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SITUATION TODAY MORE REASSURING

Forest Fires Still Burning Fiercely but Not so Much Damage Being Done--- Worst Practically Over at St. Martins and Musquash---Rain Badly Needed.

PROBABILITIES: Local rains tonight and Thursday, fresh winds, mostly southwest.

On the North Shore CAMPBELLTON, Aug. 22.—The forest fires between Rossville and Dalhousie Junction are now most alarming in extent. On Monday night a special train was run from Campbellton to Red Pine to save the L. C. R. water tank. Fires are raging all through the woods, in some places close to the track and in others some distance back. Unless rain comes at once a repetition of the awful Miramichi fire is feared. The worst fire is at present reported between Bathurst and Red Pine.

A Wall of Fire FREDRICKTON, Aug. 22.—H. H. Gunter, of the William Richards Company, says there is a fire five miles wide on McConnell Brook, a branch of the Durgarvon River. The fire is on the Bentley lands, owned by the Miramichi Lumber Company, and is being valiantly fought by two hundred men in charge of John Robinson.

There is not a village within twenty-five miles of the fire, and there are no houses in imminent danger. The place is so dry that the turf has burned right down to the rocks and the trees are leaning over and just hanging by the roots. Mr. Hunter gives it his opinion that the fire now raging on the Miramichi is the worst for a long time and that a long and heavy rain will be necessary to quench the flames.

Started Opposition Blaze HARROURT, Aug. 22.—People here are fighting fire with fire. On Sunday afternoon men cleared a stretch of woods and set a counter fire in order to save William Boyd's buildings. Jabez McArthur's barn was burned on Monday afternoon, and Neil Macdonald's house caught but was saved with difficulty.

Reassuring at St. Martins ST. MARTINS, Aug. 22.—(Special)—Conditions here today are reassuring and although the forest fire has not yet been extinguished, it is now burning on sparsely timbered land, where the damage will be less heavy, as in the more heavily wooded portions. In addition to the 500 acres reported yesterday as having been burned over, it is reported that the Miramichi property, about 25 acres, and that was this morning burning on the George Barnes property. The fog and dampness of last night retarded the progress of the flames considerably and a good heavy rain storm would extinguish the fire. So far so good.

Fires on Every Side SUSSEX, Aug. 22.—Fires are burning on every side. At Smith's Creek, three miles from here, on Monday, a hundred men were called upon to fight for their homes.

PLEAD GUILTY TO THEFT OF YACHT William Hocken and John Brady who were arrested recently at Fredericton charged with stealing Mr. Sheridan's yacht "Dido" from Millville on Thursday last, advised here this morning in charge of Detective Killen.

They were taken before the police magistrate and pleaded guilty. Both were remanded. Knives were taken off both the prisoners and a revolver was taken from the former.

Night Blooming Cereus The home of Thomas E. Dyer, 35 Coleridge street, was pervaded last evening with the delicate perfume of the night blooming cereus. Mrs. Dyer possesses one of these rare plants, and last evening it put forth two full blooms, which shed their beauty and perfume until midnight, when they faded.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22 (Special)—Cheese—Quebec, 12 1/2 to 12 1/4; Township, 12 3/4 to 12 1/2; Ontario, 12 5/8 to 12 3/4. Butter, 22 1/4 to 22 3/4, with some sales at 23.

AWFUL MURDER OF ELDERLY WOMAN IN ALBERT COUNTY

MONTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—(Special)—Meagre particulars have been received of the murder of the housekeeper for Rev. Fr. MacAulay, parish priest at New Ireland, Albert county. She was murdered some time on Monday by having her throat cut with some sharp instrument, presumably a razor. The crime was discovered at eight o'clock Tuesday evening. A hired man at the priest's house, named Collins, is missing and is supposed to be the guilty party.

Further particulars of the New Ireland tragedy are to the effect that Father MacAulay left home last week, leaving in charge his housekeeper, Miss MacAulay, a cousin of the priest, and a French youth, about 20 years of age, whose name is unknown. Father MacAulay returned home yesterday and was horrified to find the dead body of Miss MacAulay in the cellar with her throat cut. The young man left in charge had disappeared.

FOUND MANY VICTIMS WITH LIGHT HEADS AND GOOD FLEED POCKETS

Nova Scotia Women Open the Eyes of New York Police by Their Elaborate Scheme to Get the Money from Amorous Fools Who Had It---They Called it a "Love Syndicate," and it Boomed While it Lasted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—It is the desire of the Post Office Department to break up as many as it can of matrimonial swarms like that which Miss Vera Verrault-Hamilton-Montgomery is charged with having successfully operated in New York and elsewhere. The policy of the Post Office Department is now and will continue to be exerted in direction of issuing fraud orders against adventures of this type. Their mail will be widely known from that time as it is held from "get-rich-quick" enterprises.

The Post Office Department officials believe that these matrimonial swarms are in the same class. Mrs. Hamilton, who was arrested for using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, she had inserted a personal advertisement as follows: Mrs. Hamilton-Montgomery is charged with having successfully operated in New York and elsewhere. The policy of the Post Office Department is now and will continue to be exerted in direction of issuing fraud orders against adventures of this type. Their mail will be widely known from that time as it is held from "get-rich-quick" enterprises.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Vera Verrault-Hamilton-Montgomery went to the Essex Market Court yesterday morning in quest of a warrant for the arrest of her husband, George T. Verrault, whom she accused of failing to support her. She was accompanied by Mrs. Izella Brown, who has been with her in her trouper articles from her alleged widow of men of wealth through advertisements. Magistrate Wainwright issued a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Verrault, who was particularly well known in Halifax.

A Lively Story (Halifax Mail) The enterprising doing of two Nova Scotia women have furnished New York newspapers during the last ten days with one of their chief sensations. One of the women referred to was particularly well known in Halifax.

In Albert County HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 22.—Reports from the upper part of the county state that forest fires have been raging for some days in the vicinity of Steeplecote, and Salem, hundreds of acres of timber land being a prey to the flames.

Along the I. C. R. SALISBURY, Aug. 22.—The fire at Salisbury is now pretty well under control except those which are further back in the woods, and so far as can be learned, no buildings are in flames.

STENSLAND ARRESTED Fugitive Bank President Captured Last Night in Aguas Calientes, Mexico. CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The Record-Herald says:—A private despatch received in Chicago from El Paso at midnight reported the arrest of Paul O. Stensland, fugitive president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, at Aguas Calientes, Mexico.

NEW POST OFFICE OPENED SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 22.—(Special)—The custom and post office building at Sydney was opened today. The building was three years in course of construction, and cost \$25,000.

MR. EDGECOMBE'S INSURANCE FREDRICKTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—(Special)—It is stated here authoritatively that the life insurance carried by the late Albert W. Edgcombe did not exceed fifteen thousand dollars and the policies are payable to his widow and family.

George Johnson George Johnson died at his home, Millford, N. B., this morning about 7 o'clock. He was a native of Scotland. Funeral will take place next Thursday at 2.30 p. m.

THE LETTERS IN THE ALPHABET OF THE DIFFERENT NATIONS VARY IN NUMBER. The Sandwich Islanders have 12, the Burmese 18, Italian 20, Bengali 21, German, Dutch and English 26, Arabic 28, Persian 32, Armenian 33, and Russian 31.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

SHOULD ACCEPT THE OFFER. Mr. Hiram Hornsbee would like to purchase the city dredge, now engaged in dredging operations at Sand Point. Hiram has spent some time lately watching the operations of this dredge, and is highly pleased with her work. It appears that there is a fine deposit of black mud on the intervals on Hiram's farm, and he wants a machine to dig it up and load it into carts to be spread on other parts of the farm. As the haul would not be more than a mile to the farthest field, and as he would employ even, he believes the city dredge would dig up enough mud to fill one cart while the other one was away discharging its load. "I callate," said Hiram, "that the dredge 'd dig up ten cartloads a day—maybe more—as my carts are small." It is understood that Hiram has sent a communication to the board of works, offering \$7.50 for the dredge. It is felt that the machine is well worth \$10; but it is doubtful if a purchaser could be got at that price, and Hiram's offer may be accepted.

PICNIC PARTY ALL NIGHT ON RIVER

Steamer May Queen with Sussex Picnickers on Board Held Up in Kennebecasis by Fog---Much Anxiety until Party Landed This Morning.

To be out all night in a dense fog on a steamer in the Kennebecasis river is not a pleasant experience, but this was what some 400 picnickers from Sussex had to put up with last evening. The picnic party, comprising men, women and children from three of the Sussex churches, came from Sussex to Rothesay, yesterday morning, by train, and there took the steamer May Queen for a trip to Gagetown. Everything went along nicely until the steamer entered the Kennebecasis on her return, and there after vain efforts to make out a course through the fog, and not being very well acquainted with that part of the river, the captain decided to anchor.

The passengers were made as comfortable as the circumstances would allow, and some of them managed to get a little sleep while others amused themselves in various ways. It was the women and children who suffered the greatest hardship however, as there was not suitable accommodation for so many, and they experienced many discomforts. It was about nine o'clock this morning before the captain was able to take the steamer to the wharf at Rothesay.

CREATED A SENSATION

Arrest of Hon. John Lovitt in Yarmouth Bank Case the Subject of Much Comment.

HALIFAX, Aug. 22.—The arrest in Yarmouth of Hon. John Lovitt and S. A. Crowell on a charge of making false returns in connection with the affairs of the Yarmouth Bank, has created quite a sensation here. The story of the case which has resulted in their arrest, is as follows:

On Thursday, March 6, 1906, a notice was posted on the doors of the Bank of Yarmouth informing the public that the bank had suspended payment. The notice was signed by President John Lovitt and Cashier Thomas W. Johns. This followed an announcement that W. H. Redding & Sons, wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, had assigned to E. H. Armstrong, official assignee. Their principal creditor was the Bank of Yarmouth. Wm. Perry, teller of the bank, resigned, owing, it is stated, to the fact that he made advances to the Reddings without authority.

The Bank of Yarmouth in its statement issued on Jan. 31, gave its total liabilities \$284,094, and total assets, \$75,678. A meeting of the creditors of W. H. Redding & Sons was held at Yarmouth on March 18. Claims amounting to \$32,000 were presented. The meeting was then adjourned till April 4. The assignee made a statement that the gross claims against the estate up to that date amounted to \$32,401.

The Union Bank of Halifax was negotiating, or about to open negotiations, for the taking over of the bank, and E. L. Thorpe, the general manager, proceeded to Yarmouth for the purpose of looking into the affairs of the bank, and the investigation that followed brought out the tremendous liabilities of the Reddings.

Robert Thomas complained in court this morning that his step-son, James Littlejohn, stole his boat from Reed's Point on Friday night and he found it on the Ballast wharf Saturday. Littlejohn said the boat was his own. The matter stands over.

SHANNON-SALAY CASE UP IN COURT THIS MORNING

The preliminary hearing in the Shannon-Salay case in which Elai Salay is charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Shannon, on the night of August 7, was resumed in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie this morning.

Salay looked much better, as he strode into court, and took his seat on the prisoners' bench. He spoke a word or two to a companion, smiled occasionally, and did not seem in the least affected by the charge hanging over him. Policeman William White was sworn, and said that on the night of the assault he met Sgt. Campbell and Deputy Chief Jenkins on Brussels street and was informed by the latter of the trouble, and in consequence he went with them and saw Mrs. Shannon, who stated to them what had happened. They then went to Salay's house, found him in bed with his brother, and told him they wanted to take him to Mrs. Shannon, that she said he came into her room and assaulted her. Mr. Hatty went with them and identified him, saying that the only difference in his appearance was that he wore a hat instead of the cap he wore on the second visit.

Witness then told of the statements made by her, which have been already published. Witness had taken Salay out of a yard in the vicinity of where he lived about 10.30 the same evening. He wore a light soft hat then. The arrest was made shortly after twelve.

Police Sgt. Campbell was next examined and stated he had been informed by Deputy Jenkins, whom he met, of the trouble in the plaintiff's house about an hour. Florence McCallum was placed on the stand and said she lived in Mrs. Moses' house. On the night of the assault she was in her yard about 8.45. Her sister, Alice McCallum, Mrs. Moses, Fred Salay, Elai Salay and Mrs. Mary George were there. They talked there till 10.30. The defendant left the yard with his aunt at 10.30 and went into her house, just a few steps from where they sat.

She stated that Elai Salay lived with his aunt, Mrs. Moses. Witness went into the house at 10.40. She saw neither Mrs. Moses nor Leo again that evening. Witness intends going away on Friday morning to New York, where she has employment. Witness said the policeman and Mr. Hatty must have been mistaken when they said they saw Elai at 10.30. The case stands till next Friday.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Aug. 22 (Special)—The price changes were few and the dealings light on the stock market this morning. Canadian Pacific was a little easier at 10 1/2; Montreal Power sold at 96 1/2; Richelieu at 4 and 8 1/2; Detroit at 96 1/2; Twin City at 114 1/2; Havana Electric preferred at 90 and Ohio Tractor at 30.

THE DISTRICT MEETING

The meetings of the St. John district of the Methodist church are being continued in Fairville today. At 9.30 this morning there were devotional exercises followed by a discussion on an address entitled, "What a Christian Life May and Ought to Be." The discussion will be continued this afternoon. Other addresses will be given as follows: "The Minister's Ideal," "The Revival We Need," "Unused Forces in Our Church Life."

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. A. Benkes takes place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at her residence, Erie street. Rev. Doctor Raymond will conduct the service. Interment at Cedar Hill cemetery.

POST OFFICE EMPLOYE CHARGED WITH THEFT

MONTREAL, Aug. 22 (Special)—The arrest was made here today of Pierre Campeau, a post office employee on a charge of opening registered mail and stealing money. Marked bills were found in Campeau's possession. The police believe that he has already stolen large sums from the mails. Campeau pleads not guilty.

It is better to right wrongs than to revenge them.