

DISASTROUS AND FATAL FIRE
SWEEPED OLD ORCHARD, MAINE.

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Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 19.—Two lives were lost, and five persons were injured, three seriously, as a result of the fire which swept through this sea resort last night, causing a loss of from half a million to three-quarters of a million dollars. The dead: Philip Partridge, of Kennebunk, killed by locomotive while crossing track on way to fire; and an unidentified man. Rev. Rufus Jones, pastor of Trinity Church, Saco, seriously hurt by explosion of soda tank. Newton Merrill, Salem, Mass., Boston & Maine engineer, seriously hurt by same explosion. Mr. Emerson, father of proprietor of Hotel Emerson, hurt by same explosion; also an unidentified man, probably fatally injured. Masana Marand, of Kennebunk, badly bruised by being thrown from carriage in which she was riding with Partridge. The injured are being treated at hospitals in Biddeford. Seventeen summer hotels, sixty cottages and a score of buildings occupied by stores were destroyed. The explosion which caused so many injuries occurred in Hogan's drug store, on Old Orchard avenue.

It is believed that the fire started from an overlighted lamp. The total insurance on the property, it is said, will not exceed \$150,000. The Hotel Fisk, one of the finest on the beach, valued at \$50,000; the Hotel Emerson, valued at \$75,000, with its furnishings; the Hotel Alberta, the Aldine, the Lawrence House and half a dozen smaller hotels, together with about fifty cottages, were destroyed within two hours. All the buildings were of wooden construction. The Old Orchard fire department, which consists only of one small steam fire engine and a hose wagon, were utterly unable to cope with the blaze, and firemen from Portland, Biddeford and Saco, who responded to calls for assistance, were hampered for some time with difficulty with the hose complications. An area of about fifty acres along the beach was soon blazing. In this area were located some of the most popular of the hotels, all of which were filled with summer guests. Many valuable summer cottages were also swept by the fire. Most of the guests managed to save a considerable quantity of their personal effects.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS
WILL NOT BE CALLED OUT.

Will Subscribe \$60,000--Situation in Toronto and
Montreal--Woman at Bottom of it.

New York despatch: Up to noon today the order for a general strike of all commercial telegraph operators which was issued by President Small, of the union, last night, had met with no response from the men at work in either the Western Union or the Postal Telegraph Companies, or those in the Associated Press. The officials of the two big companies said this forenoon that they had failed to discuss the strike order with any effect on the situation. The extension of communication to the more remote and small towns was proceeding rapidly, and business was being moved expeditiously.

Both Sides Confident. Toronto despatch: The third day of the strike of telegraph operators employed in Toronto by the Great North-Western Company closed with both sides confident, and each claiming to be absolutely satisfied with the trend of events. Both the company and their employees appeared to be settling down for a struggle that might last for weeks. The information that the company would only pay the employees for July yesterday afternoon, the regular monthly pay day, was received with some delight by the strikers, they believing that the company had not yet come to a final decision not to meet them in conference and consider them discharged. There has been no disorder during the strike, the men having decided not to interfere with the company doing business in any way they may see fit. Mr. Arthur Hood, for years a business solicitor for the G. N. W. Company, was discharged yesterday for refusing to go to the operating room and take charge of a wire. Mr. Hood said yesterday that he would seek employment elsewhere in another line of business, as he did not care to return to telegraphing, even if the strike were a thing of the past.

How the Lemieux Act Will be Applied if Necessary. An Ottawa despatch says: The fact that the Great North-Western Telegraph Company has not yet applied to the Labor Dept for the application of the Industrial Disputes Act to the present strike of telegraph operators in Toronto and Montreal is considered here to be an indication that the company is not so far seriously inconvenienced by the strike. The remedy for the existing condition is plainly provided in the act. It is stated on good authority that if the operators of the company here go on strike or if any outside agitator attempts to incite to a strike, the department will be at once asked to apply the penalties provided in the act. Clause 60 provides as follows: "Any person who incites, encourages or aids in any manner any employees to declare or continue a lock-out, or any employee to go or continue on strike, contrary to the provisions of the act, shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars."

WOMAN AT BOTTOM. Cause of Telegraphers' Strike a Female Operator. Oakland, Cal., despatch: Bearing out the truth of the old saying which ungalantly seeks to impose on woman's shoulders the responsibility of being the creator of all trouble that has involved man since the old days of the Garden of Eden, is the discovery that a woman is at the bottom of the telegraphers' strike which now involves some 20,000 operators in 96 cities, and hinders the transmission of business to an extent that means a loss of millions to the commercial interests of the United States and Canada. In this instance "the woman at the bottom of it" is Mrs. Sadie Nichols, a Western Union operator here who, the

PLOT DISCOVERED.

JAPANESE SCHOONERS COMBINE TO
LOOT ROOKERIES.

They Are Carrying Machine Guns—
Cruiser Buffalo Will Be Despatched
to Protect Sealing Grounds Against
Molestation.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19.—An organized plot to loot not only the rookeries of the Pribiloff Islands and the St. Paul and St. George Islands, but also the salt houses, where the North American Trading and Transportation Company have a large number of pelts salted awaiting shipment, has been discovered, with the result that the United States Government has decided to dispatch the cruiser Buffalo to Bering Sea. The news was brought here by the sealing schooner Vera, which has returned from a hunting cruise in the North Pacific. She reported that an arrangement had been reached by a number of Japanese sealing schooners, each of which carried, besides the usual armament used in hunting, one or more machine guns on board, to unite in making a concentrated raid on the islands, the guards on which are too weak to resist such an invasion. The Vera spoke the Japanese sealer Kinsei in northern waters and learned from her that she would take part in the raid. The sealers on board said that thirty-three schooners were to come to the Behring Sea this winter, and would make a dash on the islands, club the seals on the rookeries and loot the salt houses. A raid on Copper Island was also contemplated.

POLICY IS TO
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Renov, N. H., Aug. 19.—"All of the railroads in the country would be mine if I could get control of them," said Edward H. Harriman to a reporter for the State Journal on his arrival at Sparks, Nev., the divisional terminal, yesterday. "I have been quoted seriously for an expression made jocularly to the effect that I would manage the railroads for the Federal Government; that I would turn my holdings over to the United States as a fair compensation and not then as a commissioner," Mr. Harriman continued. "But I am misunderstood. The time has not come for Federal ownership. Personally, with all the lines in my possession, I would be a fair compensation. "What is your policy concerning the management of the railroads that we are told you own?" was asked. "It is to pay dividends," came the decisive answer. "Since 1898 we have spent \$300,000,000 for improvements. We will make a dash on the islands, club the seals on the rookeries and loot the salt houses. A raid on Copper Island was also contemplated. "Agitation of the abuse on the railroads makes harder the accomplishment of local improvements. Facts that in themselves are insignificant are magnified and distorted by the public mind until they become harassing to the interests of the public and to us. It is the spirit of the age—and the newspapers—so what can we do?" "Why did you not answer the questions put to you by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and will you answer them when the proceedings commenced by the Department of Justice force you to appear for the second time?" the reporter asked. "I refused to toll what I knew about the Chicago & Alton purchase because it was a financial matter, and I was not prepared to deal with matters of policy," Mr. Harriman replied. "Some of them I could not answer any more than you could if asked from whom you bought your suspenders or how much you paid for your shirt. I could not, to be specific, answer all the questions, in justice to my associates in the purchase. "But now that the proceedings have been started to get these replies, I will not refuse again. Inquiries directed to me in regard to the Chicago & Alton case will perhaps result in the answers desired by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It was a business principle involved that prevented me from answering questions. I may answer when the matter comes up again."

MRS. EDDY'S SANITY.

PLAINTIFFS SEEK TO PROVE THAT
SHE IS DERANGED.

Speculation or Delusion—Christian
Science Not a Religion, But a System
of Medicine, Says Counsel.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 19.—The hearing before the Masters who are to determine the mental competency of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, was adjourned this afternoon, to permit the Masters and counsel to investigate the aged subject at 2 p. m. The term "general insanity," as applied to the condition of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, by David C. Howe, counsel for the plaintiffs, in the accounting suit brought against Mrs. Eddy, was formally withdrawn by Mr. Howe at today's hearing before the Masters, who are considering the question of the Christian Science leader's competency. Mr. Howe explained that while the courts of this and other States use this phrase repeatedly to describe such a condition, it is not the technical term used by the Alienists. At this point Judge Aldrich, for the Masters, asked that the question to be determined is one of competence to manage property, not one of insanity, general delusion or religious delusion. "We will show your Honors," declared Mr. Howe, "not a monomania on the part of Mrs. Eddy, but a condition of insanity which influences every action of her life."

RAILWAY SMASH.

Canadian Woman Hurt in a Wreck
and May Die.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 19.—A special to the Register and Leader says a fast Burlington train from Denver to Chicago, was wrecked a mile east of Russell yesterday, injuring eleven persons, two of whom may die. The derailment of the front truck of the first mail coach, was the cause of the wreck. The severely hurt include: Mrs. James B. Rydel, New Brunswick, Canada, internally injured. May die. Weston, Ia., Aug. 18.—A Burlington passenger train, southbound, was derailed yesterday by a broken flange. Louis N. Wilson, of Kansas City, was killed and several persons were severely hurt.

AIRSHIP BOMBS.

THE HAGUE CONFERENCE WOULD
FORBID THROWING THEM.

No International Court—Zionist Conference
Opens—Hebrews Urged to be
Faithful to Land of Their Adoption.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—To all intents and purposes, as a result of yesterday morning's sitting of the committee the throwing of explosives from balloons and airships is forbidden. M. Bernart left this afternoon for Brussels, whither he goes holding highly pessimistic views concerning the peace conference, and believing that the American proposition for the establishment of a permanent international court of arbitration is doomed. The British delegates have received instructions to act with vigor, and are doing so. They are pushing forward the American proposition and also arranging which can only be put forward as a wish at the closing session. A feature of the opening of the Zionist Conference here this morning was a grand speech by Dr. Max Nordau. Among other things, he said that Zionism was the Hebrew reply to anti-Semitism and the persecution of the Hebrew race throughout the world. It was a vital question for Hebrews either to accept Zionism or submit to national disgrace or bankruptcy. The Anglo-Jerusalem scheme, he declared, was progressing favorably and would become the banner under which Hebrews would fight, showing the world the power of their civilization. Every Hebrew had two countries—that his adoption and the Holy Land, and he must be faithful to both.

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Buenos Ayres, Aug. 19.—Details received here of the wreck in Florida Bay, of the American bark Prussia, from Norfolk, March 20, for Port Townsend, announced from Punta Arenas, Strait of Magellan, yesterday, say that the captain committed suicide when the vessel ran ashore and that fourteen passengers, in addition to four sailors, lost their lives. The Anglo-Jerusalem scheme, he declared, was progressing favorably and would become the banner under which Hebrews would fight, showing the world the power of their civilization. Every Hebrew had two countries—that his adoption and the Holy Land, and he must be faithful to both.

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The United Mine Workers Losing
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Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 19.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, arrived here yesterday from Chicago and held a long conference with three district presidents of the anthracite regions. The conference was a secret one, but it is understood that the main subject under discussion is the loss of membership in the union in the anthracite field. The conference will continue to-day after which a statement will be given out as to what course of action will be pursued toward reclaiming those mine workers who have dropped out of the union.

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HAD TWO APPENDICES.

Cincinnati Surgeons Startled by a
Woman's Over-Supply of Trouble.

Cincinnati, Aug. 19.—A freak case of appendicitis was discovered here, when Mrs. Charles Geiser and H. C. Robinson, operating on Mrs. Annie Grooms, found that the woman had the disease in two places, because she had two appendices instead of one. One was in its proper place, being attached to the large intestine at a point near its connection with the stomach. The other hung from the wall of the abdomen, but was as perfect in form as the first. They were connected by a small membranous tissue, which, simultaneously, was attached to the wall and making a continuous tube. The physicians removed both appendages and Mrs. Grooms rallied from the operation in a wonderful manner. She rapidly gained strength and the physicians say that she can be sent home in a few days.

NECK BROKEN IN ELEVATOR.

Domestic Attempted to Use a Hoist for
Coal.

Moncton despatch: Attempting to ride down stairs in an elevator, a woman, for freight, twenty-year-old Laura Mitchell, employed as a domestic by Dr. O. B. Price, had her neck broken this morning. A little girl who was passing down stairs saw the face of the dead girl protruding through the hole between the elevator box and immediately gave the alarm. The girl had been there probably half an hour, life being entirely extinct, and a medical examination proved that her neck was broken. No inquest will be held, as no one saw the affair and the circumstances point to a pure accident. The girl belonged to Beausville.

CAN'T KILL MORENGO.

The African Chief Harassing the Ger-
mans Continuing.

Cape Town, Aug. 19.—The Germans are threatened with a revival of the insurrection in their Southwest African territory. Jakob Morengo, the chief, who has caused them more trouble than all the others combined and who has been in the custody of the British since he sought refuge in Cape Colony after the last hostilities, escaped yesterday, joined with another chief from the German colony, and with 400 followers returned swiftly to German Southwest Africa. The Cape police followed, but the difficulties of the country prevented their intercepting the fugitive chief. Morengo has repeatedly killed twenty to thirty Germans in ambush, and the German authorities have five times joyfully announced his death, but they have never succeeded in killing or capturing him.

DIED HUNTING A WOLF.

Farmer, While Riding Across Prairie,
Fell into a Hole.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 19.—Chris. Kunzelman, a young farmer of Parkdale, north of the city, died from injuries received while hunting a wolf. Deceased was drawing a load of hay into the city Tuesday when a wolf crossed the road. Kunzelman, keen for the hunt, unhitched one horse and started across the prairie in pursuit. It was growing dark, and the young man did not notice a deep hole, into which horse and rider plunged. The depth of the fall was six feet, sufficient to break the animal's neck, and it died in a short time. Kunzelman sustained internal injuries, and had a number of bones fractured. He was taken home by a neighboring farmer, but his case was hopeless from the first.

WEDS HIS OWN PRIZE BEAUTY.

Wooer Only Knew Her Charm After She
Had Won.

Pittsburg, Aug. 19.—The elopement of a prize winner in a beauty contest with a man who had once jilted her because he did not realize how beautiful she was was cause for liberal comment here today. Anna V. McCarthy, a dainty miss of 18 summers, is the officially recognized beautiful bride, and Charles A. Appman, a Carnegie Steel Company employee, is the convinced bridegroom. Some months ago Appman had a quarrel with his pretty little sweetheart, and they parted, apparently for "keeps." Some unknown admirer listed Miss McCarthy in a prize beauty contest and Anna ran third, beating the field by several lengths. When Charlie saw Anna's picture in the paper, his old-time love arose within him, and he again sought her out. The couple disappeared several days ago, and to-day the glad tidings arrived that they had been married.

QUIET ON PERSIAN FRONTIER.

Turkish Troops Not Advancing Into
Disputed Territory.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The situation improving on the boundary between Persia and Turkey according to the report to the State Department from Ambassador Leshman, dated Constantinople today. He says: "British telegraphic advices are to the effect that the Turkish troops have not advanced further in the disputed territory. Urumiah district now comparatively quiet. The United States consul at Tabriz is leaving unofficially for Urumiah."

SNAKE STARTLED EXPRESSMEN.

It Escaped From a Box in a Car at
Montreal.

Montreal, Aug. 19.—Men at work about the Canadian Pacific depot are still talking of the peculiar coincidence that came through Montreal yesterday on its way to Toronto. It should have been transferred at North Bay, but someone blundered, and so came as far as Montreal. A couple of expressmen stepped into the car in which the consignment lay, and proceeded to clear it out. Suddenly one of them gave a yell, and with his hair on end and his eyes popping out, jumped for the door. His companion uttered a question after him and turned to do the work alone, when he, too, stared intently for a brief and fleeting second into a corner of the car, after which he emitted a yell worse than the other one and tried to climb up the side of the car in his terror. The fact of the matter is, the men saw a snake. The snake had escaped from the box in the course of its trip to Toronto, where it is to be used for exhibition purposes.

FIANCE SEES GIRL DROWN.

Knocked From Launch by Bowsprit of
Colliding Sloop.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 19.—A pleasure launch filled with young people, returning to Elizabeth City, N.C., on the Pasquotank River, last night, was rammed by the sloop Alert, whose bowsprit penetrated the shell-like walls of the launch's cabin. Miss Essie Whitbee, 19 years old, was carried overboard and drowned, and her fiancé, Thomas Rober, was badly injured. Several others were also injured. Miss Whitbee's brother was drowned in the Pasquotank River two years ago.

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