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THE WEATHER.

Winds west-southwest, fair and mild.

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ONE CENT

ST. JOHN FACING WORST WATER FAMINE IN CITY'S HISTORY

Breaks in Nos. 2 and 3 Water Mains Near Silver Falls Have Cut Off City Water Supply, and Factories Have Been Obligated to Close Down---City Will Probably Be In Darkness Tonight---Householders Melting Snow and Using It in Lieu of Regular Supply---No Improvement in Conditions Expected Before Tomorrow Night---Plenty of Water in West End---Police Arrangements for Tonight---Precautions Against Fire.

Mayor Sears requests that all liquor dealers should close their bars at 8 o'clock p. m. until the breaks in the water mains have been repaired and normal conditions restored.

As soon as the seriousness of the situation was realized a team was sent to Jones's brewery with a hogshead to get a supply of water to relieve the stringency. At Jones's brewery which is equipped with an artesian well 400 feet deep there was plenty of water and people in that vicinity were supplied from this source.

It is entirely owing to the courtesy of Messrs. Jones that the Times is able to get out a second edition as usual.

Among the north end factories that are closed down are Hamm Bros., the Maritime Nail Works and Portland Rolling Mills.

Williamson's machine shop is being supplied with water drawn from the river in buckets.

T. Rankine & Son's biscuit works are getting a supply from a hydrant on Smythe street, which is not yet affected.

Shortly after 11.30 a. m. the street cars were stalled and several of the cars were left standing at various points around the city. Inquiry at the street railway offices elicited the information that the company had shut down the street car service in the hope of being able to husband the small supply of water so as to provide a light tonight.

Wherever water was to be had, even in small quantities, there were hundreds of eager seekers after the precious fluid. Teams laden with tubs, pails, tin cans of every description, hogsheads and galvanized iron tubs, barrels, in fact anything that would hold water were pressed into service. Many got a supply from the artesian well at Jones's Brewery, the hydrant at South Wharf (while it lasted), at the Marsh Bridge, from the outlet at Lily Lake, and from the lake itself. The water fam'ne had its effect on the horses as well as the citizens. Many of the owners of horses took them to the outlet of Lily Lake, at Gilbert's Lane.

Ald. Frink, chairman of the water and sewerage board, went out to the scene of the breaks about one o'clock, and he said everything possible would be done to facilitate the work. He had given orders, he said, for the watering carts to get their supply from Carleton as soon as the city supply was exhausted.

The Carleton people are not affected as their supply comes from Spruce Lake.

A Doubled Police Force
Chief of Police Clark requests that, as a precautionary measure, those having guns in their stores keep them burning all night. He intends to double the police force for the night and to do all possible to protect the public.

It is the view of many citizens that there should be special provision for the protection of property and to guard against the spread of fire while the present water famine exists.

Lily Lake the Mecca
Lily lake is the Mecca for "water fam'ne," sufferers just now and throughout the morning there has been a "run" on the popular pond. Sleds, double and single, have been pressed into service. There have been carts and express wagons, the choice liquid being carried in barrels and hogsheads. The less fortunate are footing it with cans, large and small, pails and dippers. This is not by any means confined to the "Valley" and vicinity, as the lake is supplying a large portion of the city.

Precautions Against Fire
Chief Kerr has made every preparation possible under present conditions for fighting fires. The suction pipes have been prepared for all the fire engines and the chemical engines are fully charged. The chemical engine in the city proper has two 60-gallon tanks, and the north end has two 30-gallon tanks. When recharged they will be necessary to work in the city.

The fire engines would also have to draw all their supply from the water front.

Nothing has been heard as to the progress being made on the repair work at the scene of the break, but everything is being done to have the mains fixed as soon as possible, though it is not at all likely that there will be no change before tomorrow night.

The barrooms, soda water dealers and beer shops are doing a rushing business, as a result of the scarcity of water.

If, as is expected, the electric lighting system is shut off tonight the moving picture shows and church entertainments will have to shut up shop.

On the I. C. R.
At the I. C. R. round house, at the Island yard, water from the big reserve tank is being used. This tank has a capacity of 80,000 gallons. At 1.20 there were about three feet used out of the tank. It is estimated that this supply will last until 6 o'clock tomorrow morning. If there is no water forthcoming then, there will not be an I. C. R. locomotive moving in St. John.

Chief Clark announces that he will require from 25 to 30 extra men to act as watchmen. Those desirous of acting should call at police headquarters at once to be sworn in.

In the summer months the supply in the tank is estimated to carry them twenty-four hours but as there is now the heating to be done it cannot last so long.

More Milk Sold
Milk dealers and dairymen, as well as grocers handling milk have been doing a brisk business in sweet milk and buttermilk all day. The Sussex Milk and Cream Co. report increased demand to the amount of at least 20 gallons of sweet milk and 25 gallons of buttermilk. The St. John Creamery Co. and Clover Farm Dairy also report increased sales of both products, but could not furnish exact estimates of the extra sale.

Water Carts Out
The water carts made their appearance this morning. One "water wagon" on Princess street seemed to have run plump into a bunch of "homesteaders." A representative delegation were on hand with a gaily decorated receptacle to receive the water. There was the old man with fluffy whiskers, carrying a preserve jar. The old lady with the confectionery, with a bean crock, and old men, young men, fat men, and lean men, with wash boilers, granite iron pots, stew kettles, watering cans, water pichers, and even "long necks."

When last heard from the supply was running low, and the driver was making plans for a last stand.

A report, which, if true should call for immediate investigation, comes to the Times office this afternoon. It is said that at an early hour this morning officials of the water department telephoned a few of their friends advising them to lay in a supply of water as a shortage was expected. It would have been just as easy for the officials to have asked the telephone company to notify all their subscribers.

SIX DAY BIKE RACE
Annual Grind at Madison Square Garden Commenced at One O'clock This Morning.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The annual six-day bicycle race was begun at Madison Square Garden on the stroke of one o'clock this morning and the representatives of sixteen teams are now in competition. The starters were Moran, Butler, Rutt, Downey, Macdonald, Meigs, Bellef, Darragon, Benyon, Georget, Barnetti, Sherwood, Samuelsen, Vanocut, Wilcox, Galvin and Vanduyt.

The riders set a fast pace when James J. Corbett fired the starting shot. At the end of 10 laps, marking the first mile, there had been no change in the first positions, Downey being in the lead.

SITUATION AT GOLDFIELD
GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 9.—An authoritative statement was made last night that sufficient men are already on the ground to work the mines beginning Wednesday. The total number of those who have been quietly brought in and those who have secretly made application to return to their former positions is placed at 1,000.

PRESIDENT'S SON TO WED
PARIS, Dec. 9.—The Matin this morning announces the engagement of the well known actress Mile Lebray and Claude Casimir Perrier, son of the late president.

BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE WERE HORRIBLY MUTILATED
Only Three of the Bodies Handled Were Intact---Another Fire Drives Rescuers Back---Families of Victims Are in Desperate Need.

MONONGAHEE, W. Va., Dec. 9.—Sixty hours after the terrific explosion of black-damp wrecked mines No. 8 and 9 of the Fairmont Coal Co. last Friday morning 53 bodies, or only about one-eighth of the total number of victims have been brought to the surface, while less than one-fourth of the total number have been actually located. The others, undoubtedly between 300 and 400 in number, lie in unknown sections of the east workings but, several two miles and more back from the main entrance to the mines. These unheated bodies are seriously manured by very desiccating elements, by decaying in the overheated, humid and vapor-saturated air of the mines and by fire that is smoldering here and there in the workings and from time to time bursting into flames. Slightly the chance is eluding that these bodies will be brought to the surface, identified by friends and relatives, and given Christian burial.

A large force of skilled miners, volunteers for the hazardous task of rescue work, are on the scene ready to re-enter the mines and take up the work they were forced to leave yesterday when fire broke out in mine No. 8. Those men await only the word from Clarence Hall, the expert of the federal government, and J. W. Paul, West Virginia's chief mine inspector. These two men are in charge supervising the rescue work.

New difficulties and complications have confronted the rescuers on every hand, but only with brief interruptions, the work was continued until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Then the fire drove all from the unexplored regions and the search had to be abandoned. The flames have been fought by every possible means including the laying of water pipes from the river far into the mine.

The bodies so far recovered are in horrible condition. It is authority for the statement that of the 53 bodies handled, only three were intact. Some were headless, arms were missing from some and legs or other members from others. The condition of the bodies still in the mine is such that in the interest of public health, the county health board yesterday at a special meeting adopted resolutions calling for the speedy burial of all bodies in a bad state of decomposition.

The volume of steam-damp is steadily increasing in the mine, and the danger of another explosion is becoming ominous. Several leaks have been found in the brattices which the rescuers put up as they worked their way forward, through which gas is escaping in dangerous quantities. These are being repaired as rapidly as possible and every other possible precaution is being taken.

A second explosion would undoubtedly be attended with great loss of life among the crowds that constantly surround the entrance. Forces on hand are powerless to keep back these crowds and it may be necessary to call out the military for that purpose. Almost from the beginning it has been said that many of the bodies are in the entries ready to bring to the surface, but it is now evident that it is going to require a long time to complete this work. That the company now recognizes this is evidenced by the fact that today buildings were equipped for cooking and serving meals to the rescuers. It is estimated that there are between 300 and 400 families of the men who lost their lives, now in want; some of these will later receive insurance, but many have nothing to look forward to. Headed by the churches, relief work has been started and a general appeal to the public is being made. Many West Virginia towns have already acted and others are ready to do so.

SECURING EVIDENCE
More Witnesses to Testify in the Horsman Case at Moncton.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 9 (Special)—The preliminary examination into the Horsman murder charge will not be resumed until evening or, possibly, late this afternoon. E. A. Reilly, of Horsman's counsel, was obliged to go to St. John today in connection with some legal business there, and will return on Wednesday morning. Dr. G. A. B. Addy, St. John, who conducted the autopsy on the deceased woman's body, is here to give evidence. As a result of Chief Bidwell's visit to Steeves Mountain yesterday, a number of new witnesses will give evidence at the preliminary. One of these will be John H. Clark, of Salisbury, who will testify as to making an unsuccessful search in the well for a strainer on Sunday, the day after "the tragedy," and John Hope, who will tell of finding the nail on Monday. E. E. Gross, station agent at Boundary Creek, has been summoned to give particulars as to the burial. Men were engaged to take the water out of the well yesterday, and while thus employed found a blue Tom O'Shanter, evidently worn by Mrs. Horsman, about two feet from the top of the well.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT
Police Raided O'Neil's Beer Shop on Main Street Yesterday Afternoon.

For some time the police have suspected that gambling was being carried on in O'Neil's beer shop on Main street, and last evening between five and six o'clock Sergeant Kilpatrick visited O'Neil's place and caught seven or eight young men in the act. The sergeant secured the names of several of the party and took charge of a dollar bill and a pack and a half of playing cards.

KILLED WHILE HUNTING
SHEHO, Sask., Dec. 9.—(Special)—A distressing fatality is reported from the neighborhood of Ebenezer, about thirty miles southeast. A German name unknown who had come to the district for the purpose of hunting, having run down a wolf on the head with the barrel of his gun. This broke the barrel, whereupon the man struck the wolf with the stock of the gun when the weapon exploded and the full charge entered the man's body killing him instantly.

LURED TO HIS DEATH
TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 9.—Six-year-old Clarence Ellis was lured to his death Saturday afternoon when he was approached by two unknown men who offered him ten cents to go on the ice on the River Don and test it. The little fellow did so and when out a few feet went through. Both men ran away and left the boy to drown. They had tried to induce several little girls to do the same thing, but these refused to do so. The girls say they can identify the men.

A DISASTROUS COLLISION
LONDON, Dec. 8.—Heavy gales in the channel and the dislocation of cross-channel traffic resulted in a disastrous collision off Folkestone this morning, between the Dutch steamer Schiedamsdroom and the British barge Forfarshire. The Schiedamsdroom was badly damaged, and ran for Folkestone, where she was beached. The Forfarshire sent out a boat to the rescue, but before it could reach the steamer, the captain of the Dutch vessel ordered the boat lowered. He, together with ten of the crew, entered the boat, which was driven on the rocks and wrecked. Seven of the men, including the captain, were drowned. Those who remained aboard the steamer were saved. The Forfarshire was able to proceed.

The main friends of E. J. Harrison's twin dogs "Sport" and "Shot" will regret to hear of the death of "Sport," which occurred last night.

Alfred Martin who was today tried by Judge Forbes for stealing a coat belonging to one Weisel, from Isaac's second hand store, Mill street, was allowed to go on suspended sentence in consideration of certain statements presented by his counsel.

The Nickel Theatre was in running order this afternoon and it is expected it will be able to run tonight.

MURDERED FOR ILLICIT LOVE
One Kansas Man Murdered Another That He Might Marry His Wife.

COLA, Kansas, Dec. 9.—William Stewart, proprietor of a restaurant in East Cola and member of a prominent family in Yates County, Kansas, was murdered near his place of business yesterday. The body bore evidence of several wounds, any one of which would have produced death. The skull had been fractured in four places, and his throat cut. Stewart's partner, W. D. Creston, is under arrest, pending an investigation of the murder.

Stewart and Creston were cruising together at Stewart's home until after midnight. Then some one knocked at a back door. Stewart answered the summons and announced that he was going out for a short walk. He was not again seen alive by his family.

Creston, the police say, confessed that he killed Stewart because of his love for Stewart's wife, whom he wanted to marry. Mrs. Stewart was arrested last night charged with complicity in the murder of her husband.

SMALLPOX AT MILLTOWN, N. B.
One Case Reported—Victim Is Caraqueet Girl.

CALAIS, Me., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Smallpox is reported from Milltown, N. B., the victim being Mary Downey who with her sister and a cousin came from Caraqueet, November 30, to work in the weave room of the cotton mills. The party brought a clean bill of health from the Caraqueet authorities, but it developed later, that Mary had been working at a farm house outside the village some escaped the health officers. The John Huntley house where the girl lives is under strict quarantine. The disease is of a mild type.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR SAULT STE. MARIE
SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The Hon. Mr. West, Ontario, held the nomination for the house of commons at Bruce Mines on Saturday, the result being the naming of Dr. R. J. Gibson of Sault Ste. Marie by acclamation. Dr. Gibson accepted the nomination.

EXPECTS AN ELECTION
MILTON, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Hardy, leader of the Ontario opposition, addressing a meeting in the town hall here on Saturday night, urged the importance of organization, since he thought there would be one more session of the legislature. A proclamation had been issued by the government on Saturday, he said, with reference to the unorganized township voters' list, and he interpreted this action to mean that there would be an election not later than June of next year.

Timothy Thornton
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 9.—(Special)—The death took place at Rockingham this morning of Timothy Thornton, aged 63 years, father of Rev. Father Thornton, of St. Mary's College, this city.

The active members of the Every Day Club are asked to attend tonight's meeting. If there is no electric light, lamps will be in use.

St. John Lodge, No. 30 K. of P., will meet in their hall, Simonds street, at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Johann Kobersky case, in which it was sought to prove a loss will was settled in the probate court this morning when Judge Trueman, in the absence of evidence to support argument of a lost will, granted letters of administration of the estate to Annie Mullin.

The White Candy Company have received offers to locate in Digby, N. S., Dayton, Ohio, Williamsport, Pa. and Niagara Falls, but have not yet decided what action they will take.

The Allan line steamer Ionian, Captain Numan, to arrive this afternoon from Liverpool via Halifax has on board about 40 passengers, eight of them alone.

Major Phillips, Salvation Army, was a passenger to the city on today's Boston train.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON
Scott Act Offences Heard This Morning—Fredericton Hospital Affairs.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 9.—(Special)—Wm. Meredith of McAdam acknowledged an offence under the Canada Temperance Act at the police court this morning and was fined fifty dollars and costs. Another case against a resident of Fredericton was withdrawn for lack of evidence.

The hospital trustees held a meeting on Saturday and adopted new rules governing the institution. It was decided by Dr. W. H. Irvine's statement in support of charges preferred against the trustees and the management, at the next regular meeting in January.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Fredericton Agricultural Society for the election of officers and adoption of by-laws is being held this afternoon.

Miss Keene who has been acting as superintendent of nurses at the Victoria hospital for the past few months has decided to continue in that position.

TRAINS IN COLLISION
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Two New York Central passenger trains collided at Highlands south of here at 6 o'clock this morning. The second section of the Atlantic express from the west ran into the rear end of the Northern express from Montreal. It is not known here whether any one has been injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—At the office of the New York Central Railroad in this city, it is stated that nobody was killed in the wreck at Highlands nor any of the passengers of the colliding trains.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS
OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—(Special)—The department of trade and commerce received a despatch from Fort William stating that the last boat for the season was to leave at noon Saturday. The weather then was very mild and the ice in the river soft for the month of November. The wheat receipts were 20,000 bushels ahead of what they were for November 1906 but the shipments were 2,225,000 less. Oats and barley show a substantial increase both as to shipments and receipts. The receipts of wheat for the month were 10,078,661 bushels and the shipments, 8,841,919 comprised with 10,288,922 receipts and 10,698,447 shipments for November 1906.

J. B. Cudlip returned to the city on today's Boston train.

D. W. McCormick came in on today's Boston train.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

CAUSE AND EFFECT.
The report of the prohibition commission has been published. As a result St. John is a dry town. No such illustration of cause and effect has been witnessed in the lifetime of the present generation. In order to let this information soak into the minds of the public the Times new reporter declines to discuss any other subject at this time. Anyhow, he has got to go home and help the family melt snow.

LATER.
The report of the prohibition commission has had another marvelous result. It has produced harmony and good will between the friends and foes of the beer traffic. Staunch prohibitionists in large numbers are getting their water supply today from the artesian well of Jones's brewery. The fact will be the chief topic of discussion at the clubs, temperance organizations and prayer meetings during the balance of the week. The members of the prohibition commission are being showered with congratulations, and will no doubt be presented with a substantial testimonial.

STILL LATER.
Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, with a large sled laden with puncheons water, arrived in town at 2.30, and is prepared to supply customers at moderate rates. Hiram sells good water and gives good measure.

THE LATEST.
The ice company are prepared to supply families with small pellets of pure ice at one dollar per dozen until further notice.