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HUNDREDS DROWNED IN THURSDAY'S STORM

Barges Crowded With Workmen Went Down at Sea Off the Florida Coast-- Steamer Jennie Brings Terrible News to Key West--Men Clinging to Floating Lumber.

KEY WEST, Fla., Oct. 20--(Special)--The steamer Jennie, Captain Dudnich, bound from Gulfport for Genoa has called at this port to land 40 workmen picked up at sea near the Bahamas coast, 100 miles from Key West. The men were part of a force of 100 workmen belonging to Barge No. 4 engaged on east coast extension work. Most of the others were either killed or drowned in the storm early Thursday. Nine other barges crowded with workmen engaged in extension work were at sea with Barge No. 4. There is no news of them and it is feared all were lost.

FREDERICKTON NEWS

FREDERICKTON, Oct. 20--(Special)--The water is rapidly falling and it is doubtful if all the logs below Grand Falls can be floated this fall. There was a light shower of rain here this morning. In the market here this morning chickens sold for sixty cents, eggs for twenty-four, butter for twenty-four and potatoes one dollar per barrel.

MISS HEWITT REAPPOINTED

At a meeting of the hospital commissioners last evening Miss Lida R. Hewitt was appointed superintendent of nurses in place of Miss Duff, whose resignation takes effect on the 25th. Miss Hewitt is at present in Boston and will arrive here next week to take up her duties. She is very well known in St. John having been superintendent at the hospital previous to Miss Duff taking charge. She resigned from the institution here to accept a position in Massachusetts General Hospital and is considered very competent.

GREAT CELEBRATION BY SALVATION ARMY IN ST. JOHN NEXT WEEK

Commissioner Coombs will arrive on Friday, 26th inst., from Toronto to be present at the 20th anniversary to be held in this city. Extensive preparations have been made for the celebration, and it is anticipated that it will be a good success. A reception for the delegates will be held on Friday evening, and Mayor Sears will deliver an address of welcome on behalf of the citizens. A large number of visitors are expected, as the congress has arranged with the I. C. R. for an excursion to be run from Sydney along the main line to this city. The Glace Bay band will come on the excursion, and it will be a great help towards the success of the anniversary, as the musicians are accomplished and all made great names for themselves in the old country. On Saturday the commissioner will hold councils for the officers, and in the evening a council will be held for the officers and soldiers in the Charlotte street barracks.

ST. JOHN FAMILY IN CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE

Osber W. Heffer, son of Richard Heffer, of the west end, who resides in Santiago de Chile, in a number of letters to his mother tells of most terrible earthquake that visited that section of the country. He refers to the fact that there are many earthquakes in that section but never such a one as was experienced on August 16th. last. He writes on the day following the earthquake as follows: "It was just one minute of 8 o'clock and we were about finishing dinner when there commenced a most terrible earthquake. Naturally with the idea of San Francisco before one it was apt to create a certain nervousness, although this was had enough to create a nervousness of its own. The first shock lasted four minutes and standing on the ground appeared as though one were in a small boat on a stormy sea. The second shock was only 20 seconds, but it was more severe than the first. From that time until morning there was a continuous movement of the earth and now every few minutes there is felt a slight shock. The prevalent idea being that we will have more. The children were about retiring for the night, but it did not take many seconds to get them into the middle of the patio, where there was comparatively little danger, as the patio is big and the house one story. To add to the general discomfort it was raining torrentially, so altogether, aside from the danger, it was disagreeable. He refers to the fact that few in Santiago slept that night. From one o'clock until three, there were over 30 shocks and considerable damage was done to property. Mr. Heffer's home was damaged to the extent of about \$200. Many people were killed by falling walls and hundreds were injured more or less severely. The squares and open spaces were filled with people who feared to go to bed. It is hoped to have the pressure on again before tomorrow.

Mr. Heffer's Family in Their Tent.

"PROF. WHITE" FIGURES AS THE RESPONDENT IN A DIVORCE CASE

St. John people will remember Prof. White, violinist, formerly of this city, and a native of Moncton. He was for a time a member of Harrison's orchestra and also a violin teacher. Some years ago he was in Boston, and is the "Le Blanc" mentioned in the following extracts from the Boston Post and Journal. The Journal prints an excellent picture of the professor, and also of Mrs. Buffinton. (Boston Post, Wednesday) "Alluding that his wife had become too intimate with another man and that she had not acted as a wife should, Ernie B. Buffinton, the well-known real estate agent of Roxbury, appeared in the divorce court late yesterday afternoon and related some of his domestic troubles to Judge White. "With face slightly flushed through embarrassment, yet cool in manner, Mr. Buffinton testified: 'My wife and I lived at the Warrenhurst in Roxbury from November, 1904 until April, 1906. While there we became acquainted with Mr. Le Blanc, who was a violinist and good entertainer. That was in the winter of 1905. "He replied that it was the first time he had ever been asked to leave a man's house. As he made no move to go, I told him to get out or I would put him out." At this point the judge asked: "Did he go?" "Well, he went," replied the witness. "Continuing, Mr. Buffinton said that on one night he returned at a late hour and found the door locked. After waiting a long time his wife appeared. Her face was flushed, her hair was tossed and as she opened the door she said that the lock had stuck. Entering the suite he found Le Blanc. His hair was disheveled and the room was much disarranged. At this point Mr. Buffinton said: 'I shook my fist in the face and told him I had gotten about enough of this business and told him to get out.' "He said that his wife would meet Le Blanc nearly every night in the week and that getting tired of it, he left her in Copeland street, and his wife remained at the Warrenhurst until the lease ran out. Then she moved to 40 Moveland street. "After that, according to Mr. Buffinton, Le Blanc went with Mrs. Buffinton and one night on Cliff street, Roxbury, the witness saw Le Blanc with his arm around Mrs. Buffinton. "Buffinton will be recalled this morning, Mrs. Lucy Buffinton, wife of Mr. Buffinton has gained quite a reputation as a concert artist. She has filed a cross libel and will contest the divorce. (Boston Journal, Thursday) "Declaring that the poems he wrote in letters that were found among Mrs. Buffinton's possessions were for a Spanish libretto and that he had a purely 'imaginary' person in mind, Jerome John Moses Le Blanc, music teacher, and correspondent in the cross libel suit of Ernest B. Buffinton against his wife, Lucy, also a musician, was the chief witness yesterday. (Continued on page 3.)

VIOLENT BREAK IN WALL STREET; BRITISH FINANCIER'S BLUNT TALK

NEW YORK, Oct. 20--Wall Street--Liquidation was renewed on a large scale with the opening of the stock market today and prices broke violently in all directions. Speculative activities were the largest feature, but some running up to a point were committed in the market. Among the most notable were Northern pfd. fell 3/4, Anaconda 3/4, Smelters 1/2, Pacific 3/4, Northern Pacific 1/2, St. Paul 1/2, National Lead, General Electric and Colorado Fuel 1/4, and Union Pacific 3/4. LONDON, Oct. 20--After the surprise caused in financial circles yesterday by the exceptional increase in the Bank of England's rate of discount, a feeling of great relief and confidence was manifested today, as it was believed that the six per cent. rate would prevent the export of further gold. Nevertheless, the stock market this morning continued to show much nervousness, but there was an absence of the feverish excitement which followed the first advance. Therefore, at the United States continues to require gold for the movement of the crops or other needs, we feel that the United States government should be prepared to meet the demand for gold. Secretary Shaw once before stated the situation of the gold market, and we in London cannot say why he should sit in a room and speculate on gold from London's depleted stock. (MONTREAL, Oct. 20--(Special)--Liquidation of local stocks recommenced on the stock market this morning, notwithstanding the fact that the market was closed yesterday. Railway went off to 2 1/2; Detroit, to 2 1/2; while other values were steady. In London, 2 1/2; Montreal, 2 1/2; Hamilton, 2 1/2; Toronto, 2 1/2.

PRICE PAID IS \$416,000

Capt. Partington Secures Cushing Pulp M. I. at That Price--Lively Bidding. Captain Partington of Glasgow, England, who was a former heavy shareholder in the Cushing Pulp Company, became the owner of the property at noon today for the sum of \$416,000. Owing to the promise the pulp mill has been in the hands of the company for years through the various courts of the country there was considerable interest taken in the sale and when Auctioneer Lantam took the stand on St. John's stock market at Cribb's Court at noon today there was a large attendance, particularly of the legal men, many of whom have been kept busy with the affairs of the company for years past. After a description of the property and terms of sale, etc., had been read the auctioneer asked for a bid to start with. The first bid was immediately made by Attorney-General Pugsley, acting for the Cushing, of \$200,000. Thenceforth the bidding was lively. Mr. Pugsley jumped it to \$300,000, Mr. McAvity then made it \$325,000 and Dr. Pugsley responded with an offer of \$400,000. A. H. Hainington, who was acting for Capt. Partington then entered the lists with a bid of \$416,000 and after a few smaller bids Mr. Hainington secured the property for \$416,000. Two shares of Bank of New Brunswick stock were sold to J. C. McIntosh & Co. for \$270 each.

TWO WOMEN GET SIX MONTHS JAIL

They Were Inmates of a Sheffield Street House--Gin Caused Trouble. At the police court this morning Annie Jonah, charged with keeping a disorderly house on Sheffield street, pleaded guilty to the offence of keeping a gin house. She was sentenced to six months in jail. Her co-defendant, Mrs. Eva Moxell, better known as "Circus Eva," admitted having been inmates of the Sheffield street house. She was also sentenced to six months in jail. The trouble arose over a "square-face" of gin. Manfred Kimball was charged with furnishing gin to Mark Road. The case was temporarily set aside. James Cameron, who gave his name as Campbell, a ticket-of-leave man, was fined \$10 for breaking and entering at Glace Bay, N. S. Michael Morris was remanded on a charge of drunkenness.

JOHN O'NEILL LOSES A LEG

Was Run Over By a Freight Train This Morning. A very serious accident occurred this morning in the I. C. R. yard, when John O'Neill, of 22 City Road, had his ankle run over by one of the wheels of a heavy freight. The bone has been jammed so badly that Dr. Malcolm, superintendent of the hospital, has decided to amputate the leg below the knee. Mr. O'Neill, who is an unmarried man, and about 35 years of age, was going to work this morning at seven o'clock. While coming from his residence on the City Road it was his custom to take a shot at across the track of the I. C. R. to the depot, where he was employed as a man's helper. He was getting under one of the cars this morning and while so doing the truck started suddenly and caught his foot. James Buckley, who happened to be nearby, rushed to his fellow workman's assistance, and after getting the train stopped dragged the injured man from under the wheels. His foot was hanging and he was suffering great agony. The ambulance was summoned and Mr. O'Neill was taken to the hospital. Enquiry at the hospital this afternoon elicited the information that the injured man was resting quite comfortably, and it was deemed necessary to amputate the leg.

WAGES INCREASED

MONTREAL, Oct. 20 (Special)--The Canadian Pacific Railway have for some days been meeting a committee of machinists and yesterday they agreed upon a ten per cent increase in wages. NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT. New York bank statement for Saturday, Oct. 20th, 1906. Reserves on all deposits, dec. \$4,322,400. Reserves other than U. S. dec. \$7,738,475. Loans, inc. \$18,770,770. Specie, dec. \$2,132,220. Legal tender, dec. \$1,328,800. Deposits, inc. \$125,569. Bank statement unfavorable, especially in loans. Box 4 was rung in at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon for a slight breeze in a house occupied by John B. Oulip on Coburg street. It was extinguished by the chemical engine. Miss Grace Wyman, of Yarmouth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Wells, King street east.

ARRESTED IN MONCTON

MONCTON, N. B., Oct. 20--(Special)--Thomas McLean, aged thirty, a consumptive looking man, is under arrest here on a charge of theft, alleged to have been committed at Sydney several weeks ago. Chief Campbell has had a description of the prisoner since Oct. 1st, with instructions to arrest him. McLean arrived in town yesterday and was occupied by the chief, who was in search of him. It appears that McLean, who is a P. E. Island man, is charged with stealing clothing from a Sydney concern. An officer is expected from Sydney today for the prisoner. Rev. D. McLeod arrived from Fredericton today.

THE CONTEST GROWS MORE INTERESTING

There Are Now Nearly Thirty Competitors for the Times Prize of \$200 in Gold, But Half a Dozen are Well in the Lead---It's Anybody's Race at the Present Time.

As was predicted in this morning's Telegraph, the interest shown in the Times voting contest today was greater than at any previous period. The sudden rise of the doughty Junior Beavers argued the fighting spirit in several other organizations with the result that several changes have occurred in today's vote. The race between La Tour Sen. Temple of Honor and T. and the Junior Beavers is a close one, the former having at present, a lead over the latter of three votes. St. Mary's Band and St. Rose L. A. D. Society have also swelled their totals and are showing a determination to make a gallant fight for the coveted prize. Some of the would-be humorists are flooding the contest editor with votes for mythical personages and societies. Today several ballots were received addressed "Police Court" which were promptly consigned to the waste-basket, the contest editor being in no humor to trifle with the majesty of the law. A large number who seem to know more about Mars and Venus than he does about the terrestrial sphere, contributed several votes for the "Brotherhood of Astronomers" an association whose standing in the community cannot be accurately defined. Among the new-comers into the Times contest arena are the Daughters of Israel, the Gurney Div. Sons of Temperance and the Loyal Orange Society. Another recent arrival is Court Yukon, Catholic Order of Foresters. The contest editor once more wishes to express his appreciation of the vast number of votes early. An early start followed up by energetic and persistent effort is bound to bring results. Below is given the standing of the contestants at noon today: La Tour Sec. T. of H. and T., 267 Junior Beavers, 264 St. Mary's Band, 238

WORKMAN INJURED

Edith Salay, a young Assiniboian, was quite badly injured today by a falling chimney at Stephenson's machine shop on Nelson street, and was taken to the hospital. Salay was at work on the roof of the building, which was damaged recently by fire, when a forty-foot chimney, supported to have been weakened by the jar of the engine, suddenly collapsed, carrying beams and roofing with it. Salay fell to the floor on a pile of scattered bricks, sustaining injuries to his head and several bruises about the body. The ambulance was summoned and Salay was taken to the hospital, where he is resting easily. His condition is not believed to be serious. Rev. Geo. W. White, Mrs. White and daughter of Sheffield are at present guests of Mrs. L. B. Osborne, Red Head.

HEALTH CONDITIONS AND THE RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The city's health conditions compare very favorably with this time a year ago. The death list up to the present time is less than to the same date last year, and extra precautions have been taken in the prevention of infectious and contagious diseases. During the recent typhoid epidemic, for instance, the examination of milk from suspected places, proved a decided benefit to the community, and, as a result of constant vigilance on the part of the officials considerable improvement in plumbing and sanitary conditions is reported. Cases of infectious disease, with the exception of typhoid, have been taken to the epidemic hospital, and the placing of houses containing cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever, has been carried on as usual. For small-pox the board controls a special hospital, wherein three cases were treated within the past year, by a doctor and nurse, also controlled by the board. Secretary Burns says that, as an experiment the Board of Health would like to disinfect all houses in which there have been infectious or contagious diseases, and asked the municipality for a grant for materials. While this was not actually refused, it is noticeable that the grant of \$4,800 for the city and county was reduced to \$4,000. Mr. Burns also stated that conditions would be much improved if the city would look after the collection of garbage, which has power to carry out. As matters stand at present in this particular the board has to compel individuals to remove it. From January 1 to October 1 of this year, 569 deaths have been reported, as against 570 during the same period last year. March of last year was the heaviest month, the number of deaths having been 91, whereas but 92 occurred during the same month this year. When asked regarding the amount of infectious and contagious disease for the year, Mr. Burns said he was not prepared to give even a rough estimate.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM AND THE COUNCIL. Mr. Hiram Hornbeam came to the new reporter today with a package of coupons for the Times voting contest. "Which is your favorite?" queried the new reporter. "I'm votin'," said Hiram, "for the city council. I callate they're the best of 'em. But how'n' anybody I know in this town." "You mean," suggested the new reporter, "that the amount should be divided among them as a Christmas gift?" "No, sirree!" promptly responded the man from Hornbeam Settlement. "Not that at all--but give it to 'em to see what they'll do with it." "It's a safe guess that they'll spend it," said the new reporter. "But how'n' returned Hiram. "That's the pint. I want to see what new schemes they'd work." "But two hundred dollars is such a trifle," said the new reporter. "The waterworks will cost half a million; the Ladlow a hundred thousand, and the new dredge fifty or sixty thousand. To ask men who deal in hundreds of thousands to come down to a petty matter of two hundred seems to me like making game of them. They won't consider it." "How much 'll that country market job cost?" queried Hiram. "It is too soon to form an estimate. It is a year or two and I'll tell you. That job was only started last spring. It's young yet." "Yes--I s'pose," admitted Hiram. "But I've seen bull blocks built in less time. An' you think they wouldn't care about anything so small as two hundred dollars?" "Quite sure," said the new reporter. "You wouldn't only irritate them." "Then I won't do it," said Hiram.

\$200 IN GOLD THE EVENING TIMES POPULAR VOTING CONTEST ONE VOTE FOR THE TIMES AS THE MOST POPULAR ORGANIZATION \$200 IN GOLD