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Gen. Booth Will Be Blind For Life,

London, May 30—That General William Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, who recently underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract from his left eye, will henceforth be totally blind, is the opinion reached by the doctors after a consultation this afternoon.

An official bulletin issued by the surgeons says: "It is now evident that there is little hope of the preservation of General Booth's sight."

The veteran's disappointment is all the deeper because the doctors at first were so positive as to the success of the operation. General Booth's spirits, however, are fairly well maintained, and the general condition of his health is good.

He is eighty-three years of age

Families Of The Titanic's Bandmen

London, May 31.—Secretary Williams, of the Amalgamated Musicians' Union, in a letter to the Daily Mail, deals with the question of compensation for the families of the Titanic's bandmen. He finds that bandmen as a rule sign ship's articles. The Titanic musicians for some unexplained reason booked as passengers. Claims of compensation have been made against the White Star Line which repudiate liability on the

ground that the musicians had not signed articles.

"This," I presume, "is a strick matter of business," says Mr. Williams. "On the other hand, if the musicians were passengers they would of course be entitled to the same consideration as other passengers. On this point I venture to give an extract from a letter I have received from the father of a French musician, who was lost:

"While in Paris, I paid a visit to Marichal, the aviator, who was rescued from the Titanic. Marichal declared that the musicians received an order to play all the time without stopping, so as to avoid a panic. They were placed on the deck, that is to say, between decks. Marichal specially noticed that none of them had left belts. He was convinced that in giving these orders their lives were to be sacrificed to avoid disorder on board."

Vice-Regal Party Had A Close Call

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 29—Members of the vice-regal party had a narrow escape yesterday while inspecting the plant of the Electrical Development Company. A heavy stone fell in their path. The duke and duchess and Princess Patricia had just passed when the stone, which was being unloaded for the work, crashed down. Colonel Lowther was only two feet from it when it hit the ground.

Marine Insurance Companies Likely to Increase Rates

New York, May 29—Insurance men here have been advised that in consequence of the heavy losses sustained by the marine insurance companies this year, amounting to nearly \$25,000,000 and culminating in the foundering of the Titanic, representatives of Lloyds and other marine insurance companies are conferring in London with a view to an all round increase in premiums.

Montana For "Champ" Clark

Butte, Mont., May 29—Montana Democrats in state convention here this afternoon unanimously adopted the committee resolution endorsing the candidacy for president of Speaker Champ Clark and instructing the eight delegates to Baltimore to vote for him.

FORT FAIRFIELD, MAINE

(too late for last week)
Mrs. Foster accompanied by Miss Bessie McDougall, arrived from Providence R. I. on Thursday, where they had been called by the illness of Miss Nette Foster. Miss Foster caught a bad cold which developed into pneumonia, which caused her death. Miss Foster was one of the brightest young ladies in training in the Rhode Island hospital and will be missed very much by her classmates and whoever she came in contact with. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon from the residence of P. H. Reed, Fort Fairfield.

Everyone in this section are busy farming. The automobile demonstrators keep things humming. A large number of new cars have been sold here this year.

Grovesnor Letarte, the popular operator at the C. P. R. has been transferred to Aroostock Jct. N. B.

A dance was given in Hackers Theatre on Wednesday evening by Murch Robinson and Joe Gabriel.

Mrs. Hacker and daughter, Maria Louise, who have spent the winter in the south, arrived home this week.

Invitations are out for the wedding reception of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Frank MacLardy spent Sunday with friends in Woodstock, N. B.

Rev. M. S. and Mrs. Trafton drove to Perth on Thursday.

A leap year dance is to be given in Hacker Theatre by the young ladies this week.

Miss Mae Baeristo of Lakeville, is guest of her cousin, Miss Lena Baeristo. Mrs. Story, of St. John, N. B. arrived in town on Saturday's express and will spend a week with her sister, Mrs. M. S. Trafton.

Miss Ella Slipp, who has been preaching in N. B. for some time spent a few days at her home in Fort Fairfield this week.

Miss Geneva Shaw spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Kinney.

Rev. M. S. Trafton spent Sunday at Perth.

The graduation exercises of Fort Fairfield high school will be held on June 13th. The class are now busy preparing their different parts.

Miss Mina Johnston and Mrs. Parker left here on Thursday for a visit to Hartland.

The wedding reception of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis was held on Wednesday evening and was a very pleasant affair.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Trafton, Woodstock, are guests of M. S. Trafton this week.

A MAIL ORDER.

A suit having been brought against a defendant, his council interposed a demurrer that had the effect to throw it out of court. Soon afterward the same lawyer was elected to congress, and while at his post of duty he was surprised one day to receive a letter from his former client, saying, "I am sued again. Please send me another one of them things they call demurrers."—'Case and Comment.'

Cardinal Gibbons was discussing Gilmore and his band. 'Gilmore,' said the Cardinal, 'was famous for his playing of Mozart's "Twelfth Mass." On one occasion he played it in a North Carolina town, and next day the local paper announced that he "rendered with great effect Mozart's Twelfth Massachusetts."—Popular Magazine.

UPPER QUEENSBURY.

The weather for the past few days has been rather rainy and has kept the farmers back some with their spring work.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sharpe, of Haynesville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Sharpe's sister Mrs. Ward Hagerman.

Miss Hazel V. Parent had to close her school at Lr. Queensbury and is confined at her home in this place with a severe case of tonsillitis. Dr. McIntyre is the attending physician.

Miss Nellie Ingraham spent the holiday at her home in this place.

Mr. Fred Sproule was the guest of Miss Nellie Ingraham on Sunday last.

Coles W. Parent intends leaving next week for St. John where he is to study for mechinist.

Ernest R. Hagerman, who has been in Millinocket for some time past, spent 24th., at his home in this place.

Mrs. McDonald of Boston, has been visiting her brother Percy Moir in this place.

Mr Rutledge held service here last Sunday.

Miss Annie Smith spent Saturday with Mrs. Geo. Parent.

James Huestis, who has been on the sick list, we are glad to see is able to be out again.

Willie Manuel and Frank Dunham are working on the Southampton railroad. Vera Dunham is visiting friends at Wisley.

Myrtle Keetch is working at Poquiock

Fear That Booms Will be Carried Out By Floods

June 1st.,—Great fears have been expressed during the past twenty-four hours for the safety of many of the large quantities of logs stored in booms on the St. John river and its branches.

Unusual precautions have been taken by the St. John River Log Driving Company to prevent a disaster at the Mitchell or the Douglas booms, and this morning the opinion was expressed that the booms would probably be able to withstand the great pressure of the upwards of 75,000,000 feet of logs as well as the great rush of water.

At Burt's Corner last night the piers which hold the booms, in which 8,000,000 feet of Elwood Burt's logs are stored, were submerged, and it was feared that the logs would be carried out during the night, but a telephone message this morning said that everything was all right. Some anxiety was felt by ex-Senator Jones of Maine last night as to whether the dam and the booms at Marysville would withstand the pressure and at his suggestion extra precautions were taken.

Since yesterday morning the water in the St. John river here has come up 2 feet 9 inches, making a total rise of 4 feet 6 inches, and it is still rising. A message to Mr. John A. Morrison yesterday from his son, Mr. Guy Morrison, was to the effect that the water at Seven Islands, above the head of the Upper Corporation, was two feet higher than when the big drives passed there some time ago, and that the work of towing back the driving out fits to the depot camps was held up as a result of the high water.

On the Nashwaak it is said that logs are floating over the meadows, and at Durham Bridge there is a tremendous log jam, which it is feared will wreck the bridge and carry it down stream. On the highways culverts have been carried away and drinking troughs have been washed into the roads.

In the city, on Smythe street a large portion of the roadway caved in and a horse was carried into the sewer below, due to the great rush of water from the hills at the back of the city.

The Dominion Meteorological station statement for May shows a total rainfall of 7.21 inches, as compared with 2.27 inches during the month of April. The rainfall in May is said to have been the heaviest in history for that month.

Gleaner

Presque Isle Opera House Burned Flat

The Presque Isle Opera House buildings was burned flat Monday night May 27th including the shoe store of Frank Haskell, new drug store of Curran Bros. and law office of Phillip D. Phair. Favorable conditions and good work by the firemen confined the fire to the building. The aggregate loss will probably exceed \$25,000.

The opera house was used for moving pictures and the last reel for the night was running, with about 25 or 30 people in the house. A young man named Chapman entered the picture machine booth where Lewellyn Hone was operating the machine and laid down a cigarette upon a roll of film which exploded, a sheet of flame drawing through the flue in the top of the booth and catching upon the woodwork of the theatre. Almost in an instant the place was all in flames. The people had no trouble in getting out, and young Hone was only slightly burned. The flames spread through the theatre with tremendous rapidity, the finish being all of wood, and blazed fiercely.

The flames quickly spread to the \$5,000 boot and shoe stock of Frank Haskell, partly insured, and then the fine new drug store of Curran Bros., just opened. The
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Golf Teas 1912

June 8th.
Mrs. G. A. White.
Mrs. W. B. Belyea.
Mrs. Bentley.
Mrs. T. F. Sprague.
Miss Rankin.
Miss Jean Sprague.
Miss M. D. Clarke.

June 22nd.
Mrs. E. W. Mair.
Mrs. Frank Baird.
Mrs. McNaught.
Mrs. N. P. Grant.
Mrs. Carleton.
Miss Gussie Connell.
Miss Hand.

July 6th.
Mrs. Wm. Balmain.
Mrs. A. G. Bailey.
Mrs. Hubert Seeley.
Mrs. George Gibson.
Miss Grace Jones.
Miss Alice Neil.
Miss Alice Boyer.

July 20th.
Mrs. G. Hugh Harrison.
Mrs. J. R. Tompkins.
Mrs. B. Harry Smith.
Mrs. Rankin.
Miss Mary Sprague.
Miss Evelyn Nicholson.
Miss Marion Lindsay

August 3rd.
Mrs. A. D. Holyoke.
Mrs. E. R. Teed.
Mrs. R. B. Welsh.
Mrs. R. E. Holyoke.
Mrs. Thane Jones.
Miss Stewart.
Miss Marley.
Miss Marion Winslow

August 17th.
Mrs. Geo. Mitchell.
Mrs. A. F. Garden.
Mrs. J. S. Creighton.
Mrs. St. John.
Miss Dalling.
Miss Gertrude Jones.
Miss Lamb.
Miss Appleby

August 31.
Mrs. Geo. Balmain.
Mrs. H. V. Dalling.
Mrs. Woodford.
Mrs. Harshaw.
Miss Harshaw.
Miss Lou. Smith.
Miss Bourne.
Miss Corbett.
Miss Weddall.
Miss Winifred Smith.

September 7th.
Mrs. A. B. Connell.
Mrs. Hazel.
Mrs. T. C. L. Ketchum.
Miss Elizabeth Ketchum.
Miss Cassie Hay.
Miss Alice Sprague.
Any person unable to serve on a tea please find a substitute.
Mrs. T. C. L. Ketchum.
Mrs. Geo. A. White.
Mrs. T. F. Sprague.
Tea Committee.

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June 12 and 26		TO	
July 10 and 24		Winnipeg,	37.00
Aug. 7 and 21		Brandon,	39.00
Sept. 4 and 18		Regina,	41.75
		Saskatoon,	45.50
		Calgary,	61.50
		Edmonton,	

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