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THE TRAINS WERE ROOFING OVER BURNING SLEEPERS

Serious Conditions on the Gibson Branch as the Result of Forest Fires—Several Valuable Lumber Tracts Burned—Rain Badly Needed

Fredericton, June 9.—(Special)—The weather here today is cloudy and there is a prospect that the long looked for and badly needed rain may set in before night. Forest fires along the Kewick stream burned all night with great fury, and only the unceasing vigilance of the inhabitants prevented the destruction of the railway and highway bridges at Upper Kewick Station. During the night flames swept through a stretch of green woods, burning it right down to the water's edge. The fire came within a few rods of the bridges, and their escape from destruction was due to the short of miracles. Three dwelling houses and the railway station were also saved after a hard fight.

COLLINS IS FREE; CHARGES THEFT AGAINST A GIRL

Mrs. Murphy Censured Judge Forbes Scathingly Arraigns Woman Who Was Injured in Recent White Street Orgy.

In dismissing Charles Collins from custody today Judge Forbes scathingly arraigned Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, whom Collins was accused of assaulting, and declared that he did not place any reliance in a word she uttered on the witness stand. He expressed his surprise that she extended the pleasure of sentencing her to a lengthy term in the penitentiary, and informed Collins that his liberation in all was effected by associating with Mrs. Murphy, in the carousal of May 8. He believed that the wound on her head was inflicted by falling on the stove in the Collins' domicile.

USED BALLOON AS TARGET FOR RIFLES

Farmers Used Balloon as a Target—This Poor Shooting Saved the Aeronaut.

Indianapolis, June 9.—Carl J. Fisher, of Indianapolis, pilot of the balloon Indiana in the national balloon race, has won the trophy which he offered to the aeronaut staying longest in the air. Mr. Fisher said last night, over the telephone from Nashville, Tenn., that he landed Monday night about 77 miles from Indianapolis. According to this information, the balloon had been in the air 48 hours since its flight from Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, on Monday morning. Mr. Fisher said the balloon had two stops, but in neither case had it touched the ground.

STREET RAILWAY PROFIT WAS OVER \$1,000 PER WEEK

Report of Directors of the St. John Railway Company, Submitted at Annual Meeting This Afternoon, Shows Profit of \$52,980.58 for the Year.

Financial statement table showing assets, liabilities, and income account for the St. John Railway Company.

TRIED TO ROB A NOTED MEN AND WOMEN TO MEET

John Keith, Who Tried to Rob Washington County Railway Office at Calais, Caught in the Act.

Calais, Me., June 9.—(Special)—John Keith, aged nineteen, was detected in an attempt to rob the Washington County Railway office at Calais, Me., yesterday afternoon. He was caught in the office by Superintendent Arsenault, who said him until the arrival of the police. Keith claimed he found the door open and going to rest felt asleep, but in court on Wednesday morning he pleaded guilty and was held for the October term of the superior court.

DEFAULTING BANK CLERK HAD A PILE OF STOCKS

New Haven, Conn., June 9.—A safe deposit box located in the name of Frederick H. Brigham, the bookkeeper of the Merchants' National Bank, which is alleged to have abstracted a number of thousands of dollars from the bank's funds, has been opened and found to be full of envelopes containing stock certificates.

AUSTRALIANS ARE DIVIDED

Offer to Contribute a Dreadnought to British Navy is Not Unanimously Approved.

London, June 9.—(Special)—A cable from Adelaide says: The federal offer, leaving the decision of the home and abroad, to contribute to the British navy a dreadnought, has caused much discussion. The feeling regarding the contribution of a Dreadnought is much divided. It is hoped the defence conference will recommend the substitution of either cruisers suitable for use in the Pacific or increased expenditure on a local scheme.

WILL BE WARM SIX ROUND "GO"

Bout Between Jack O'Brien and Stanley Ketchel Tonight is Expected to be a Hot One.

Philadelphia, June 9.—With both men in fine physical condition and with the bout limited to six rounds, hot action is looked for tonight when Jack O'Brien and Stanley Ketchel meet in the ring at the National Athletic Club, where O'Brien outpointed Jack Johnson, the negro champion. Both men are determined to get the best of the fight and the fight is expected to be a fast one from the first sound of the bell. The Philadelphia is anxious to wipe out the virtual knock-out administered by Ketchel in their fight in New York some time ago, and the western man hopes to make a better showing in this city than he did in his former bout with O'Brien. There has been little or no letting on the part of either man since the fight in New York, and it is expected that the bout will be a fast one from the first sound of the bell.

MISS FARRAR DENIES IT

American Singer Declares She is Not Engaged to Marry Signor Scotti

Berlin, June 9.—Geraldine Farrar, replying to an inquiry concerning a report recently published that she was engaged to be married to Signor Scotti, the singer, yesterday declared as follows: "You may officially deny all reports of my engagement or marriage. They are absolutely untrue and are expected to interest me."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

(From the Chicago News.) A soft answer may start good luck your way. An ounce of jolly goes farther than a ton of advice. You can't stretch your word very far without breaking it. The man who thinks he is witty gets a lot of self-approval. When a woman has reached the limit of her argument, she gets angry. A man doesn't always do his duty when he does something he wants to do. There's neither authority nor selfishness in a friendship that is worth while. Did you ever see a married woman who wasn't in love with her husband because there is money in it, or he may be otherwise for a similar reason. It takes a hundred cents to make a dollar, but it takes more than a dollar's worth of sense to make a man.

METHODIST DISTRICT MEETINGS AT SUSSEX

Sussex, N. B., June 9.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the St. John district Methodist church was held here this morning and afternoon. The meeting was well represented. Rev. Samuel Howard, president of the conference, in the chair, after devotional exercises, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wilson, presided. The afternoon session was devoted to district reports, and probations were received. The roll call, two candidates, Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Graham were examined and received on probation. Mr. E. Rowlands was recommended to college. Questions regarding doctrine and discipline were respectively, the ministers were answered satisfactorily.

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE BY FLOODS

Grand and Gunnison Rivers in Colorado are Rising Rapidly.

Grand Junction, Colo., June 9.—Reports from the head waters of the Grand and Gunnison rivers indicate where the floods are just commencing. After remaining stationary all day yesterday, the Gunnison river rose rapidly during the night further threatening the destruction of the municipal pumping plant. Hundreds of men are working to save the costly Redlands dam, which is seriously undermined. The Grand river rose twelve inches yesterday and is the highest in 15 years. The Denver and Rio Grande railroad is keeping a large force of men on guard protecting its tracks. All parts of the western slope report considerable damage from floods.

GRAIN TRADE GOING TO AMERICAN PORTS

Montreal, June 9.—(Special)—American ports are benefiting largely by the high ocean rates out of Montreal to old country ports. Grain now here state that rates via Boston are 1.65 cents per bushel of 60 pounds cheaper than via Montreal. Consequently Canadian shippers prefer the American route, when the advantage is so great.

THE RACE TO BERMUUDA

Hamilton, Bermuda, June 9.—The motor boat Heather, owned by Richmond Levering, crossed the finish line of the race from New York at 11.3 a. m. today. She was the first of the four boats to finish.

AMERICAN HORSE SECOND

Beverly, Eng., June 9.—The Bishop Burton stakes of five sovereigns each with 100 sovereigns added for two-year-olds, distance five furlongs, was run here today and won by Stella Kiss, August Belmont. Boudier was second and Quickstitch third. Eight horses ran.

A LONDON VIEW OF SPEECHES OF GREY AND LORD ROSEBERY

London, June 9.—(Special)—The Daily News, referring to the speeches of Lord Rosebery and Sir Edward Grey at the imperial press conference, says the statesmen who see the end so clearly, ought to have some resource beyond a departing appeal to the common sense of the workman. The workman, the paper adds, is not to blame. The News points out that if the struggle, the constant talk about which it deprecates, is to take place, it will be in home waters. If the colonies wish to assist they can take a useful part only by contributing money or ships to be maintained in Europe. A fleet of second class cruisers, such as Canada is supposed to be contemplating, would represent money wasted.

DON'T LIKE THE COUNTRY

St. Petersburg, June 9.—Newspapers received here from the Far East, set forth that two thousand members of the Mokolan sect, from the Caucasus, who settled in California in 1914, have become dissatisfied with conditions on the Pacific coast and are about to return to Russia and take up lands at Vladivostok.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A FULL EXPLANATION. The Times new reporter was informed this morning by a member of the provincial government that the smoke in the atmosphere is not due to forest fires, but is caused by the speed with which the government's fire protection service is moving on the enemy.

MAY HAVE GRAFT EXCURSION

A resident of St. Martins who is in town today says he is only waiting for a little information to get up the biggest excursion in the history of St. John county. He read in the Standard that the Hazen government had improved the highways. This gentleman says that if he can learn of any highway in the county that has been improved by Mr. Hazen the whole county will be crazy to go and see what it looks like.

CUBA MUST PAY UP

Paris, June 9.—A special dispatch from Madrid says the Spanish government considers that the Cuban debt was not repudiated by the treaty of Paris and that the claim will be followed up.

MURDER NOT SUICIDE

Cagliari, Sardinia, June 9.—The body of Captain Boyer, of the French steamer Durbach, has been washed ashore here. The nature of the wounds convinces the Italian police that the man was assassinated, and he did not commit suicide on the bridge of his steamer as has been reported from Marseilles.

MORE ON THE WAY

Those citizens who say there is not enough dust flying on the streets are requested by the street department to be patient. There will be more in a few days.

A SOCIETY WEDDING

London, June 9.—Ida M. Wynne, second daughter of Robert J. Wynne, the American consul general in London, will be married about the middle of June to Hugh Ronald French, a first lieutenant in the Seventh Dragoon Guard, one of the crack regiments of the British army. The date of the wedding is being advanced owing to the approaching return to America of Mr. Wynne and his family.

A SILLY STORY

Berlin, June 9.—The report published recently in the London Chronicle that the German Naval League had expressed a desire for the regular dispatch of German warships to American ports was today declared officially to be wholly erroneous. Neither at the recent national convention of the league at Kiel nor at any former meeting was such a wish stated.