

FIRE SWEEPED AREA AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 10,000 ACRES

Homes of 150,000 People Still Standing and Uninjured--The Relief Work Has Made Rapid Progress.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The relief work has made rapid progress. It is now in the hands of the military authorities and has been perfected and systematized until the feeding and sheltering of the thousands of hungry and homeless people is going on expectantly. Five hundred teams are hauling supplies to the sixty odd relief depots today. There is still a scarcity of sugar and coffee, and an urgent appeal is made for more blankets, coats and tents.

With the relaxation of the military law and the abolishing of passes permitting people to return to the city, thousands of curiosity seekers were attracted from across the bay yesterday, and today hundreds gazed sadly upon the ruins of their homes and dug through the ashes for some treasured memento.

The marines yesterday destroyed a considerable quantity of liquors in that section of the city in which they hold sway. It was understood by storekeepers whose places were looted that they could open their places for business, but they overlooked the fact that only such places as had no bars attached would be permitted to do so.

Restoration of the telephone system is making good progress. Forty telephones were in operation yesterday, but the dynamiting of walls temporarily put some of them out of commission. The Daily News will furnish milk free to the relief organizations until May 11.

Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, April 26.—The coasting steamer Strathcona, Captain Read, collided with and sank the British str. Havana, Capt. J. A. Farquhar, in Halifax harbor tonight. The Strathcona, with a full cargo of general merchandise, was bound out the harbor, and when off Point Pleasant she crashed into the wreck of the schooner Alexander R., which was sunk in collision two weeks ago.

The Strathcona, which is a very powerful steamer, struck the Havana about the engine room, cutting into her side several feet. With the exception of one man, the watch on deck, the Havana's captain and crew of seven men were below asleep. The crashing of the timbers aroused them, and half clad they rushed to the deck to find the Strathcona, whose bow was buried deep into the side of the other craft. The Strathcona backed off from the Havana as quickly as possible, as the latter was filling, and in less than ten minutes after the disaster the steamer disappeared. The Havana was owned by Captain Farquhar and was engaged in raising the submerged schooner Alexander R., which had been purchased by Captain Farquhar.

The Strathcona brought the survivors up to the city. The crew of the Havana say the mast head light was burning, also another on deck, and that the night was fairly clear. The captain of the Strathcona declined to make a statement.

The Havana registered 471 tons, was 131 feet long and was built in 1881. The steamer was heavily sheathed and only recently returned from the sealing grounds with a catch valued at \$11,000.

ST. MARTINS, April 26.—Walter Axell, accompanied by his wife and family of seven children, arrived Tuesday, walking through from Sussex, wheeling the two youngest children in a baby carriage. Yesterday they left on foot en route for St. John.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders, 10 cents.

COOKING UTENSILS FOR FANCY AND PLAIN COOKS Biscuit and Cookie Cutters, in sets, Patty Pans, Different Shapes, Glass and Wood Rolling Pins, Fancy Moulds in all shapes and sizes, Waffle Irons, Tumble Irons Crusty Bread Pans, Round and square.

Cake Mixers, Pudding and Brown Bread Moulds, Steam Cookers, Combination Sauce Pans, 3 in Set, Perfection Pie Plates, Cereal Steam Cookers.

Egg Beaters and Whips—Ask for the Brooklyn.

We Should Like to Show Our Stock

W. H. THORNE & CO., Limited, MARKET SQUARE, ST. JOHN, N. B.

STRIKING MINERS SUBMIT COMPROMISE PROPOSAL

Want Price of Coal Raised for Their Benefit.

SENATORS PRAISE KING'S STATESMANSHIP

OTTAWA, April 26.—The senate today discussed the invitation to the King and Queen. The house discussed the North Atlantic Trading Company.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 26.—The anthracite miners in Districts 1, 7 and 8, comprising the anthracite fields, will hold a conference at Scranton today.

CHATHAM NEWS CHATHAM, N. B., April 26.—A number of lumbermen are in town hiring men for the drives, and good wages are offered for good men.

WAS WORKING HIS WAY BACK TO HALIFAX (Special to the Sun.) MONCTON, April 26.—Allen Hughes, assistant ticket agent at the I. C. R. station here, has resigned his position to accept a similar one with the Grand Trunk.

COUGH LASTED 3 MONTHS. I was taken with a severe cough which lasted three months, and though I had tried all sorts of medicines they failed to do me any good.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER QUEBEC, April 26.—Gunner John Berry, charged with the murder of Gunner Hall, at the Citadel on November 1st, was found guilty tonight of manslaughter, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Men's Spring Suits That Have Snap and Style. Even our lowest priced Suits this Spring have a style and fit not previously found in Ready-to-Wear garments, and these Suits with their fine style, neat patterns and perfect fit will cost you less than you can buy the ordinary kind elsewhere for.

Men's Spring Suits at \$3.95, 5, 6, 7, 7.50, 8, 8.75, 9.50, 10, 12, 13.50, 15 to 20. See the Special \$10.00 Suit we are clearing at \$6.00.

J. N. HARVEY, Man's and Boys' Clothing, 199 to 207 Union St.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

CONTINUED WORK OF INVESTIGATION Managing Director of Manufacturers' Life Again on the Stand—Mr. Junkin's Evidence

(Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, April 26.—When the insurance commission reconvened this morning J. F. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers' Life, produced certain correspondence and papers which he had been asked for yesterday.

At the suggestion of Junkin D. B. Hanna was placed on the board to represent the MacKenzie and Mann combination of interests on the board holdings. Tiley asked whether there was now any combination of interests on the board which would vest the control of the Manufacturers' Life in one or two hands and Junkin replied: "None of any kind whatever. It has not even been discussed."

Tiley—"There are still some large blocks of stock held by single shareholders?" Junkin (smiling)—"It's better than it was."

Continuing Junkin told him the loan of \$127,530 made to MacKenzie and Mann on security 200 bonds of the Inverness railway and 4,000 shares of the Manufacturers' Life stock had been wiped off the books at the end of the year, so that it would not have to appear in the annual report and then be resumed in January.

In the afternoon session Mr. Junkin related that the Manufacturers' had sold blocks of the Dominion Coal and Iron Co. stock to MacKenzie and Mann at the end of 1903 and repurchased them in the beginning of 1904 at the same figure, which kept them from appearing in the company's respective statements. MacKenzie and Mann gave the company a check for \$288,442 covering the piece of stock and advances made to them.

Junkin said in only one other instance had the company made advances in unauthorized securities. He was of the opinion that if MacKenzie and Mann had not been on the board of directors, it was doubtful if the loan would have been made.

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For Stricken Sat

ent for the benefit of 75,000 persons destined to that line ever at country, will be champion of the Pacific Athletic day night under the chamber of commerce

practically all the the fistic arena are in around Los Angeles at he, preparing for the to be brought off here dition, Jim Jeffries, re- champion of the in an exhibition bout ng. Battling Nelson, uro Herrera, Abe and d Herman and Tommy ill box in the cause of have been paired off so most scientific boxing

April 22.—Oakland for 75,000 persons ren- by the San Francisco weight of the influx has and the number of the tly decreasing. Al- re still coming in in are are leaving on different points. Transportation are in- as possible and g are sent away.

April 22.—The Can- R. Co. has given the free of charge, for a anisco from Victoria with a cargo of pro- relief of the sufferers, nance Victoria for San row.

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Mass., April 21.—A citizens was held this action on the relief resurer already has ns and active work ward increasing the

A FOOD AND A TONIC

What the leading Medical Journal of the world has to say about FERROL.

After making a thorough test of FERROL in its own laboratory the London (England) *Lancet* published an article from which the following is taken:

FERROL

"This is a successful combination of the well-known valuable remedies, Cod Liver Oil, Iron and Phosphorus. The formula is no secret, and our analysis showed the presence and amount of constituents as described. The preparation is a good one and of distinct therapeutic value. The association of an easily assimilable oil, in a fine state of division, with a phosphatic salt of iron which does not disturb the digestive functions and which is easily tolerated, determines its success as a food and tonic in wasting diseases."

What the London *Lancet* recommends as a food and a tonic in all wasting diseases must have very special qualities.

No higher endorsement is possible. The results following the use of FERROL for the past ten years have proved that this endorsement is well deserved.

FERROL is not a patent mystery. The formula is freely published. It is prescribed by the best Physicians. It is endorsed by the most eminent Medical Journals. It is used in prominent Hospitals, Sanitariums, etc.

SUICIDED BY THE SIDE OF HIS SICK WIFE

Tragic Occurrence in P. E. Island—Young Man Ended His Life

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., April 23.—Last night Robert Coffin, aged 35, clerk in R. W. Cox's store, Morell, suicided by taking seven drams of carbolic acid while sitting by the bedside of his sick wife. Brooding over her illness caused the temporary aberration that led to the unfortunate occurrence.

George "Bixby," the veteran carpenter, who is acknowledged through the Sun the receipt of \$18.35 collected by him here in aid of the Colportage Mission of Algoma and the North West.

IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW

Thousands of women suffer untold misery every day with aching backs that really have no business to ache. A woman's back wasn't made to ache. Under ordinary conditions it ought to be strong and ready to help her bear the burdens of life.

It is hard to do housework with an aching back. Hours of misery at kitchen or work. If women only knew the cause, Backache comes from sick kidneys, and what a lot of trouble sick kidneys cause in the world.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

will help you. They're helping sick, overworked kidneys—all over the world—making them strong, healthy and vigorous. Mrs. F. Ryan, Douglas, Ont., writes: "For over five months I was troubled with lame back and was unable to move without help. I tried all kinds of plasters and liniments but they were no use. At last I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and after I had used three boxes of the box my back was as strong and well as ever."

Price 50 cents per box or three boxes for \$1.25, all dealers or The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont.

NOTHING MUCH DOING IN THE COAL STRIKE

Some Mines Resume Work, But Dealers are Not Hopeful of a Settlement

NEW YORK, April 23.—The Tribune says: President Geo. E. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and chairman of the anthracite operators committee of seven, came to this city from Philadelphia for a few hours yesterday and had his usual Tuesday conference with the presidents of the other coal carrying companies. When the meeting was over it was said that the conference was only informal and that no action would be taken in the coal situation until President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers had told what he was going to do. The prices of small sizes of steam coal were not so high yesterday as for the last week or two. It was said this was due to the resumption of work at several washeries. No. 3 buckwheat was selling 10c. to 11c. a ton lower during the day and was fairly plentiful.

The coal dealers of this city did not take much stock in the assertions of individual mine workers at the collieries yesterday that a settlement would be reached.

HAZLETON, Pa., April 23.—The Hazleton colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, one of the largest of the district, was put in partial operation yesterday by a force of non-union men recruited from this city and other places. The men are housed and fed within the enclosure surrounding the mine.

MARITIME STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL AT MCGILL

E. E. Clawson of St. John Gets His Degree in Engineering.

MONTREAL, April 23.—Following are the successful Maritime Province students in the final degree examinations at McGill:

B. A.: A. W. Hendry, Liverpool, N. S.

B. Sc. (civil engineering): E. E. Clawson, St. John, N. B.; E. O. T. Piers, Wolfville, N. S.; T. T. Black, Dorchester, N. B.

Electrical engineering: H. V. Christie, Halifax, N. S.; F. K. Durrant, Yarmouth, N. S.; Pearl W. Burpee, Digby, N. S.; J. A. L. Purdy, Sprinchill, N. S.

Mining engineering: A. B. Ritchie, Halifax, N. S.

ON AND OFF.

(Philadelphia Record.)
Mrs. Buzius—Did you notice Mrs. Updodate's décolleté gown at the reception?
Mrs. Buzius—Can't say I did.
Mrs. Buzius—Just like you. Didn't you see what she had on?
Mr. Buzius—Well, to tell the truth I was too busy noticing what she had off.

HERBERT SPENCER IN SOCIETY.

(T. P.'s Weekly.)
Much has been said about the ear-stoppers which Herbert Spencer used when he wished to enjoy his own thoughts while conversation was going on about him. A newly published biography of the philosopher says: "He used to return from the club at about 9 in the evening and sit with us for about an hour, and if the conversation proved too trying for him he would produce his ear-stoppers and shut himself off from world of sound. These ear-stoppers were formed of a band almost semi-circular in shape, with a little velvet-covered knob at either end, which was pressed by the spring in the band on the flaps over the hole of each ear. Very practicable and sensible, no doubt, but irresistibly funny to see."



POOR FELLOW!

Mrs. Scrapy—Work is the foundation of happiness.
Scrapy—I don't know about that. I worked hard to get you, but I haven't been happy since I got you.

THE PENALTY OF OVERTAKING

THE LIVER FIRST TO SUFFER, BUT KIDNEY DISEASE COMES LATER—GOOD RESULTS FROM THE USE OF

DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS

Few people realize that it is not what they eat but what they digest and assimilate that goes to form new blood and repair the waste effected by the act of living.

Hurried eating and lack of proper mastication of the food are among the most common causes of indigestion, and overeating is undoubtedly the beginning of trouble with the liver and kidneys.

Kidney disease and rheumatism are not usually the first indications of a deranged system, but these troubles follow unheeded headaches, constipation and bilious attacks.

Because of their direct and combined action on the liver, kidneys and bowels, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are effective in whatever stage of such derangements they may be used, except when the structure of the kidneys has been wasted away by Bright's disease.

What we would emphasize, however, is the advantage of beginning this treatment at the first indication of trouble with the liver. It is the liver which first feels the result of overeating because of its difficulty in filtering the blood. Keep the liver right by the timely use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and you not only prevent headaches, biliousness and constipation, but entirely escape derangements of the kidneys, which are at once so dreadfully painful and fatal.

Renalidity is the word most frequently applied to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, as well as to his other medicines, for people have come by experience to know that, as a means of ensuring the regular and healthful action of the kidney, liver and bowels, there is no medicine to be compared to this.

With these filtering and excretory organs in health, indigestion and bodily pains are unknown and one runs little danger of contracting colds or contagious diseases.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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OPTIMISTIC OVER YORK LOAN AFFAIRS

No Need to Worry, Says Joseph Phillips

Believes Land of His Choice Will Yet Be Valuable and Meet all Liabilities.

TORONTO, Ont., April 23.—Joseph Phillips was interviewed last night at his residence on Wright avenue. "What do you think prospects are for shareholders of York Loan," he was asked.

BARKENTINE WILL BE TOTAL LOSS

The St. Peters Went Ashore in Petticoat River Yesterday—Was Loaded With Plaster

HOPEWELL HILL, April 23.—While coming down the Petticoat River today the barkentine St. Peter, Capt. Hans Pickle, ran aground at Hopewell Hill. The vessel was loaded with 1,000 tons of plaster from the works at Hillsboro and being deep in the water the heavy cargo began to break over her gun after the struck.

WILL ASK FOR BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Moncton Board of Trade Takes Action—To Pursue Musical Studies

MONCTON, April 23.—At a meeting of the board of trade tonight it was decided to present a memorial to the postmaster general for better mail service at local points between St. John and Halifax.

BANQUET FOR MESSRS. SMITH AND FLEMING

Large Number Gathered at Carlisle Hotel, Woodstock—Speeches and Toast List.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., April 24.—The Carlisle Hotel was the centre of the evening of politicians from various parts of the county, who are gathered to give a banquet in honor of Messrs. Smith and Fleming, the local opposition members. The dining hall was beautifully decorated and almost a hundred sat around the table.

HONEYMOON JOURNEY SUDDENLY ENDED

Narrow Escape of New York Bride and Groom From St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Mr. and Mrs. George Ehret, Jr., of New York ended their honeymoon journey here with a memorable experience. On Tuesday evening they arrived and registered at the St. Francis Hotel. They could not get a room lower than the tenth floor. They were awakened in the morning by the shock and began an eventful day.

"The whole room seemed to turn over and over," said Mr. Ehret. "I rushed out to see what was the matter, and found nothing but confusion. People were rushing madly about the hall, women were crying and shrieking, and everywhere the plaster was falling and the floor was cracking. We dressed and got down the ten flights of stairs in record time. There was no elevator working, and all the lights were off. Luckily, it was just daylight."

"In the street everything was a melee. People were fighting to get through. Women dragged heavy trunks along and fought with men for places in the centre of the street. Buildings were rocking and debris were flying through the air. Men with blood streaming down their faces from cuts made by falling stones or glass were running about wildly. Nobody seemed to know what was happening or what to do. Some were kneeling in the streets praying; others cried out that it was the end of the world."

"You see at the foot of the street they are beginning to build a sewer for us. The street railway will run their tracks to Dundas line, and then will come the paving of the streets. By that time everything can be asked for this property, and with its freedom from smoke factories and its beautiful view of the lake. This land will yet justify my choice of it."

"We wandered around for hours before we found the residence of a friend on the hill, and we spent the night with him.

"In the morning the flames were coming up to the hill, and it was again a case of move. We had great difficulty getting to the ferry, and the sights were even worse than the day before. I saw a man who attempted to rob a dead body shot down by an officer and fall dead across the body of a man attempting to strip. There were mangled corpses on the street and injured everywhere. Horses ran about and trampled down women and children. People were sitting on the street and guarding the little property they had managed to save from the wreck of their homes. Where the big buildings had stood the day before there was nothing but ash heaps and ruins.

The soldiers were guarding the streets, and we had to drive about for miles before we could get to the ferry. When the boat drew away from the wharf I drew a large breath and thanked God. Before I left there was a terrible getting to the ferry, and water. Bread was selling as high as a dollar a loaf and drink was not obtainable at any price. The water had been cut off in an endeavor to use it for fire purposes and could not be turned on again."

Mrs. Caesar Young of New York, who was en route to New York, having saved nothing except the clothes they wore.

SOME DIFFERENCE

Mrs. Brown—You are too mean to spend a cent.
Brown—My dear, I haven't heard anything before, but I haven't heard you asked me for ten dollars.

Captain Ingersoll, of Grand Manan, has a trim little fishing schooner that is very dear to him. The captain has installed in his craft a gasoline engine and anticipates splendid results. The engine has been placed in position and all connections made and yesterday the rudder was shipped so that she is about ready to start for the fishing grounds in the bay. The work was done at Market Slip.

PAUL JONES' BODY WAS BURIED AGAIN

Impressive Services Attended the Interment Yesterday

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 24.—Reverently attended by the official head of the nation he loved and served so well, by the ambassador representative of the land in which he died, by the Chief Executive of the State beneath whose sod his bones will find their final rest, by naval representatives of the United States and France, and by thousands of the men and women of the country whose first admiral he was, the remains of John Paul Jones were today given sepulture in the crypt beneath the grand marble stairway of Bancroft Hall, there to rest until the completion of the chapel of the naval academy in which they are to be deposited.

In the depot yard when the train arrived bearing President Roosevelt and his distinguished party, were Admiral Sands and the entire academic Board of the Naval Academy and Col. Chas. P. Hatfield with two rows of the 18th cavalry and the regimental band. On his arrival the President, accompanied by the entire staff, proceeded to the chapel of the naval academy. An elaborate luncheon given by Admiral Sands at which there were 150 guests, preceded the formal exercises of the day.

Early this morning the casket containing the remains of the Admiral had been removed from the temporary vault in which they have rested since being brought from France, and deposited in the new armory taken by the academy in front of the speakers' stand.

The casket was quite hidden from view by the National Flag and upon it rested two crossed palms, a wreath of green and the sword presented to the great naval commander by a King of France.

Out in the bay rode at anchor three great warships flying the tricolor of France, the Admiral tube, the Condé and the Marguillie, under the command of Admiral Camille. Beside them were the United States battleships Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, and the cruisers Cleveland, Minneapolis, Des Moines, and Denver, and the yacht Mayflower.

From these came more than 1000 sailors and marines, 200 of the former being from the French vessels who lined the route to the armory taken by President Roosevelt and the other dignitaries.

When the President entered the armory it was to face ten thousand standing, cheering men and women.

The applause broke out fresh when the Oratorio Society of Baltimore, placed on a terraced platform at the end of the armory, sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

A PLANT BARGAIN.

243 FRUIT PLANTS FOR \$2.75

Will produce more fruit fresh and green than you and your friends can eat, and some 2000 plants for \$2.75. The choicest and newest, most hardy plants at one-third price. GRAPES—One each, the new Black Concord Black Warden, Choice Black Moore's Early Early Black Niagara White, Lindley, Rod, Standard Black, Red Cross, new; London Market, new; Cherry Red, Champion, the Standard Black.



Surprise Soap is pure hard soap made of the finest grade material by the best available skill with the latest and most approved type of machinery, and is sold at the same price as ordinary soap.

General Porter was followed by Governor Warfield, of Maryland, at the conclusion of whose address the audience arose and remained standing while body bearers, selected from among the petty officers of the U. S. and French warships, lifted the casket and bore it from the armory. Just outside it was placed upon a truck drawn by long lines of sailors and the procession moved slowly toward Bancroft Hall, the Naval Academy band playing the dead march from "Saul." When the casket had been placed beneath the canopy, where it is to rest under constant guard, Chaplain Clark said a brief prayer and the ceremonies were at an end.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 24.—B. W. Chipman, secretary for agriculture for Nova Scotia, and a prominent citizen of Halifax, died at his home on Inglis street today, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was 79 years of age, and is survived by two daughters and three sons. The latter are H. L. manager of the Plant-Steaming Co.; Halifax; J. D. city passenger agent of the C. E. R. and F. E. of the Plant line office, Boston.

R. D. McLeod, J. P. Whittier, G. Dudley Whittier and Gerald Stratton, of New York, arrived in this city yesterday and today go to Prince Edward Island, where they expect to catch some salmon. Mr. McLeod is a former P. E. Islander, and was married here by his brother, A. E. McLeod.



EARN THIS WATCH. The easiest thing in the world, hundreds of boys have done it and they say it is a snap. You can earn a watch in a few days. You can earn a watch in a few days. You can earn a watch in a few days.

There was certainly a Godfrey. I saw but then a war comes and he is quick to notice it. It was merely little manner, unusual in so confined a man, that impression. When I didn't seem quite fit, with some trifling remark ever, only strengthened. But when I let him see by an impression of the head defiantly, but with some announced, "Well, Eden."

"The deuce you have had me out for out low was in love, and that. Who's the lucky thing, for God knew for an invest later."

"The luck girl, an enough to call her, does Jack, if I tell you this I'm mad, or lying, or being in a large, old and producing a sheaf of quater herod do you make of that?"

"Nothing," I answered. "It's ancient Egyptian the dead languages was free's hobby—"an old down from the time of written out, as the shows, for Joseph when aoh's prime minister, I am to court scribbles. I am to with the Hieroglyphs aged to puzzle out in document. It's an acco- den of Eden. Man, this discovery!—Then—yo- turt?"

"What, that fool inv- Perhaps, I thought, how he did invent one was an invention, by- tely new style of loco- hardy, and fitted after thousand revolutions per side, a car is suspended from a car, and fitted after a submarine. The head of nickel steel amalgam."

FREE FREE

Magnificent Mineral Cabinet FREE

Think it a beautiful cabinet, 14 x 18, contains 60 varieties of Rocky Mountain Green from various sources. Heavy Minnesota Agates, etc. all arranged in a fancy box. We give a list with each cabinet fully describing all the specimens. It is a study for young or old. Every young man is interested. Such a handsome cabinet has never before been given away, and you can get it so easily. Just send your name and address and we will send you, postpaid, 60 specimens of Marvel Mining Cabinet, for selling 25 packages. You can tell it very quickly as every lady needs it. When sold send us the money and we will promptly send you one of our handsome Cabinets, Crystals or Berry Sets, all charge prepaid. This is a chance of a lifetime. Write today. Address—

MARVEL MINING CO., Toronto, Ont., Dept. 78

NEEDS MONEY.

Mrs. Joneson (3 a. m.)—How dare you to come home at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Joneson (loaded)—You—hic—can't expect me—hic—to stay out all night—hic—on a dollar and—hic—eighty-five cents.

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Have you a friend in St John?

Ask him if he reads

THE SUN, In the morning and THE STAR, In the evening.

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STORY PAGE

A TALE OF OLD QUINTE - By T. Muriel Merrill

in The Canadian Magazine.

Quiet by the shores of Quinte lay the Indian village. Jee-yoh-day-boon-waw-day-day. The squaws went busily about their work while the men lolled in the sun, one carved a pipe bowl, another smoked, while still a third told of his prowess in war and in the chase.

It was the time England had made the conquest of Canada. Peace had been restored in the land, but the settlers had not yet commenced their migration to this new country. The Indians, still wary at their belts the dried skins of their enemies, and in the village was a slave whom they had captured to the south of the great lake—a white woman with unfamiliar speech.

Now she was toiling back and forth between the village and the shore, carrying armfuls of driftwood for the fires. She was ordered on some errand by the shrill voice and graphic gesticulating of a squaw.

The hunter answered them in their own tongue, the white glancing anxiously around. They led him up to the village and offered him meat, fish, and a pipe to smoke.

He carried up one of his bundles and threw it down near the greatest of the fires. The Indians, seeing this, brought out from their bark houses many fine furs.

Which glinted in the fire-light. He handed the beads to the Chief as a present.

The hunter handed him his rifle. "It is well," said the Chief. "It is good," replied the hunter. They led the girl out to him.

A FORMAL AFFAIR - By Bayard Veiller in Munsey's Magazine.

"The match is a desirable one in every way," my father said. The carriage jolted over a stone just then, so I said nothing. This, sometimes, is wise. He went on:

"On the contrary," said my father, "her disposition is charming."

"Does she wear glasses?" I asked eagerly. I hate near-sighted women.

"I hate men who are always wanting to do things," she said. "I should smoke about the house continually."

"I must admit I ought to be here today and there tomorrow."

"I don't think it's a silly game," she said. "I must admit I ought to be here today and there tomorrow."

"How dare you?" she cried. "I am not one of those horrid new women."

"I sometimes think my aversion to women who wear glasses is inherited."

"I do hope you are not going to be sentimental and spoil this affair," he went on. "Her father and I have taken the matter greatly to heart. There is much to be said in favor of the match."

"I suppose," she said finally, "that we ought to be introduced."

"I would be the wisest thing to do," she replied. "There seems to be no good reason why we shouldn't marry."

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EDEN IN COLD STORAGE - By Marjorie C. H. Jarvis in The Canadian Magazine.

There was certainly something wrong with Godfrey. I saw that at once, but then a war correspondent has to be quick to notice little things, and it was merely little restless tricks of manner, indeed, so quiet and self-contained a man, that I had no impression. When I hinted that he didn't seem quite fit, he put me off with some trifling remark, which, however, only strengthened my suspicion.

"But," I interrupted, "what in thunder has all this got to do with the Garden of Eden?"

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"The lucky girl, as you're kind enough to call her, doesn't exist," I say, Jack, if I tell you this yarn you'll say I'm mad, or lying, or both."

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APRIL 24—E. W. ... EARN THIS WATCH ... GAIN. 2.75 ... ONTARIO ... ned cir-day.

SITUATION ALMOST NORMAL



PATH OF RECENT SEISMIC DISTURBANCE AROUND THE WORLD.

The Seventh Day Since Earthquake Wrought Such Disaster Saw Relief Work Progressing Under Splendid Organization --- Soldiers Witness Some Gruesome Scenes --- Dead Will Easily Number 1,000

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—This was the seventh day since the earthquake jarred the city so severely, and started the fires that laid it in ashes, and as preceding days, Tuesday took up the accumulated impetus of Monday and added much volume of force to its own, so that Wednesday will dawn on a situation that is a long way towards the normal. Such parts of the trade as remained unburned were opening for the transaction of ordinary business, temporary structures were being run up for the accommodation of others, clearing of the devastated areas of its ruins was well under way, the inquiry into the condition of the bank vaults was completed and the organization and preparation for service of the street railways were so far advanced that the company expressed its readiness to resume as soon as the mayor would permit. The water company announced the completion of such repairs as would enable it to supply 12,000,000 gallons daily. In fine, there was all the evidence that put at rest now and forever the fears of those who predicted that San Francisco would never rise again.

In forwarding the measures already taken, What hurt even more than this was the suggestion made in the telegram from President Roosevelt to Secretary of War Taft that reports had reached him that less charity was being shown to the Chinese who dwell here than to whites, and directing that if this be true the situation should be remedied at once. If the people of San Francisco are not in love with the Chinese it was felt that the name they have earned in the past for charity and open-heartedness should have saved them from any suggestion of having permitted any human being—white, black or yellow—within their reach to suffer.

Mature reflections, however, brought the conviction that the truth had not reached the president and a special message was sent him signed by the constituted authorities recounting the exact facts.

WORK OF RELIEF

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Temporary structures have been erected in Golden Gate Park for the housing of 40,000 people. This work was commenced this morning by the shelter committee and the homeless who have been sleeping out of doors for nearly a week were moved into comfortable quarters. At present there is little suffering, and before a week it is reported that all the refugees here will be comfortable. The city has been laid off in districts, covering areas of four blocks. The sub-committees in these districts regulate the supply of food furnished to the families living within their boundaries. "From our investigation," said Oscar D. Cooper, in charge of these committees, we know that there are thousands of people in this city who are able and willing to pay for their supplies. If the dealers in butter, eggs, flour and other staples should resume business it would do much to re-establish confidence and put the city on its former business basis. I can say that the situation is in excellent shape and that by the end of the week all the confusion will have disappeared."

The citizens had done so splendidly in the face of such an appalling catastrophe that some slight consternation was created this morning when President Roosevelt's proclamation was read, turning over to Dr. Edward Devine of the National Red Cross management of relief measures and the distribution of the great funds so generously appropriated by congress. This feeling also was evinced because of the president's recommendation to the people of the U. S. that their contributions of food and supplies and money should be diverted into the same hands. If there was a momentary feeling that the men who had endured the heat and the burden of the day were being unfairly treated by this diversion of authority into new and foreign keeping, it was soon dissipated. At a conference at Fort Mason attended by Generals Greely and Funston, Mayor Schmitz, Governor Pardee, Dr. Devine and some others, it was agreed that this was the case and that Dr. Devine himself should frame a telegram to the president informing him of the splendid work already done and of his perfect willingness to assist

BITTER DEBATE OVER IMMIGRATION POLICY

Liberals Reply to Opposition Attacks on North Atlantic Trading Co. Contract by Sharp Charges Against Conservative Members—Foster, Fowler and Pope in Queer Deal.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 24.—The commons today discussed the North Atlantic Co.'s contract with a good deal of bitterness. The opposition charged the government with having been parties to a contract which would enable a few men to make their fortune at the expense of the country, and the government replied, charging the opposition with trying to check the flow of immigration to serve party ends.

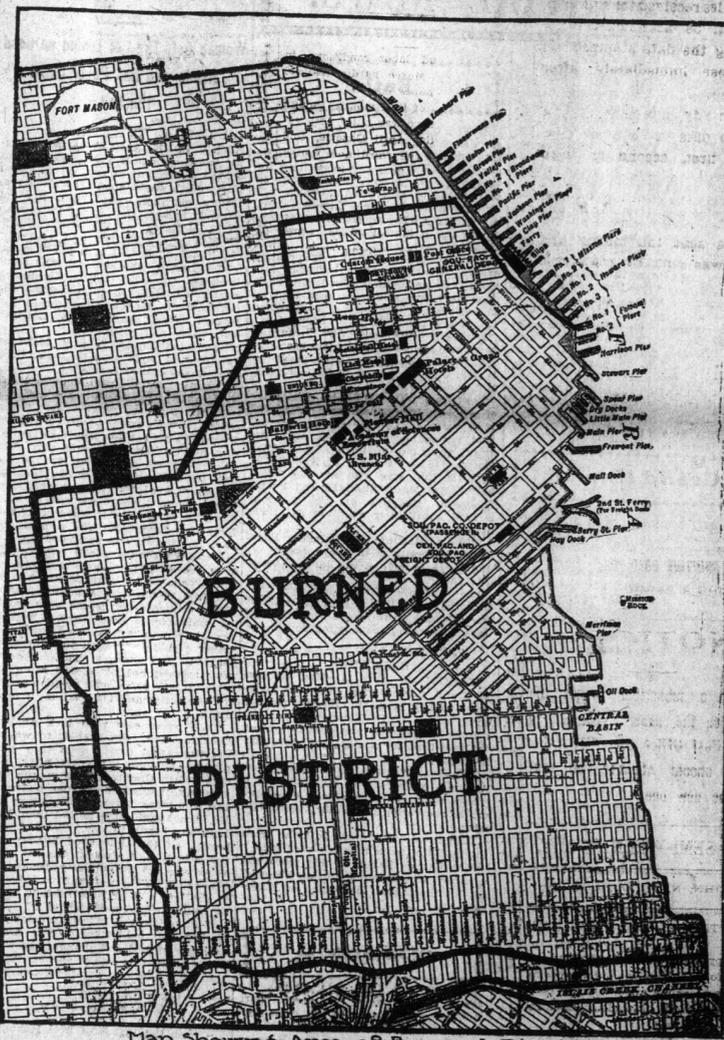
The debate was resumed on the motion of Hon. Mr. Foster on the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Co. The first speaker was F. D. Monk. He characterized the contract as the swindle of a clever schemer. Until a few days ago parliament had been kept in the dark as to the nature of the company. The names had even been torn from the copy of the contract brought down to the house. The message from Lord Strathcona shed some light on the affair. Immigrants had to be paid for whether destined to Canada or not. The time he said had arrived for a change in the Canadian immigration system. There should be no more bonuses and advertising. Soliciting and begging for immigrants should cease. In fact Canada should go out of the immigration business and concentrate its efforts to seeing that only the right sort of persons who came voluntarily were admitted.

Duncan Ross, who followed, declared the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Co. had been a good one. It had taken the opposition seven years to make up their mind to say anything against it. Only when it was discovered that it was under review was it attacked. The North Atlantic Trading Co. and the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co. were the two great promoters of recent growth in the west. The bonus system and colonization land company had both been originated by the conservatives. Mr. Ross reminded Mr. Foster of the many failures he had been interested in and of the colonization

land companies which had failed during his regime after a career of uselessness. The temperance colonization had received a thousand dollars a head and a hundred thousand acres of land for the hundred and one immigrants it had planted in the Northwest in the course of five years. Mr. Foster and his friends were now selling these lands for fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars an acre, and from seventy-five to a hundred dollars a foot in Saskatchewan. Mr. Foster had connected with a company which owned four thousand acres in two townships at Tisdale. They refused to sell, but held for a speculative rise and the result was this was the only unimproved stretch between Winnipeg and Prince Albert.

When the Grand Trunk Pacific project was put through certain conservative members of parliament were allowed to become the owners of some lands which had been granted to the C. P. R. They became possessed of some 200,000 acres of C. P. R. lands in the Northwest. These gentlemen went to Mr. Foster to manage the affair. As soon as he got his clutches on the land a new nest of traitors arose—a nest of traitors among land speculators. Four members of the house were not old birds like Foster, Montague and J. A. McGillivray, Robt. Birmingham, and J. A. Spence. Mr. Ross read a statement of claim in the case of A. Lefurgey, M. P., W. H. Bennett, M. P., and Arthur G. Pencher in a suit against the Great West Land Company, Ltd., Rufus Pope, ex-M. P., and G. W. Fowler, M. P. The suit showed that the conservatives in land speculation could not deal fairly with each other. They were all right until they got under the blighting influence of Foster. When he began to manipulate affairs they had to go to law to get their rights. The statement of claim set forth that Messrs. Lefurgey, Bennett, Pencher, Pope and Fowler, all of whom except

BURNED DISTRICT.



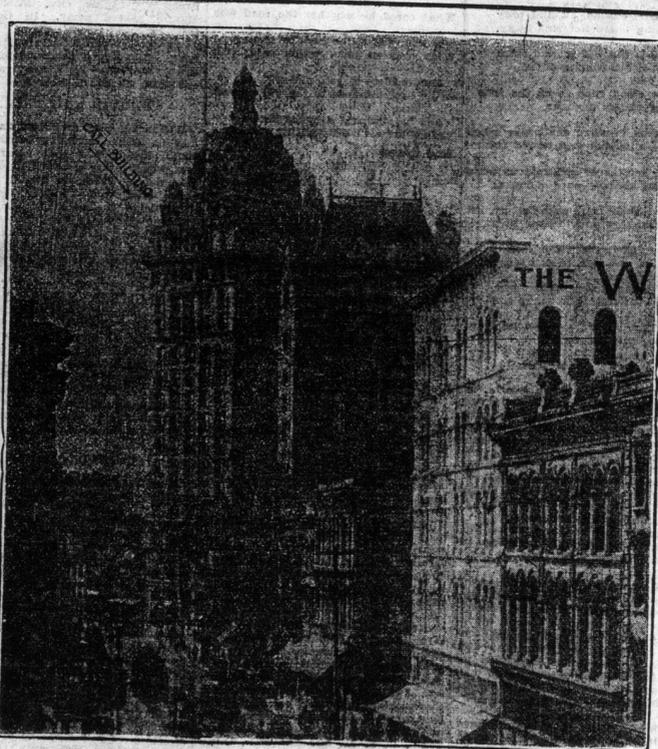
Map Showing Area of Burned District.

Mr. Pencher were conservative members of parliament, formed themselves into a syndicate to locate, buy and sell lands in the Northwest and that the three plaintiffs, Bennett, Fowler and Pencher, contributed 1-6th each of the preliminary expenses in connection with the selection of lands and making contracts for purchases. That syndicate was to be composed of ten persons with equal interests. Pope and Fowler, made contracts with the C. P. R. to buy 200,000 acres of C. P. R. lands against the Great West Land Company, Ltd., Rufus Pope, ex-M. P., and G. W. Fowler, M. P. The suit showed that the conservatives in land speculation could not deal fairly with each other. They were all right until they got under the blighting influence of Foster. When he began to manipulate affairs they had to go to law to get their rights. The statement of claim set forth that Messrs. Lefurgey, Bennett, Pencher, Pope and Fowler, all of whom except

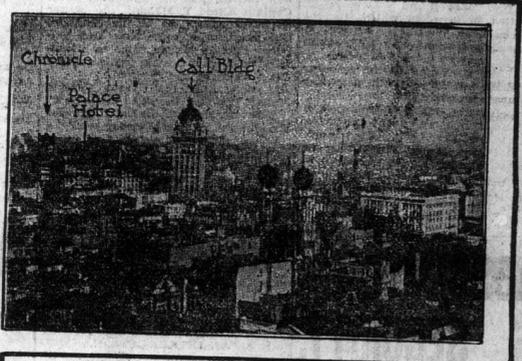
large sum in cash. The plaintiffs claim 1-6th each of the stock in the company, but the defendants, Pope and Fowler, claim 7-10ths of stock and have received from the Great West Company on account of the said sales \$50,434 and have assumed to retain for commission on sale for their own use \$20,000 and also assumed to retain 7-10ths of the remainder of money divisible among members of syndicate. Pope and Fowler are only entitled to 1-6th share each in the transaction and the plaintiffs ask an accounting and the appointment of a receiver to wind up the affairs of the company. In the statement of the defense Pope and Fowler claim they "obtained land from the C. P. R. by their own exertions," but what were the nature of the exertions which enabled them to get land at \$2 per acre less than market price is not stated. The defendants also claim that the plaintiffs have not contributed any money and that the land was purchased at \$3.50 per acre. Mr. Ross pointed out that the plain-

tiffs only claim to have contributed \$200 each and had no trouble in getting an option for that amount on 200,000 acres. Presumably Fowler and Pope had each contributed a like amount, but under the manipulation of Foster they sold some 200,000 acres of C. P. R. land to his company at a profit of \$1 per acre. One would have thought, said Ross, that there would have been enough to go round, but no, as Foster was always mixed up with a nest of traitors, he could not divide up but wanted to squeeze out two neophytes who could not fly in the same class with himself, Montague, Birmingham and others. The chickens which Foster hatched were coming home to roost. Mr. Northrup attacked the North Atlantic Trading contract and the government for having made it. Mr. Bole of Winnipeg, approved of the contract and Jacques Bureau attacked Mr. Foster. The debate was adjourned by Mr. Crawford.

BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS DESTROYED; BURNED DISTRICT.



Junction 3rd and Market Streets CITY HALL.



SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—One of the gruesome scenes that has followed the fire was that witnessed on Telegraph Hill and along the entire north beach front of the city this morning, when scores of half-starved dogs were found eating human bodies. The animals were discovered gnawing and tearing at the corpses half burned in the ruins. Bluejackets were at once detailed to cover the sections designated and kill all dogs found. A further search will be made of these sections to obtain the bodies and bury them as soon as possible.

UNPARLIAMENTARY.

(New York Tribune.)

Figaro notes that insulting expressions lose their edge with use and new ones are constantly to be found. The parliaments of some nations where disorderly scenes abound should be a fertile source of new expressions of contempt. Figaro instances as the latest example of a successful achiever of this duty a deputy in the Italian parliament who, addressing himself to a Sicilian Senator, cried, with a menacing gesture, "You are a coleperoni!" To call a man a beetle possessed the three grasp

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE, April 22.—Reid, son of Mr. ... returned from South Africa, where he has lived for many years, after spending several weeks with his parents, left on Tuesday for Boston to remain there for a week or so prior to his return to Africa. He hopes to visit this part again in two years.

Bath.

BATH, Carleton Co., April 21.—The river at this point is free from ice and the booms at the mouth of Monquart stream are being placed in position for receiving the lumber which will be driven out of said stream, which will be rafted for the Peel Lumber Company, Ltd., who have purchased the entire cut of lumber of last winter on Monquart.

Grand Manan.

GRAND MANAN, April 21.—At the vestry meeting on Easter Monday in St. Paul's church, presided over by the rector, Dr. Hunter, P. P. Russell and Wesley Newton were chosen wardens, D. I. W. McLaughlin vestry clerk, F. J. Martin and Clarence Newton side-men or ushers. At the Church of the Ascension, North Head, John Dixon and Manford Daggert were chosen wardens and S. Gaskill vestry clerk.

HARCOURT.

HARCOURT, April 23.—Mrs. Stephen M. Dunn, postmistress, has been confined to her house by illness several days. John Macpherson was able to go out the first time for a month or more last Saturday.

Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., April 24.—The usual April term of the circuit court met here this morning, the chief justice presiding. There was one criminal case for the grand jury, the King v. Rigby Shaw, a shooting with intent to do bodily harm.

Chipman.

CHIPMAN, April 22.—David Hipwell of Woodstock, F. Brewster and H. Currie of St. John, have been attending a session of the Orange Lodge. The drives are making very satisfactory progress. The warm weather of the last few days is melting the snow, of which there is yet a good supply in the woods.

White Cove.

WHITE COVE, Queens Co., April 22.—The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Briggs died very suddenly Thursday morning. John Robinson of the Narrows was operated upon this week for appendicitis by Drs. Caswell and McDonald.

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RAISED THE LIMIT WITH A COP

Woman Gets Tired of Losing on Good Hands and Has Poker Game Pinched.

NEW YORK, April 22.—A tall, angular woman about 50 years old, ran out of the apartment house at 17 West Forty-ninth street about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. At the corner of Seventh avenue she found Patrolman Peter McIntee of the West Forty-seventh street station and told him she had been forced into a poker game.

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MR. MILLIGAN APPOINTED

Manager of the St. John Exhibition —He Will Begin Work at Once.

As it has been rumored for some time C. J. Milligan has received the appointment as manager of the exhibition, to be held here this fall.

Mr. Milligan in conversation with the Star as regards his plans said today that he had only received his appointment this morning. He had no definite plans, but only a general idea of the course that would be taken in regard to the exhibition.

A MATTER OF COURSE.

He and she, in a twenty horse motor car. Once started on a country trip. She was a girl with a sweet kiss curl. So he tooted a glad "Pip Pip!" His hand was glued to the steering gear.

A SEASON OF DANGER

Springtime Brings on Sickness of Every Kind. Tens of thousands emerge from winter more dead than alive. For weeks shut up in stuffy rooms, fighting off colds, deprived of vitalizing air and sunshine, no wonder you feel poorly.

A RARE OCCASION.

It appears that there is a rule in the Civil Service restricting the amount of leave which is to be given to each officer. A prominent official asked leave of absence for one day to enable him to be present at the funeral of his wife's mother.

PARIS, April 24.—The strike element is increasing in France with the approach of May Day, when the authorities apprehend a serious general movement.

NAPLES, April 24.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra will reach Naples April 27. They expect to ascend Mount Vesuvius and visit the observatory.

STERLING BARKER, who has been severely ill at his home at Loch Lomond for some time past, is reported as rapidly improving.

REGENT DEATHS.

WILLIAM FORD. News was received yesterday from Milton, Queens county, N. S., of the suicide at that place of William Ford, a well known "tough" operator, on Thursday last.

NOVA SCOTIA DEATHS.

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MRS. ANGUS E. THURROTT. Died at Newburyport on the morning of Tuesday, April 17, Artie F., beloved wife of Angus E. Thurrott, leaving a sorrowing husband and mother to mourn their irreparable loss.

CAPTAIN CURWIN. A cable from Havana, Cuba, announced the death at that place of Captain Geo. R. Curwin, master of the three-masted schooner Marjorie J. Sumner.

MRS. THOMAS ARMSTRONG. Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, only daughter of the late Gabriel Territt, of this city, died suddenly at Minneapolis on Monday last.

Heart T. The heart itself has no pain. It is made to be a pump. It is so easily fatigued that it is scarcely visible to the eye. It is only one of the organs of the body which are so easily fatigued.

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SERMON.

Lessons From the City Desolate.

By the Rev. Dr. Cleland Boyd McAfee.

Last Sunday morning the Rev. Dr. Cleland Boyd McAfee, of Brooklyn, N. Y., preached on "Lessons From the City Desolate." The text was from Psalm lx: 2: "Thou hast made the land to tremble; Thou hast rent it; heal the breaches thereof, for it shaketh. Thou hast showed thy people hard things: Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." Dr. McAfee said, among other things:

Striking word for this day of lamentation! Striking as also the word with which the Book of Lamentations opens—How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! To the east Vesuvius. To the west the Pacific coast. Midway ourselves, a great city with chastened hearts, seeking to understand and to help. To help is easy, to understand is hard. Yet over all is God, and the fine figure of the psalmist saith in truth, "He looketh on the earth and it trembleth; He toucheth the mountains and they smoke."

We could not sit smugly down and analyze the calamity whose smoke can yet almost be seen on the western sky. The disaster is too appalling. Earthquake, fire, famine, pestilence—the four have stalked along the western horizon, and the whole has been silenced and burdened of heart. We cannot be calm and analyze the calamity. But we can sit here and meditate together in the effort to find ourselves. Strange how calamities seem to come. Sometimes a group falls upon us, all issue from the evil heart of man. There are murders, assassinations, suicides—calamities which are the out-breaking of the malice of men. Sometimes they seem to issue from the great and rapidity of men. An overcrowded, unequipped, green-eyed theatre burns and becomes a charnel house. A steamer, unexamined, unprotected, overloaded, burns and breaks the heart of the city. With these our angers, we would punish and we should. Our plagues are the work of God, and safeguard ourselves not at all against the same calamity again. But, sometimes the calamities come from forces and conditions over which man has no control. A volcano pours forth its flood of lava and its cloud of ash, and villages are buried and cities are impaled. The earth shakes and a great city falls a prey to forces which no man can control, and towns and hamlets are wrecked. Here men waste their wrath. Here, no punishment is planned. Here, for the first time, we are left upon our heads. Against these we have no safeguards.

Here, then, is true test and strain of faith, of assurance of the Fatherhood of God. We shall never satisfy our hearts by talk of natural forces, though all our talk be of God's will. The day will come when such calamities as this which now impress us, can be foreseen, perhaps, even calculated and prepared for. All men who are intelligent know that they are the operation of natural forces. The wise men are doing reversionary service in seeking to find the natural cause. Over that cause, once found, we may have no control, but it will be our right to know what the causes are. The day has passed for declaring this or that as a specific command of God upon those whom it falls. That day passed in the illuminating word of Christ, when the city was awed and hushed by reason of the fall of the tower of Babel which had brought to death a group of people in the name of God's punishment. It would ill become us of our own city, with its sin and crime, to have one moment's thought that another city has suffered for sin. But the day has passed for assurance of God in the shadows. The day has passed for seeking the life meaning of such calamities for ourselves. During these coming days there will be all-wise men on both sides of the question. There will be those who will be able to point out exactly the sin which is here rebuked, will know exactly the divine plan and be able to inform us minutely what is the moral cause of this calamity in the natural world. On the other hand, there will be those who will be sure because of this calamity that there is no God, and themselves confirmed in their worship of material forces. Between the two there is little to choose. If one has the arrogance of an understanding of the infinite, the other has the arrogance of the denial of the infinite. The impertinence of both awaits its rebuke.

In this calamity, as in all others, we shall find that the men who went into it with faith in God will come out with their faith strengthened. To them it will be meaningful that the calamity occurred at the hour when it did occur, and not at the noon hour, when the fatality would have been no much greater. To them it will be providential that such measure of supplies was unexpectedly available under government control. To men who went into the calamity with no assurance of God, there will be no providence in these matters. To them, they are either coincidences or only the outworking of natural forces. But to all of us who are thoughtful in such matters, there will come some assurance in the word of the text, that somewhere within this is a banner given to them that fear God, that it may be displayed because of the truth. We would be orphaned indeed if there is no Fatherly hand to be turned to beyond what we claim to understand it. Perhaps one large value of it is to daze us and remind us of our feebleness in the presence of forces that are constantly playing about us.

Certain things which in the talk of recent days have become almost commonplace may at least be mentioned here that we may think them together. Starting at the very lowest level, we have many times already assured ourselves that this calamity, like all great

ROYAL COMMISSION BEGINS INQUIRY INTO AFFAIRS OF MANUFACTURERS' LIFE UNDER DISCUSSION

Managing Director on the Stand Tells of Peculiar Transaction Between Cox and Gooderham

TORONTO, April 25.—The royal commission appointed to inquire into life insurance methods opened their investigation here at city hall at 10.30 this morning. J. F. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers' Life, the first witness to be examined by Mr. Tilley, stated that he held his present position since the formation of the company in 1901, when the Temperance and General Life Company went into liquidation, and the Manufacturers' Life was reformed. The new stock was taken up by old shareholders. One of the chief points brought out during the examination of Junkin was that, about the time the new Manufacturers' Life Company was formed, Hon. G. A. Cox obtained 2,300 shares from George Gooderham, who was the largest shareholder. All Junkin could tell was that this transfer of the shares was the result of a private arrangement made between Cox and Gooderham in 1900, so private that Junkin knew nothing of it until the transfer actually took place in 1900. Gooderham was the largest shareholder in the company. Junkin stated that at the present time the Manufacturers' Life had some 30,000 policy holders and a large number of these resided in Toronto.

VOW THEY WILL KILL CONVICT

Higgins and His Pal Swear Vengeance on the Fellow Prisoner Who Made Known Their Plans to Guard Whom They Intended to "Do Up."

MONCTON, April 25.—According to a Dorchester despatch received here the sympathy shown by the officials and others to young Higgins, the St. John boy murderer, was painfully wasted, as is evidenced by his recent attempt, in conjunction with another convict, to escape. That the two young scoundrels intended to "do up" the night watchman, Amos Robinson, in the yard was very evident, as they left their cells in their night clothes, intending of course to go to the tailor's shop and there equip themselves with citizen's clothes. They now vow that they will have the life of the convict who made their attempt to escape known to the night watch. It is not improbable that the department of justice will show clemency to the convict in question as a premium on good discipline.

NATIONAL PORT POLICY NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT

House Discusses Recommendation to Make St. John, Halifax and Others National Free Ports—Debate Will be Continued

OTTAWA, April 25.—The business of the house today was confined to a few little discussions of the transportation question and to advancing bills a stage. W. H. Bennett asked the house to agree to a resolution declaring that the recommendation of the transportation commission should be carried out. The recommendation of the commission is the nationalizing of the principal ports of Canada, making them free, constructing the Georgian Bay canal, and a number of other expensive enterprises. Mr. Bennett said that the result of the construction of the Erie canal fifty years ago was seen in the increase of grain arrivals at Buffalo from six and a half million bushels in 1846 to 163 million bushels in 1896. With a proper programme of transportation improvements carried out, Canada should be able to make a big bid for the grain carrying business of the United States.

MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE BACK AGAIN

Work is Being Rushed at the I. C. R. Shop in Moncton

MONCTON, April 25.—Very few of the employees who were thrown out of work by the great I. C. R. fire of February are not now re-employed, save those who are on leave of absence or who have left the city. The whole plant now presents an almost similar appearance to that before the fire. The temporary carpenters and boiler shop building have been completed, and the entire routine of work which is under the jurisdiction of the department is rapidly advancing. Up to date, for the present month, thirteen passenger cars have undergone general repairs, and eight cars now in the shop will be turned out before the end of the present month. There was also a great deal of repair work done in the month of March, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions. Heavy work has been done in the freight car repair shop, and in the other departments as well. The pattern makers up to the present time have been stationed in the woodworking department of the Record Foundry and Machine Co.'s shops, but a new shop is being built for them, temporarily near their old site on the regular I. C. R. premises, into which they will remove as soon as possible. Machinery is being rushed to the shops in quantities, which will greatly aid in turning out the work.

PRINCE ARTHUR WILL MAKE SHORT STOP AT MONCTON DEPOT

Special Train Bearing Prince Arthur and Suite, en route to Halifax, will pass through on Friday morning about ten o'clock. A ten minute stop will be made at the Moncton station while the locomotive and train are changed. No arrangements have yet been made for a civic reception of any kind to the distinguished personage.

A HEBREW WEDDING

HALIFAX, N. S., April 25.—In the presence of a large gathering, a Hebrew wedding took place in Masonic hall tonight, the bride being Miss Annie, daughter of Jos. Bernstein, Dominion government interpreter, and Harry Gaffin, both prominent in Jewish circles in this city. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Rabinowitz of St. John.

CANADA'S AID DECLINED

OTTAWA, Ont., April 25.—A message has been received from the United States government thanking Canada for the offer of aid to San Francisco sufferers, but declining the hundred thousand dollars voted by Canada.

INTERCOLONIAL LAND AND PURCHASE PRACTICES

MONCTON, N. B., April 25.—A territorial Railway visit yesterday of a train one mile and a quarter, on the border of the district, near the trotting park, to the Mountain road, and all profitable, will be I. C. R. shops plans for under way at Ottawa, bulk of land purchases about one hundred and \$75 per acre. One stream the centre of this land, acquire to be closed.

COOK UTENSILS FOR FAMILIES

Biscuit and Different Shapes, Moulds in all Shapes, Crusty Bread Pans, Cake Mixes, Steam Cookers, Cfection Pie Plates, Egg Beaters

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Everybody who has a copper can have used this water. It is the only water that is pure and clean. It is the only water that is safe to drink. It is the only water that is good for you. It is the only water that is worth the price. It is the only water that is sold for one cent.

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N. B. PETROLEUM CO. SOLD OIL CHEAPLY

Intercolonial Got It Five Cents Less Than Was Formerly Paid to the Imperial Oil Co.

OTTAWA, April 25.—Matthew Lodge, secretary of the Eastern Railway Supply Company and of the New Brunswick Petroleum Company, was before the public accounts committee today. His evidence showed that oil which had been furnished the Intercolonial by the Eastern Supply Co. had been furnished at a new price of 17 cents per gallon, but that the Intercolonial had been paid the Standard Oil Company the two previous years.

CONVOCAION OF PINE HILL COLLEGE

Degree of Doctor of Divinity Conferred—New Scholarships Announced.

HALIFAX, April 25.—At the convocation of Pine Hill Presbyterian College tonight the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on Rev. E. A. McCurdy eastern secretary of the church in Canada; Rev. Thos. C. Jack of Nova Scotia; and Rev. Andrew Robertson of St. John's, Nfld. Principal Falconer announced the inauguration of a post graduate scholarship in order that students may go abroad and study, through the substantial assistance of the daughters of the late Hon. J. W. Carmichael of New Glasgow who in memory of their father had given sufficient to establish the scholarship for three years. The terms had been left to the senate. The alumni had also resolved to create a scholarship of \$100 a year, and both will go to Rev. H. A. Kent, at present stationed at Doaktown, N. B.

DOWIE A BANKRUPT.

CHICAGO, April 25.—Involuntary bankruptcy proceedings were started this afternoon against John Alexander Dowie, individually before Judge K. M. Landis. The claims involved amount to \$7,000,000. The petition alleges preference to certain creditors over others. Dowie's liabilities are not actually known at this time. His assets are said to be about \$2,500,000. The court set the matter for hearing next Monday morning.

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