have cut off the fire protection of the city was discovered on the roof of a building in the act of reaching for the wires. The rifles of a half dozen men from the troops who were on patrol in the square, were aimed at him as he climbed towards the wires. This affair is added to the attempt to fire the negro section of the northwest side of Springfield which was prevented by prompt action of the fire department co-operating with a battalion of the First Infantry.

A platoon of infantry was dispatched hurriedly to Harvard Park, a new suburb just outside the city limits to the south east shortly before midnight. Several shots had been fired, but so far as it has been learned, nobody was injured. The troops returned to headquarters at the county jail. The suburb is adjacent to the main shaft of Central Coal Mine, where many negroes are employed. Throughout the night headquarters of the two brigades had frequent calls from frightened citizens who requested protection from suspicious characters.

With the death yesterday of William Donegan, the aged colored man who was lynched Saturday night, and Frank Dilmore, a white man, who was shot while watching the rioting, the list of the known dead was increased to five. Eight more are not expected to recover, and the unknown list is still figured at fifteen. Springfield is steeped in the deepest sorrow, but has determined to take the most vigorous steps to assert justice. One hundred are prisoners in jail for rioting and stand to be charged with murder by the special grand jury which the states attorney is to request tomorrow.

A careful estimate places the number of negroes who have left Springfield since the beginning of the race war at 2,000. Of this number nearly three-fourths have gone out of the county on railroads and interurban lines. The rest have gone by wagon and on foot, and are located in the rural districts.

The great mass of the scurrying blacks are still within the state. Some have gone to Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana and a few to the south. Some are known to have gone as far past the Mason and Dixon line as Louisiana. The lack of money, the presence of friends, and relatives with whom to visit, and property interests here are largely responsible for the failure of some to depart.

Bloomington, Ills., Aug. 17.—Mrs. Earl Hallam, victim of the attack in Springfield, which started the race war, is in doubt about the identity of her assailant. In an interview, she declared that she was uncertain whether Richardson, who is now a prisoner in Bloomington, is the guilty man.

She says, however, that she is almost certain that he is the man, but in the darkness which prevailed she could not discern the negro's features sufficiently to positively identify him. She will say nothing more than that he looks like the man.

Mrs. Hallam's greatest concern is over the race from which resulted her misfortune. Although herself probably the most pitiful sufferer of the affair, she shows genuine regret over the general bloodshed and destruction, and says that she would rather die herself than to have been its innocent cause.

Springfield, Ills., Aug. 17.—The claim of George Richardson, the alleged attacker of Mrs. Hallam, and one of the negroes spirited out of Springfield before the rioting reached an acute stage, that he could prove an alibi in the accusation against him, is generally credited here.

It is said by reliable persons, who have investigated the matter, that not only Richardson's wife but a number of his neighbors, white, as well as black, are prepared to swear that he was at home until late in the evening of the night of the alleged outrage.

TODAY'S NEWS OF FREDERICTON

Harry Beckwith Gets a Position--Caught in a Squall--Off to the Woods.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 17 (Special).—Ex-Mayor Harry Beckwith, who has been residing in the United States for several years, has returned to Fredericton and has received a temporary appointment in the board of works office.

A party of ladies and gentlemen from this city got a bad scare Saturday while on their way to Sheffield in a gasoline launch owned by the St. John River Log Driving Company. They were caught in the heavy squall, which came very near sending the craft to the bottom. As it was, she shipped a large quantity of water before Commodore Bliss could get her to the shore.

G. C. Rainboth and J. B. Baylor, of Ottawa, representing the Canadian and United States governments, are in the city to-day. They have been travelling over the international boundary between New Brunswick and Maine, rearranging the boundary posts.

Solicitor General McLeod and J. W. Fairley are leaving this afternoon on a fishing trip to the Miramichi woods.

One salmon and ten grilse were caught by local anglers in the Hartt's Island salmon pool during the season just closed.

James Wilson, an employe of the Victoria Mill, was before the police court this morning charged with illtreating his wife and threatening to shoot her. After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Wilson, Col. Marsh concluded that she was in a measure responsible for the trouble and dismissed the case.

Miss Sadie B. Harris underwent a successful operation at the hospital on Saturday for appendicitis.

MAN DROWNED

Halifax, Aug. 16.—John Ling, underground foreman in the Allan shaft at Lourdes, was drowned at Little Harbor, Pictou county, while swimming this afternoon.

He was 45 years old and leaves a widow and six children. Harry Roberts, who was with Ling, had a narrow escape and was rescued by his wife in an unconscious condition.

THE DEATH ROLL

Saratoga, Aug. 17.—Dr. W. M. Hebirshaw, of New York city, a well known chemist and manufacturer of insulated wire, died today at his summer cottage here of apoplexy. He was at one time chemist for the Peruvian government and for the New York State Agricultural Society.

THE PEEPER IN ROCKWOOD PARK

Was one of a Group Spying Upon the Movements of Visitors.

An exciting incident occurred in Rockwood Park last night. A lane off the roadway leads to the open clearing. A young man, accompanied by a lady, strolled along the lane and sat down on a bench. It was in the neighborhood of 9 p.m. The couple were on the bench for probably fifteen minutes when a rustle was heard among the trees. The young man looked over his shoulder, and he perceived no less, he declares, than nine faces peeping out. He dashed into the thicket, and succeeded in securing a vice like grip on the arm of a portly individual, who did not anticipate such prompt action.

The peeper was unceremoniously dragged into the clearing, but refused to divulge his name. After making several ineffectual attempts to free himself, he struck the young man in the face. In a moment a lively struggle was in progress. Eventually the younger man triumphed. In the meantime the young lady had hurried for the park police, but met another man, who hastened back with her. When they arrived the affair had terminted.

The offender proved to be an employe of the city, who, it is alleged by various parties, makes it a practice to dog the footsteps of couples in Rockwood Park. He is a married man and is over fifty years old. In consideration of the disgrace his arrest would cause his family the young man refrained from giving him into custody.

CANOE UPSET TWO DROWNED

Thessalon, Ont., Aug. 17 (Special).—John Willan and Chas. Pinder, of Day Mills, went across Lake Waqukobing in a canoe on Friday, taking Mrs. Willan with them. Mrs. Willan was left at McCormick's Bay to pick berries while they went to investigate some logs, saying they would be back within an hour. They did not return and upon investigation the canoe was found upside down on the north side of the lake. There is no doubt that both men have been drowned.

J. A. Jamieson arrived in the city on today's Atlantic Express.

Clifford W. Robinson, M.P.P., of Moncton, is in the city.

ENTRIES FOR THE SPORTS

A Good Field at Chatham on Aug 20th--Every Day Club Represented.

Chatham, N. B., Aug. 17—(Special).—The following outside entries for the Y. M. C. A. sports on Thursday, August 20th, have been received by Secretary J. D. K. MacNaughton.

100 yards—Harry Patterson and W. A. Hyslop, St. Stephen; John Brewster, Moncton; A. W. Covey, St. John.

220 yards—Patterson, Joe Wood, Moncton; Brewster, Covey, Stothart.

440 yards—Pearcy Giggey, St. John; Clifford Simmons, Moncton; Patterson, Hyslop, Covey, Stothart, Lea, Moncton.

Half mile—Giggey, Simmons, Hyslop, Sterling, St. John; Beveridge, Fawcett.

One mile—Giggey, Simmons, Sterling, Beveridge, Sill, Fawcett.

Relay race—Giggey, Simmons, Fawcett, Lea, of Moncton and Every Day Club of St. John.

Running high jump—McMahen, Beveridge, Lea.

Running broad jump — McMahon, Wood.

Pole vault—McMahon, Lea.

Shot Put—McMahon, Lea.

Hop, step and jump—Wood.

Beside these about fifteen local entries will be made.

PROBATE COURT

Estate of Mary A. Brickley, widow of James Brickley, boatman. Last will proved, whereby testatrix gives Ellen J. Sullivan, wife of James G. Sullivan, $100; to her son, John Brickley, of Boston, Mass., stableman, $100. She directs that a tombstone to the value of $20 be erected over her father's garve. The rest of her property she gives to Clara Augusta, wife of James Brickley, now of the Parish of Oromocto, farmer. Letters testamentary issued to James G. Sullivan, the executor named. No real estate, personal estate $1,505. J. Joseph Porter, proctor.

COURTENAY BAY BORINGS

The Courtenay Bay boring operations were delayed somewhat last week on account of the fog but today the apparatus went outside after working in around the bay, for some days and it is hoped that good progress can be made.

H. M. Davy, of Ottawa, who is in charge of the work said they were doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances and if the weather is favorable from now on, he thought they should be able to make good headway.

TWELVE PERSONS BEFORE THE COURT

Caustic Comment by the Police Magistrate at This Morning's Session--"Worse Than Animals," He Said.

"Talk about your moving pictures," remarked Judge Ritchie this morning in looking over the prisoners on the bench, "we have them here married and single."

"A half dozen of no goods, who are worse than animals," continued the magistrate.

Addressing Joseph Barlow, he said: "Did rum ever do anything for you?"

The prisoner replied in the negative.

"According to the police sheet I can give you eighteen months and you blame rum only."

Addressing another prisoner, he said: "Golding, you can be found drunk around Courtney Bay shore at the foot of Clarence street any time."

When the prisoners had been disposed of, His Honor ordered the officer to escort them into jail, remarking, "take them below. I'm tired of looking at them."

Joseph Barlow, arrested on Saturday night, faced multifarious charges this morning and pleaded guilty to all. He was charged with obstructing the sidewalk on Marsh road, common vagrancy, loitering on the street, violently resisting the police, using threatening language to his step-father, Abraham Beamish, and attempting to cut him with a jack-knife in Beamish's butcher shop on Haymarket square. Barlow is an interdict, and in reply to a query from the magistrate he said he secured the liquor from two men who were geneous with their supply. He was remanded.

William Golding, Cornelius Sheehan, Edward Mullin and William Taylor were fined $8 each or two months in jail for drunkenness, and they selected the latter alternative. Taylor was also charged with using profane language. Both he and Golding were arrested on Clarence street. In imposing sentence, His Honor said:

"Now you'll have to work for the city for a while."

Charles McCarthy was remanded for intoxication. He was released from jail but recently.

Walter Stone and Charles Tatten forfeited $8 deposits for drunkenness. The judge stated that he decidedly disapproved of accepting deposits for Saturday night and Sunday drunks. Concluding his Honor said "let them face me until we find out where they procured the rum."

William McNeill, arrested for theft of liquor from the Red Ball bar-room, was again remanded, as was also Harry Akerly, the boy who admitted stealing the lard box from a street car.

John Lenihan, remanded on Saturday for stone throwing in the West End, promised to behave and was liberated.

Beverley Millidge was fined $6 for allowing his cows to run at large on Fort Howe, but the fine was allowed to stand.

Through the intercession of her husband, Ellen Murphy, arrested at his instance for assaulting him and their daughter on Friday night, will probably be liberated. The Murphy family arrived here last October from Maine. The husband claims that this is Mrs. Murphy's debut in police circles, and that she had not been on a debauch for some years until last week, when she attempted to jump into the falls from the Suspension bridge. Harrigan's alley is their present abode, and since their advent into those quarters they have enlivened the neighborhood.

THE ENGINEERS WILL PROTEST

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 17 (Special).—It is reported that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers will apply to the Dominion government for the appointment of an arbitration board between it and the C. P. R., on the ground that an engineer on the Lake Superior branch was wrongfully discharged on account of his activity as a trade unionist. The strikers at West Toronto regard this as the first step towards a sympathetic strike.

D. R. Jack came in on the Montreal train at noon.

THE PROGRESS OF REFORM IN TURKEY

The Programme is a Liberal One-Death of War Minister A Great Loss-Trouble on the Frontier.

Constantinople, Aug. 17.—The new cabinet suffered a great loss yesterday by the sudden death of the war minister, Redjeb Pasha, said to have been from apoplexy. Several officials raised suspicions as to the manner of his death and a post mortem examination will be held.

The governmental programme, which occupies more than two columns of the newspapers has been published. Its salient features include a declaration that all laws and regulations not compatible with the new regime will be amended; that the army, the navy and all government departments will be reorganized and that non-Musselmans will be eligible for military service. The programme promises that commercial treaties will be renewed and the best relations cultivated with all the powers.

The government also announces its intentions to endeavor with the powers to abolish capitulation and proposes to show that privileges no longer exist.

The situation of the Turko-Prussian frontier again is alarming, owing to the forward movement of the Imperial troops, provoked by chaotic conditions prevailing in the Persian districts.

The court has requested through Ambassador Leishman the approval of the U. S. government to the appointment of Hussis Kiazin Bey, the present Turkish minister at Bucharest, as ambassador at Washington.

SAVED HER FROM THE QUICKSANDS

A 350 Pound Woman Insisted on Having a Real Good Time.

Had it not been for the united efforts of a half dozen men, encouraged by the words of their rector, who directed their labors, Mrs. John Smith, of Freeport, L. I., would now probably be ten feet under the quicksand at High Hill Beach.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held a picnic Thursday and Mrs. Smith, who weighs 350 pounds, went along. All went bathing in the ocean. When Mrs. Smith screamed it was seen that she was sinking in quicksand. Several men attempted to pull her out, but she continued to go down deeper. Finally a board was worked down under her, and on this she managed to crawl out.

Nothing daunted, Mrs. Smith went into the water again, and soon was found slowly sinking in the same spot where she was first caught in the sands.

A rope was put around her, and while men dug frantically with shovels, others hauled on the rope, and finally drew her out. The strain completely exhausted her and it was a long time before she could be taken home.

CARDINAL GIBBONS IN SWITZERLAND

Rome, Aug. 17.—Cardinal Gibbons left here yesterday for Switzerland. Just before leaving he was informed that the Pope had granted his request and had appointed several Washington ecclesiastics as domestic prelates to the Pontiff.

This being the fortieth anniversary of the consecration of Cardinal Gibbons as bishop, Cardinal Del Val, Papal Secretary of State, sent him from Castle Gandolfo, a telegram warmly congratulating him on "The memorable Day."

AIRSHIP BREAKS RECORD

Washington, Aug. 16.—The Baldwin airship landed in Fort Myer last night after making a flight which broke all records for aerial navigation in this country. For two hours and five minutes the big military dirigible built for the United States army flew back and forth over a course nearly five miles in length in the official endurance trial.

MANUFACTURER'S OPPOSE CANDIDATURE OF BRYAN

They Declare the Denver Platform Assails the Interests of Every Man who is Engaged in any Sort of Trade--The Labor Question Considered.

St. Louis, Aug. 17.—James W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, today issued an answer to a recent reply by William J. Bryan to an article by Mr. Van Cleave a few weeks ago, which pointed out certain especial reasons why, according to Mr. Van Cleave, business men should vote against Bryan. Speaking today, also, he said for business men, Mr. Cleave says that the injunction, tariff and banking planks of the Denver platform assail the interests of every man in the country who is engaged in any sort of trade.

"The falsity of the insinuation in the Denver platform and labor unions are outlawed," Mr. Van Cleave says, "is shown by the fact that their members continue in their regular employments on every working-day in the year in every town in the United States."

He tells Mr. Bryan that the National Association of Manufacturers, like the courts, has always recognized the rights of the unions to get any terms from employers, which, in amicable agreement, could be gained, but that the association always opposed the intimidation or violence which, he says, have sometimes been practiced by some of the unions.

"Does he personally favor the legislation of the boycott?" Mr. Van Cleave asks, and he adds that the country "is interested in getting a plain direct answer from Mr. Bryan on this point, and in getting it just as quickly as he can give it."

Speaking of the guarantee fund which the Denver platfor urges for the payment of depositors of insolvent national or state banks, Mr. Van Cleave asks:

"Does not Mr. Bryan know that this vicious provision would penalize the honest and careful banker for the benefit of the banker who is disobedient and reckless? Can he not see that this scheme would remove all the safeguards which our present laws have raised up against such plungers and grafters as have worked their way into the control of many of our banks?

"Is not Mr. Bryan aware that his wild-cat banking scheme of 1908 would bring chaos and ruin to the country even quicker and in larger measure than his silver debasement of the currency of 1896 and 1900 would have brought it?"

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A SAD EXPERIENCE.

Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesey Jones, is somewhat disposed to gloomy spells of late, and sees visions of hard times. He buttoned up his pocket some time since, and had some thought of having it sewed up entirely. This morning he came down town, the prey of melancholy reflections, and in a mood to grieve with his friends over the sad prospect.

"Dear me!" he said to the first one he met. "What a hard winter there is ahead of us."

"Winter?" queried the other. "Who said winter? Say—were you at Westfield Saturday? Wasn't it great sport—and a corking crowd? I tell you, we're comin' all the time."

Jamesey passed sadly on. He had no stomach for these frivolities. But the next friend intercepted any reflections he might have been disposed to indulge by shouting as they met:—

"Say—how did you bet on the game? Wasn't that a surprise? And the crowd—like old times."

Jamesey passed on.

He met many persons. One was enthusiastic over the water sports at Brown's Flats, another over the yacht race, another over the rifle shooting, another over the band concert, another over Seaside Park, another over Rockwood, and everybody was in high spirits and filled with enthusiasm.

"The best summer we've seen for years," asserted one.

Jamesey groaned and passed on. Even the number of persons who can afford to go to jail upsets his theory of hard times.

AROOSTOOK REJOICES IN GREAT CPOP PROSPECT

The Potato Crop Never Looked Better--Will Yield 20,000,000 Bushels or More-Heavy Cut of Hay-Will Recoup Losses of Last Year-Big Game Plentiful.

(Bangor Commercial.)

George M. Houghton, passenger traffic manager of the Bangor & Aroostook railroad, returned Friday night from a several days' business trip in Aroostook county during which he got a good line on the business situation in the garden spot of Maine, and also the outlook for the coming game season. Mr. Houghton is very enthusiastic over the outlook and foresees a very successful season in the northern part of the state.

In conversation with a Commercial reporter, Mr. Houghton said that the potato crop in Aroostook county this season is going to be a big one. The recent rains have come at just the right time, and, according to experienced potato growers, have increased the production of the potato fields at least 25 bushels to the acre.

Mr. Houghton says that he never saw the potato crop look better or such fine tubers as those that have already been dug. The crop this year will equal, if not exceed, the crop of 1906, which was the largest in the history of potato growing in Aroostook county. Potato men say that it will amount to 20,000,000 bushels at least, if it doesn't reach larger figures of 23,000,000 bushels.

The hay crop, another of Aroostook county's chief staples, was an immense one, and while it was not as large perhaps as in some past seasons it exceeded them in quality. In fact, up-river farmers do not remember of any better hay being grown than this year's.

The grain crop will be an early one and indications point to a good one, too. Favorable weather has brought the grain already to the ripening point and some farmers have already commenced to cut their product. Usually the grain is not cut in Aroostook county until after the potatoes have been dug, but this year things have been turned around and it is the grain that will be attended to first.

Looking ahead, Mr. Houghton predicts a very prosperous game season. According to experienced guides and woodsmen, game of all kinds and sizes wintered extremely well, and there will be plenty of good sport for the most ardent sportsmen when the season opens.

The Aroostook and up-river people are looking forward to this year's crops to recoup their losses of last season and give them a few dollars over after bills have been paid. It is an encouraging situation up that way and one that will help things along from now out.

Mr. Houghton says that many sportsmen are coming to Maine this fall for the hunting and fishing. Despite financial conditions, he does not look for any decrease in the number of out-of-the-state sportsmen.

The passenger receipts of the Bangor & Aroostook will, this fall, show a falling off, but in speaking of this Mr Houghton said that it was largely due to a decrease in the local traffic Out-of-the-state people have come to Maine this season in as large numbers as ever, but Maine people have been staying at home to cut down expenses.