

THE STAR, ST. JOHN N. B., MONDAY, AUGUST 19 1907.

EFFORT MADE TO SPREAD FLAMES

Hartland Investigation Re- vealed Sensational Facts

Damaging Evidence Being Gathered
Against Certain Suspected
Parties

HARTLAND, N. B., Aug. 17.—At the fire investigation here this week in addition to the evidence already reported it was proved not only that the fire was of incendiary origin, but that after it was started a determined effort was made to spread the flames, in fact, to destroy the entire west side of Main street.

Kiah Kearney, who lives at the north end of the street, testified that while he was out watching the fire, someone entered his attic, sat on the floor, and began to work with a lamp, and that he saw the flames spread from the window.

George C. Watson, whose partially destroyed building marks the northern limit of the fire, swears that while the fire was in Carr's building to the immediate south of his (Watson's) he unlocked his basement and removed some tools and on returning after a few minutes' absence, he found a barrel of paper in the basement on fire. It was while the firemen were working on this building that the hose was cut on several occasions. Kearney also testified that he saw V. F. and M. J. Thornton at the fire wearing collars and ties, but saw no one else similarly attired.

H. D. Keswick, a fireman, testified that while working on the Thornton store, he saw into the store, but saw nothing of a show case that always stood near the window.

W. F. Thornton swore that he came home the night of the fire about nine o'clock and went to bed shortly after, and did not hear the bell, but was awakened by someone going by and using his name in conversation, that he immediately dressed and ran to the fire.

Dorothy Alexander, who lives near Mr. Thornton, says that he did not come home till about ten, and Mrs. Henry Bradley who saw him on his way to the fire told him he was late getting around. Mr. Thornton also stated that the insurance on his store had not yet been paid. It is understood that quite a number of witnesses will be called next week. A number of insurance policies in the village have been cancelled since the fire.

FIFTY-TWO STUDENTS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Freak of Electric Fluid Strews Ground
With Watches, Knives, and Keys

GENEVA, Aug. 17.—Fifty-two German and Swiss students, who were spending their holidays at the College des Salsmans, at Intrin, on Lake Maggiore, were struck down by lightning during the disaster on Mont Sigeto, 6,000 feet high, near Pallanza, which has already been briefly reported.

When the party reached the summit a violent thunder storm came on, and a flash of lightning struck the party to the earth.

After a time Professor Guadagnoli, one of the leaders of the party, recovered, and, making his head, saw the forms of the students lying around him. At first he thought all were dead, as nobody answered his cries.

Soon afterward the professor saw the students rise, one by one, till only four remained on the ground. Two named Holmester, and Urban, of Thiel—were dead, and two others were dangerously injured.

Broken watches, pocket knives, keys and umbrellas strewn the ground, and, curiously enough, nearly every person had his boots torn to shreds. The victims were buried yesterday. The rest are gradually recovering.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ROBBING A BANK

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 18.—Three young men were caught in the act of robbing the Varnett National Bank early today. A police patrolman was walking along Middlesex street when he heard a crash like the breaking of glass in the direction of the bank. He saw the forms of three men inside the building. Rushing in he ordered, at the point of a revolver, a surrender. Two others added the officers in taking the prisoners to the police station, where they gave their names as Robert Jones, 17, Harry Adelt, 20, and Louis Martin, 17, all of Lowell. The lads carried a set of burglar's tools.

Every Woman MARVELLED

WINDSOR SUPPLY CO., Windsor, Ont., General Agents for Canada.

BELIEVE THERE IS COMBINATION AMONG THE FUEL DEALERS

Trades and Labor Council Ask In-
vestigation of Affairs of
Montreal Firms

MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—Believing that there was a combination among the fuel dealers of this city and vicinity, the officials of the Trades and Labor Council have been working for weeks to obtain evidence bearing on the question.

An application was sent to the government on Saturday praying for the appointment of a royal commission to hold an investigation into the buying and selling of coal.

Those in charge of the affair state that there is more than a suspicion that a working agreement exists between the producers and retailers by which the latter actually control the price of coal.

It was pointed out to the Standard that when any change was announced the action of all who handle coal in this city was unanimous and simultaneous.

The government will also be requested to investigate the alleged trust, in which, it is said, there is evidence of a combine, which is even more of a close corporation than the alleged fuel trusts.

MAN IN A "TRANCE" MYSTERY TO EXPERTS

He Awoke Suddenly in Hospital, But
Remembers Nothing of His Mishap

PARIS, Aug. 17.—The mystery of the young man who was found in a trance on the steps of the Church of St. Nom la Breche, he awoke suddenly in hospital yesterday, and declared that he could remember nothing of the accident. He said that he was a native of Paris, named Klein, that he fell ill in New York and was sent back to France by Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who gave him a check for \$125, telling him only to cash it when all other resources had failed. This check, he declares, has been stolen.

Klein arrived in Paris, he says, on July 18. On Tuesday evening he took a train at the Gare St. Lazare, intending to go to the Bois. A powerful man, with a brown beard, was in his compartment. Klein "believed" he got into the train at Porte Maillot with this man. After that he declares that he remembers absolutely nothing more.

Medical tests show no signs of his having been drugged, while hot needles were used in vain attempts to recall him when he was first brought to the hospital. There are, however, three slight punctures on his breast, which might have been made by a fine syringe.

GRAND TRUNK DISPUTE REACHES A SETTLEMENT

OTTAWA, Aug. 18.—The report of the board of conciliation and investigation appointed to adjust the dispute between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and its locomotive engineers has been presented to the minister of labor by Professor Short, chairman of the board.

The report states that a final settlement of the dispute has been reached, and an agreement for three years has been signed, giving a substantial increase in wages to the engineers.

The agreement is in favor of the Grand Trunk by Messrs. Hays and Robb and on behalf of the locomotive engineers by Messrs. Cameron, Baile and Johnson.

It is for three years from Aug. 1, 1907 and covers rules and rates of remuneration applicable throughout the Grand Trunk system. The substantial increase of wages to the engineers is given in consideration of the present extending over a period of three years.

CAPE BRETON FISHERIES ARE BETTER THAN USUAL

HALIFAX, Aug. 17.—A despatch from North Sydney says: From all sources come reports of phenomenal catches of fish, and the indications are that the present season will be a record one on the fishing grounds.

All of the Gloucester fleet to call here, so far, have reported full fares and the French trawlers have eclipsed all expectations. One of the latter vessels, the Ladore, now in port, has on board 500 quintals, which makes a total catch for this vessel alone up to the present of 4,200 quintals of fish.

The Sacho is also in the stream with 2,700 quintals on board. As a result of the successful efforts of the trawlers last year and again this season, the French concerns, who own the fleet of trawlers now prosecuting the industry in these waters, will send four or more vessels of the same class to join the present fleet.

DESPONDENT, HE SHOT HIMSELF

LYNN, Mass., Aug. 17.—Despondent on account of ill health and other troubles, Charles Bonifer, superintendent of the making room at Welch & Landis's shoe factory, shot himself in the temple late today and died instantly. Bonifer shot himself at his boarding house.

BELFAST BEING RUINED BY SERIES OF STRIKES

All Branches of Business Have Been Injurious Affected and
Many Great Industries Nearly Crippled.

(By Fereday Phillips.)
BELFAST, Aug. 17.—A prominent manufacturer told me today that it will take years for Belfast to recover the trade lost since the strike began. All branches of business have been affected, and some of the most important industries of the Ulster capital well-nigh crippled.

The milling industry has been at a standstill since the July holidays, and the price of flour must inevitably increase. Most of the firms in Belfast, from America, Canada and Australia, a small proportion from Liverpool and the bulk of it is dealt with for supply to Ireland.

But supplies are being exhausted. Three large ships, with full cargoes of grain, are lying in the harbor, unable to discharge. In consequence of the blockade the Liverpool stores are congested, and further cargoes for Belfast cannot be received. American and Scotch millers are already protesting by the helplessness of their Ulster competitors, and shipping four to the north of Ireland.

Even now there is a shortage of good flour in Belfast, and the bakers are, I am told, forced to resort to inferior quality for bread. Moreover, freights have risen on shipments to Dublin, so that the local congestion cannot be relieved in that way. Various foodstuffs are affected; for example, the price of linseed cake has risen £2 a ton.

No one believes that there will actually be a bread famine in Belfast, but the millers have undoubtedly suffered loss through the complete paralysis of the dockers' and carters' services. Extraordinary efforts have been made to secure supplies, but, as I write, they have been unable to reach any arrangements for unloading the grain ships.

Exports as well as imports are held up. The great linen houses have difficulty in filling orders, and the motor-car industry suffers especially. One of the largest firms, driven to desperation by their inability to ship goods, has dispatched sixty-one cases to New York by carting them through the streets in the middle of the night. The head of the carting firm, who is carrying himself and the strike pickets being asleep, the goods were smuggled away safely.

MERCHANT CARTERS.
Another firm tried the same method, and succeeded in making one shipment. The carters' strike was accidentally delayed until daylight, when the pickets came on duty. The head of the carting firm, who is carrying himself and the strike pickets being asleep, the goods were smuggled away safely.

The linen trade is also suffering from the lack of raw materials and accessories usually imported from Lancashire. Thousands of pounds worth of goods have been damaged on the quays, where incoming shipments are piled high in hopeless confusion. Police-escorted carts, temporarily transformed into carters, are securing what belongs to the firm and carrying nothing for the carters.

Most of the carters to and from the linen houses have been in the hands of contractors, whose men were supplied with the necessary tools. It is most pathetic to see a mild, middle-aged accountant, bespectacled and quite harmless, sitting on a van in an obviously apologetic attitude, and gazing with mute appeal at several hundred men and rather grumpy strikers who surround him with quayside epithets.

It is not a pleasant manner in which to spend one's holiday, but about the majority of the Belfast clerks will get this summer. Employers are in no mood to discuss pleasant hours.

BRITAIN WILL STAND NO KONSENSE IN VENEZUELA

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Aug. 17.—Much excitement has been caused here by the invasion of Venezuelan territory by Captain Calder, in the name of the British Guiana and British Guiana and the seizure of a quantity of balata (the gum of the bullet-tree, used for insulating wires, etc.), which it is alleged has been collected in British territory.

Captain Calder's force went down the Parana River and crossed the boundary into Venezuelan territory, where Captain Calder, at the point of a revolver, demanded that the Venezuelan commissioner surrender to him four thousand pounds of balata. The commissioner was unable to resist and gave up the gum. He has, however, made a protest to President Castro and the British consul here against the seizure of the balata and the invasion of Venezuelan territory. Pears are entertained of retaliation at Morayhanna, the British frontier headquarters. There has been much trouble over the balata trade for some time and the British officials have made strong attempts to prevent illicit trading in the gum.

EX-CONVICTS DILEMMA.
PARIS, Sunday, Aug. 18.—A convict named Delhomme, who has just been pardoned, after serving seven years' imprisonment, was so altered in appearance that he was not recognized by his wife. He has, however, made a protest to President Castro and the British consul here against the seizure of the balata and the invasion of Venezuelan territory. Pears are entertained of retaliation at Morayhanna, the British frontier headquarters. There has been much trouble over the balata trade for some time and the British officials have made strong attempts to prevent illicit trading in the gum.

It might as well be burned in the street as rot in the warehouse," he said to a more cautious merchant who criticized his daring.

STAGNANT TRADE.
The ironmaking and engineering industries are completely paralyzed. I will give one example. Messrs. Combe & Barber, one of the largest iron foundries and machine makers in Belfast, have been closed since July 6. Their cartage has been done by firms since black-listed, and they cannot get access to the quays, where they have 150 tons of pig iron awaiting removal. Meanwhile, their stock being exhausted, 2,000 men are idle. They have, moreover, 100 tons of finished textile machinery which they cannot deliver.

Timber merchants are also among the unemployed. Building operations are delayed, for it is impossible to transfer the great piles of accumulated timber from the quays, where they resemble barricades.

Bacon-curers are usually among the most prosperous firms in Belfast, but they have had to warn the farmers throughout the north not to kill any more pigs until the strikes are settled, for it is impossible to handle the carcasses. Business has thus been diverted to other Irish bacon-curing centers, although the majority of farmers have simply resented their pigs and are making no attempt to supply the market. Danish bacon factories will thus profit.

PORT RETURNS.
The port returns for this year will be smaller than for many years. Last year, for example, there were 12,174 tons of aerated water exported, and 54,784 tons of linens. Belfast required for the outside world 21,135 tons of flax, 12,127 tons of hemp, 100,000 tons of iron, 1,248,281 tons of coal. But for these unfortunate strikes this would have been a record year for all branches of trade. Business has never been better.

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GENEVA, Aug. 17.—Two German women, Fraulein Frederique and Fraulein Marguerite Zadra, of Neisse, were frozen to death under thrilling circumstances in a footpath to climb the Birnlike, in the Tyrol Alps, in a snowstorm.

The Fraulein Zadra, who were 40 and 42 years old, respectively, and were wealthy women, set out with three young friends, the Fraulein Stuckenschmidt, of Charlottenburg, who were all in their teens, to climb the Birnlike. This is about 8,000 feet high, and is generally regarded as fairly easy to ascend.

Not one of the women were equipped for mountaineering. They were wearing panama or lace hats, light blouses, openwork silk stockings, and high-heeled shoes. None of them carried anything stronger than a light parasol.

The guide pointed out the absurdity of their costumes, but they refused to listen to his advice, and insisted on carrying out their program. When they had climbed about 2,000 feet the weather changed suddenly. The wind rose, and snow began to fall.

When the guide insisted on the return of the party to the valley, Fraulein Marguerite Zadra exclaimed scornfully: "We are paying you for the expedition, and we intend to finish it, whatever happens. If you are afraid, you can go back, but we shall go on."

Her expostulations were of no avail, and when the women went on he followed them a little distance. He was joined by three other Alpinists, named Techuppi, Treter and Hof, and they also made fruitless efforts to induce the women to return.

Very soon the snow was falling heavily, and the Alpinists were up to their knees in it. In spite of this the women persisted in going on, and the snow had reached their waist, and two of the women fell exhausted.

THEIR PATH LOST.
The wind was then carrying great clouds of snow before it, and the climbers were unable to find their way. After a while the Fraulein Zadra became delirious, and then the four women carried the guide and two men started in the blindfold snow to bring help from the valley. For two hours the fourth man remained with the delirious women, who were screaming and moaning for help. All the time the snow continued to fall heavily.

At last the rescue party arrived, and the women were carried to a hospital. They were carried with the greatest difficulty to the valley. When the rescue party arrived, and the women were carried to a hospital. They were carried with the greatest difficulty to the valley. When the rescue party arrived, and the women were carried to a hospital. They were carried with the greatest difficulty to the valley.

HIS DIAMOND STOLEN WHEN ON A STREET CAR

NAHANT, Mass., Aug. 18.—Ezra F. Pratt, of 123 Pleasant St., Malden, reported to the police tonight that he had been robbed of a \$1,000 diamond trolley car this evening. Mr. Pratt, his wife, two daughters and a friend were riding on one of the forward seats of the car. Suddenly Mr. Pratt felt his necktie being pulled from behind and he turned about to see three men jump from the car, and his diamond was gone. Police officers later arrested one young man whose name was not learned and held him upon suspicion.

Comfort-shaped
Perfectly comfortable, well-fitting, collar with price.
Jockey, Spaced 1/2 inch at top, 4 1/2 between points, Collar Brand 2 for the collar made, named Mowbray. Get full value and demand the Brand.

JUST POSSIBLE.
Mrs. Caller-I notice your domestic always sings at her work. She evidently has a lovely disposition. Mrs. Homer—No, necessarily. I think she sings all the time because she has a grudge against us.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.—Complete quiet is reigning throughout the country which has given the ministers an opportunity for a needed rest. It is announced that no formal meeting of the council of the ministers will take place until the middle of October. Minister of Commerce Filossoroff, Minister of Education Kauffman and Minister of Finance Kokosovoff have gone to various parts of western Europe and Prince Vassilichoff, the minister of Agriculture has gone on a month's trip to Siberia for the purpose of investigating the difficulties which have arisen among the immigrants through the governmental encouragement of emigration which has attained unprecedented volume.

RUSSIAN MINISTERS ARE TAKING A REST

OTTAWA, Aug. 16.—Among the guests at the Pique Hotel, Old Orchard Beach, which was destroyed by fire last night, were Hon. William Paterson, Minister of Public Works, with Mrs. Paterson.

RAILROADS

CANADIAN PACIFIC CANADIAN PACIFIC Farm Laborers' Excursion!

\$12.00 GOING RATE, \$18.00 RETURNING RATE.
\$13.00 " " \$19.00 " "
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GOING DATE
Aug. 20, 1907

TERRITORY
From all Stations on Canadian Pacific Railway in New Brunswick.
From all Stations on Intercolonial Railway in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
From all Stations on Dominion Atlantic and Prince Edward Island Railways.

ONE WAY SECOND CLASS TICKETS TO WINNIPEG only will be sold. Each purchaser will receive a Verification Certificate with an extension coupon, which when signed at Winnipeg by a farmer showing the holder has been engaged to work as a Farm Laborer, will be honored prior to Sept. 20th, a Free Ticket to any station in Manitoba or Saskatchewan, Southwest, Northwest or West of Winnipeg, to and including Moosejaw, Swan River and Kamack. And from these points to Calgary and McLeod, including Matthews and McLeod Branches, and from Regina to points on the Prince Albert Branch, tickets will be issued at one cent per mile.

If on arrival at Western Destination, Verification Certificate is deposited with Agent and holder works at least 30 days as a Farm Laborer, he will be issued on or before November 20th, 1907, Second-Class Ticket from Moosejaw, Swan River, Kamack, Regina and any station east thereof, in territory above mentioned, to original starting point in the East by same route as travelled on the going journey, on payment of the returning rate shown above, and from stations beyond these points, in territory mentioned, tickets will be issued on payment of one cent per mile to Moosejaw, Swan River, Kamack or Regina, plus Farm Laborers rate shown above to Eastern Destination.

TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED TO WOMEN as well as Men, but will not be issued at Half-Rate to Children.
For further particulars apply to nearest Ticket Agent, or write
V. B. HOWARD, D. P. A., C. P. R., ST. JOHN, N. B.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

ON AND AFTER SUNDAY, June 16th, 1907, trains will run daily (Sunday excepted), as follows:

TRAINS LEAVE ST. JOHN.
No. 5—Express for P. du Chene, Moncton, Campbellton and Truro. 7.15
No. 6—Mixed train for Moncton. 7.45
No. 4—Express for Moncton, P. du Chene, connecting with Ocean Limited at Moncton for Halifax, Quebec and Montreal. 11.00
No. 35—Express for Point du Chene, Halifax and Pictou. 12.00
No. 126—Suburban train for Hampton. 13.15
No. 3—Express for Sussex. 17.15
No. 128—Suburban train for Hampton. 18.15
No. 134—Express for Quebec and Pictou. 19.40
No. 125—Suburban train for Hampton. 22.00
No. 10—Express for Moncton, Sydney, and Halifax and Pictou. 23.25

TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.
No. 2—From Halifax, Sydney and Pictou. 6.25
No. 125—Suburban train from Hampton. 7.45
No. 7—Express from Moncton. 9.00
No. 128—Express from Moncton. 12.10
No. 127—Suburban train from Hampton. 13.15
No. 3—Express from Moncton. 16.10
No. 2—Express from Moncton and Point du Chene. 17.30
No. 35—Express from Halifax, Pictou, Point du Chene and Campbellton. 19.15
No. 125—Suburban train from Hampton. 20.15
No. 1—Express from Moncton and Truro. 21.30
No. 34—Express from Sydney, Halifax, Pictou and Moncton. 22.00
A through sleeper is now running on the Ocean Limited from St. John to Montreal. The through sleeper on the Maritime Express has been discontinued.

All trains run by Atlantic Standard Time, 24 1/2 clock in Montreal. CITY TICKET OFFICE, 3 King Street, St. John, N. B. Telephone 271. Moncton, N. B., June 12th, 1907.

EVERY CRAFT AVOIDED
THE DYNAMITE SHIP

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 18.—Six hundred tons of dynamite on board the British steamship Westhampton, bound for Colon, and a heavy fog off the Delaware combined to throw sailors on the river and bay into a panic early today. The vessel had been loaded with a general cargo in Baltimore and had gone to Thompson's Point, N. J., where it received its dangerous cargo, believed to be the first ever shipped by water from the United States.

It was sighted about two o'clock yesterday morning from Reedy Island, in the Delaware, and from that point all following vessels were warned of the floating mine ahead of them. The minute the news reached a ship its rate of speed would be lowered and the fog horn started going at a lively rate. Many vessels stopped altogether and only started again on receiving an exact description of the ship, its probable speed and location.

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