

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., AUGUST 3, 1901.

## NOVA SCOTIA FOREST FIRES COVER 1,000 ACRES

Worse Than First Reported—Four Miles of Trenches Dug to Divert the Flames.

Amherst, July 30.—(Special)—The forest fire referred to in last evening's telegraphic report are even worse than at first supposed. It seems that the fire started last Wednesday in the woods of R. A. Christie, about four miles from his residence. Some suppose it was set by lightning, a heavy storm having passed over that section. It has rapidly spread in an easterly direction for about six miles, passing over portions of the properties of E. B. and R. A. Christie, Kelly Bros., Rufus Christie, James Porter and B. B. Barnhill, an area of over 1,000 acres having already been covered through the very best section of the lumber area.

On Sunday the homes of R. A. and E. B. Christie were threatened, but a force of about 30 men were at work all day digging trenches, thus diverting the course of the fire. About four miles of trenches were dug.

Yesterday morning the fire reached within half a mile of the residence of James Porter and within a mile of the mill and buildings of Kelly Bros. A message was sent from River Hebert at 9 a.m. to Amherst asking for assistance and Chief Bliss sent by special train No. 1 fire engine and 600 feet of hose. To show the promptness of Chief Bliss and his men the fire engine was at River Hebert station, 18 miles from Amherst, in just two and a half hours from the time the telegram left there. It is hoped their efforts will prevent the fire reaching the Porter and Kelly buildings. E. B. Kelly is in Chelsea, Maine, having been summoned there by the death of his sister. A summary of the properties reported yesterday as burned is:

## MEETING OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS' UNION.

Convention Opened in Halifax Tuesday—Various Conferences Held.

Halifax, July 30.—(Special)—The 10th convention of the Maritime Union of Christian Endeavorers was opened this morning at 10 a.m. at the Grafton Street Methodist church, when, after the convention was organized, there was a conference of superintendents and presidents and also of junior workers.

Tonight's session was devoted to devotional exercises, a welcome on behalf of the Halifax local union, a meeting of the nominating committee and addresses by Rev. W. G. Lane, who was chaplain with the second South African contingent, and J. Wallis Bae.

The Junior Endeavorers held a meeting this afternoon. A Presbyterian C. E. rally will be held in St. Matthew's church on Thursday morning when Rev. J. D. Mackay will be chairman.

Halifax, July 31.—(Special)—The maritime Christian Endeavorers' convention, which this morning with a "quiet hour" from 6.30 to 7.30, Dr. McMillan led in prayer and J. Wallis Bae, of Boston, secretary of the United C. E. of Nova Scotia, addressed the convention. His topic was "Consecration. He illustrated how Christ is crucified afresh from day to day, while He should be thanked for His love and grace. "Go to the Bible for spiritual help," said Mr. Bae.

The forenoon session opened at 9 o'clock with a praise service. Rev. R. G. Strath, of Truro, gave in the chair and conducted devotional exercises.

Miss Connors, secretary, read the minutes of the previous session and the junior superintendents' report was read by Mrs. Morrison. It showed 77 junior societies in the maritime union—45 in Nova Scotia, 27 in New Brunswick and five in Prince Edward Island. The membership all told was 2,100.

The report of the secretary, Mrs. D. A. Morrison, showed that but 200 societies of 683 had reported.

County superintendents' reports were called for but only Cumberland and Colchester had reported.

Rev. Dr. Black urged that the societies be made interdenominational.

Mr. Bae conducted a conference on local and county unions, commenting on and discussing the report of the society. He suggested that the fault of so many failing to report might be with corresponding secretaries, but the Endeavorers were to blame also. He advised having interesting programmes for the meetings and have a pastor's advisory committee to find work for the local union. The Christian Endeavor is really the pastor's aid society. He also touched upon the interdenominational feature.

This afternoon a junior rally took place at Orpheus hall. There was an opening chorus by 400 juniors. Prayer, welcome and greetings followed. The exercise, "Bow of Promise," by the juniors and intermediates was given and an address delivered by Mr. Bae.

At this evening's session Rev. A. F. Gaudier gave an address on Our Duty as Christian Citizens. Mr. Bae also gave an address.

Halifax, Aug. 1.—(Special)—Denominational rallies in connection with the Christian Endeavor convention took place in the various churches this morning. Mr. Bae conducted the quiet hour exercises at 6.30 o'clock and the rallies took place at 9.30. Rev. J. D. Mackay, B. D., presided at the Presbyterian rally at St. Matthew's; Rev. Mr. Craig, Methodist, at Grafton Street church; Rev. G. A. McDonald, Baptist, at the First Baptist church; and Rev. J. C. B. Appel, the Disciples of Christ rally.

This evening's meeting at Grafton street Sunday school closed the convention. The delegates will leave in the morning for their homes.

## THE PACIFIC CABLE.

British Commons Authorizes Expenditure of \$2,000,000.

London, July 30.—By a vote of 150 to 44, the House of Commons adopted a resolution authorizing the expenditure of £2,000,000 on the Pacific cable, Great Britain's share under the agreement with the colonies.

## LONG CHASE; SHARP FIGHT; BRITISH WIN.

General F. W. Kitchener Defeats Vlijoen's Commando; Inflicts Punishment.

## AN ALL DAY BATTLE.

What Was First Thought to Have Been a Skirmish July 25 Proved a Hard All-Day Fight—Four Hundred Boers Again Rushed British Position.

London, July 30.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener:

"General F. W. Kitchener, after a long chase of Ben Viljoen's commando, caught up with it. A sharp fight ensued. We captured a pom pom and twenty-two wagons and took thirty-two prisoners. The British had five wounded."

Durban, Natal, July 30.—Details received here of what at first seemed an ordinary skirmish between a British column and a Boer commando near Nouta, July 25, show that a hard all-day fight occurred in which the British narrowly escaped the loss of a gun of the 67th Field Battery. Four hundred Boers repeatedly rushed the British position, killing Major Edwards and Gunner Carpenter. The gun was limbered up and taken at a gallop for three miles under heavy fire. Five Boers were killed.

New York, July 30.—The London correspondent of the Tribune, noting the report that General Kitchener will soon succeed Lord Roberts in South Africa, says it may be assumed that the latter will not be recalled until the end of the war is in sight, so that Kitchener's task will be more passive and administrative than belligerent. General Kitchener did good work under Buller in the early days of the war, while he had previously distinguished himself in civil life. When private secretary to his uncle, Mr. Gladstone, he was regarded as a man with a future. He has expressed himself in public as sanguine of a satisfactory settlement of the South African question in the long run, and he sees no reason why Boer and British should not live peaceably side by side. The man, however, to whom is fully confided the task of solving the problem is Lord Milner, and he is well aware of his difficulties.

London, July 30.—In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Salisbury, the premier, read a message from King Edward, in which he expressed his confidence in the effect that in consideration of the eminent services of Field Marshal Lord Roberts in South Africa, his majesty recommended that parliament grant him the sum of £100,000.

London, Aug. 1.—"I am informed on good authority," says the Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that Mr. Kruger's visit to the United States has been absolutely decided upon. It will take place probably about the middle of September and he will be accompanied by Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans."

London, Aug. 1.—"On the arrival here of the steamer Montezuma July 24, with mules and horses from New Orleans," says a despatch from Cape Town to the Daily Express, "she was minutely searched for arms and ammunition she was suspected of carrying."

Montreal, July 31.—(Special)—Star's special cable from London says: "Sergeant F. W. Ellis, Canadian Regt., died of malarial fever on the S. S. Roslin Castle at St. Vincent, 28th July. Sergeant Ellis enlisted as a trooper in C' squadron, Strathcona Horse. His home is in London, England."

Captain Armstrong, Canadian infantry, sailed from Cape Town on steamer Engleham, July 27, and is due in England Aug. 20."

## FORMER C. P. R. OFFICIAL COMMITS SUICIDE.

Loss of Position, and Financial Troubles Supposed to Have Led to Shooting.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 31.—(Special)—H. C. Sheffield, until recently sleeping car distributor for the Canadian Pacific railway in Ontario, committed suicide at Windsor Hotel here this morning by shooting himself through the head. Despondency over the loss of his position and financial troubles is supposed to be the cause. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

## A Bank Amalgamation.

New York, July 30.—Normal announcement was made today that the National Bank of the Republic is to be merged with the first National and that after August 10, checks drawn on the former will be paid by the first National.

Bentley's Liniment is the best white Liniment. It is unequalled for Sprains, Bruises, and all soreness of the limbs or muscles. The price, ten cents (10 cts.), places it within the reach of all. Large bottles containing three times as much for twenty-five cents.

## Welcome Rain at Halifax.

Halifax, July 30.—(Special)—The dry spell which has lasted here for nearly a month, was broken today. It has been raining hard since 2 p.m. A dangerous forest fire on the Dartmouth side has been put out by it.

There is no sense in suffering with a headache when you may be quickly cured by Kumfort Headache Powders. Four in a packet 10c.

## HOW THE BOXER LEADERS OBEYED SUICIDE ORDER.

One Ate Gold Leaf, Second Hanged Himself, and Third Suffocated Himself With Earth.

London, July 30.—A Chinese paper published today has obtained the following details relative to the deaths of the high officials Chau-chu-chian, Yung-nien and Prince Chuang, who committed suicide on command of the Emperor. It is impossible to give the full report, as the details of the actual suicides are given with true Chinese brevity and adorned lucidity. The whole account, however, bears the stamp of truth, and the statement of the Chinese court that the three officials died of grief for their crimes, hitherto unproved, may hereby be considered as confirmed. The report runs: Chau-chu-chian ate gold leaf, which is the distinguished method of taking one's life among the well-to-do Chinese. Death is caused not by poisoning, as is generally assumed, but by asphyxiation, as the thin gold leaves stick in the air passages. Hoping against hope, however, that the emperor would have mercy on him, he took too little, and as he still lived when the time prescribed had elapsed, he took opium and other means to effectuate his death. His religion forbade him to do this by injuring his body in any way.

Prince Chuang, who received the news of his sentence in Buchou, a large town in the southwest of Shanai, immediately hanged himself in a temple of the local mandarin with whom he was living. In the presence of the imperial commissioner, Ko-pa-hwa. He used a white silk cord, not new, to the well known fact that the emperor had been a prisoner of the mitigated punishment.

Yung-nien, the president of the court of censors, was the most cowardly. He was in prison in Singan, and continually upbraided Prince Chuang "for leaving him in the lurch." He suffocated himself with earth before the imperial decree, so his death was kept hidden some days till the decree was published. Prince Tuan anticipated his banishment, and on receiving the sentence at Nincia, a town on the Mongolian frontier, which he had fled, proceeded at once to Turkistan lest the allies might still demand his death.

## KOCH'S DISCOVERY.

American Professor Claims He Knew It Long Ago.

Koch's announcement before the present London session of the British congress on tuberculosis that bovine tuberculosis, found in cattle only, does rarely, if ever, produce consumption in human beings, is not new to the well informed. Logists of this country, as Dr. Theobald Smith, of the Harvard Medical School, came to his conclusion several years ago after a long investigation which he started in 1894, says the Boston Transcript, and his discovery is known to his colleagues in the world. He is now calling attention to his work. Dr. Smith confirms the claims for his investigation and adds that one of the principal reasons for the failure of more studies in his papers that bovine tuberculosis is not productive of consumption in man is that Dr. Vagelos, who is one of Koch's assistants, in a tuberculosis culture from a human being bacilli which apparently are of a bovine type.

It was not only one of which the professor had an inkling at the time and the official report on it was made public after Dr. Smith had issued his second paper in 1898 on his study of bovine tubercle bacilli and of human bacilli from sputum. Cultures have been examined since by Dr. Smith and many American bacteriologists who are finding no more cases of that kind have been found.

## HE GAVE UP MILLIONS.

James Pratt Would Not Give Up British Allegiance at Boers' Demand.

Johannesburg has been the cause of many of a man's misfortune or good luck, but none of the many names associated with the gold-rust city has suffered such reverses of fortune as that of James Pratt, who died recently in a Surrey, Eng., workhouse. For \$1,300 in cash he at one time bought several thousand acres of land near the Limpopo river, including some of the richest gold mining country in the world. Pratt, however, was too much of a Britisher for the Boers, and though his title to the land was irrefragable the Boers deprived him of everything at the time of their rising in 1898, and refused to give him any redress of the confiscated property until he should promise to become a burgher.

This was a condition which Pratt would never accept, and the chance of millions slipped from his grasp.

During the Indian mutiny Pratt commanded the Calcutta naval brigade, and served under Sir James Outram at Lucknow, Cawnpore and Delhi.

## PRESIDENT OF THE TRACKMEN ARRESTED.

Head Officials of C. P. R. Strike Locked Up on Criminal Libel Charge.

Montreal, July 31.—James T. Wilson, president of the Trackmen's Brotherhood of America; Joseph Lenoix, chairman of the C. P. R. strikers' committee, and A. F. Starr, secretary, were arrested today on charge of criminal libel, preferred against them by R. C. Montgomery, ex-member of the committee, who complains he was called a traitor in an official circular. The accused were remanded for enquiry.

## Revolutionists Seized Public Lands.

New York, July 31.—A despatch from Colon, Colombia, says that on Friday night, the Revolutionists attacked the towns of Bohia, Gatun and Paraiso, took the town officials prisoners and seized the public funds.

To cure headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders—10 cts.

## PLAN TO HAVE DUKE OF YORK EXTEND STAY.

Great Many Places Want the Royal Visitors to Give Them a Call.

## ARE ASKING OTTAWA.

So Numerous Are the Applications That the Month's Stay Will Be All Too Short—Hoped a Fortnight May Be Added—New Brunswick Militia Notes.

Ottawa, July 30.—(Special)—The secretary of state is in receipt daily of letters asking for definite information as to the time when their royal highnesses will visit particular localities. But this he is not yet able to supply. The tour as announced is but provisionally adopted. There are applications from hosts of places which will not be touched at if the royal party is but to spend one month in Canada. It is probable that representations will be made to his royal highness when he comes here to show how inadequate will be the visit made by Canada in the short space of time that he has allowed and to induce him to extend his stay a fortnight at least.

In regard to Premier Laurier's trip down the St. Lawrence, an official who has some knowledge of the matter, points out that there are many more aids to navigation along the route than formerly, but that, despite this, accidents are now of more frequent occurrence. He wants that vessel carrying the royal party to be escorted by a regular patrol.

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In illustration of the carelessness of some sea officers, the official mentioned a case in which a steamer recently made that a certain fog whistle was too much like a steamer whistle in sound. The whistle in question was a small one, and of about a minute while a steamer whistle of course is not. The exercise of a little intelligence is all that is necessary in such a case. The official recently made that a certain fog whistle was too much like a steamer whistle in sound. The whistle in question was a small one, and of about a minute while a steamer whistle of course is not. The exercise of a little intelligence is all that is necessary in such a case. The official recently made that a certain fog whistle was too much like a steamer whistle in sound. The whistle in question was a small one, and of about a minute while a steamer whistle of course is not. The exercise of a little intelligence is all that is necessary in such a case.

The 3rd New Brunswick Regiment, 39 officers and 72 men, will attend camp at Island of Orleans, Quebec from 20th Aug. to 23rd Aug. The 4th P. E. Island, 10 officers and 72 men, will attend camp at Island of Orleans from the 20th to 24th.

Ottawa, July 31.—(Special)—His excellency the governor general and party will be in Quebec August 4 and will spend a few days there, returning to Ottawa about the 10th of the month. He has expressed disapproval of the new walk which has been constructed around the base of the Citadel hill at Quebec, and thinks it spoils the grandeur of the scene and ought to be removed.

It is not thought probable that the Canadian immigration department will voice through a letter to the high commissioner in London its disapproval of the scheme suggested to the British government for assisting immigration to South Africa. The feeling here is that if any money is to be spent in this way Canada ought to have at least a share of the settlers that are secured, as, according to those who have been in South Africa, we have here better prospects for new settlers than are to be found anywhere in Cape Colony or the newly conquered colonies.

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