

RAIN BADLY NEEDED.

To Bring Out Many Million Feet of Lumber Now Hung Up.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 28.—There has been several heavy showers here today, but what the country needs is a real old fashioned rain storm.

The rain is needed by the farmers, and lumbermen are particularly anxious to get some heavy rains as soon as possible, as with things the way they are now the industry is practically dead about here, and many men are being forced to seek other employ-

ment. Then it is estimated that there is upwards of 15,000,000 feet of lumber in the bed of the St. John River between the booms and Seven Islands, and if there is not enough rain to bring it down this fall early enough a large proportion of it may be lost.

The largest owners of this stranded lumber are said to be the Cushing Co. and Charles Miller of St. John.

At the Douglas boom about 100 men are employed, and they are being given to understand that by tomorrow night operations would be completed until the water raised.

At Springhill about 25 men are usually employed at bracketing by D. D. Glasier & Son, but there is no work for them now, as the water is so low that rafts cannot be run down through the dredge track above Springhill.

The Gibson Company's mills at Marysville are closed down and men are at work trying to get the lumber out of the stream. It is said that a small raise would help them along greatly.

The towing companies are feeling the slack times also. The Glasier concern has only got the Hero towing to St. John now, while there are generally a number of boats, and the Champion is the only one of the Tapley concern's boats at work.

A prominent lumber dealer says that the British market reports show that the last sales were made at better prices.

In the meantime the operators are preparing for a big cut this winter of about the same size as last season.

Today Robert Aitken dispatched a crew of men to the Acrostook woods and Mr. Noble is sending in men almost daily for the Cushing concern at St. John.

Miss Austen, who was injured in a runaway accident here on Friday evening, was taken to St. John by boat this morning. Her injuries are of a very painful nature and she is confined here to the house for several days.

The pupils of Rev. Geo. D. Ireland, pastor of the Woodstock Presbyterian Church, and Miss Carrie Winslow, eldest daughter of the late E. Byron Winslow, will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 3.30 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 6. The wedding tour will include a trip to the upper provinces.

O. S. Crockett, M. P. for York, will be married at 10 o'clock on Friday, Sept. 8, to Miss Stevenson, daughter of Dr. Stevenson of that place. The ceremony will be performed at 12.30 p. m.

Simmons & Burpee, who have the contract for building the piers for the Fredericton highway bridge, expect to commence work the latter part of this week. The granite for the piers will be brought from Spoon Islands.

Engineer Harbour is today making an inspection of Garden Creek with a view of ascertaining the prospects for obtaining a water supply gravitation from that neighborhood. On Saturday Mr. Harbour visited Tower Lake, but it is understood was not favorably impressed with it as a possible source of water supply. He did not find the water sheds what he expected and thinks it would not sustain a gravitation system.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, owing to ill health, yesterday resigned the pastorate of the Gibson Baptist Church. He has been ordered to take a year's rest and his resignation takes effect in October.

SEISBAN BOUNDARY.

Report of the Commission a Thrilling Story of Native Heroism.

LONDON, August 28.—The report of the Seistan Boundary Commission, the members of which have just been published, it contains a thrilling story of native heroism, endurance and devotion to duty which shows that the spirit animating the people of India is loyalty personified.

A party consisting of Surveyor Sheikh Mohi-ud-din, four native surveying clerks (Kalasi) four Afghan guides, and two camel men set out from the mission camp on the Helmand to explore the desert tract known as Dashti-Margo. Seven of them are now dead as a result of their devotion.

At nightfall on the second day of their journey they found that their supply of water had given out. The intense heat and there was no sign of water in any direction. Recognizing that further attempts at exploration were impossible Mohi-ud-din agreed to abandon the journey.

This decision, however, was arrived at too late. Two of the guides had become insensible and they were discovered upon riding camels by a third guide who then fastened himself upon another camel and allowed the animals to wander where their instinct might lead them. They were eventually found by a hunter and saved.

The fate of the rest of the party was terrible. The first to succumb to the tortures of thirst was a camel man who wandered into the desert and never returned. The others then went scavenging in search of water.

On their return they found the Surveyor Mohi-ud-din lying dead by the side of his horse. One of the native clerks named Saidi cut the map of the surveyor's table, wrapped it round his body, and with the five remaining members of the party he made his way half mad with thirst and blistered by the rays of the blazing sun, to try to find water.

They had not gone many miles before Saidi's five companions, utterly exhausted and in despair, lay down to die, and soon succumbed to their frightful sufferings. Saidi, however, struggled on and at nightfall stumbled into some water. He ran into it up to his knees, and ravenously slaked his raging thirst, which done, he almost immediately fell unconscious by the side of the pond.

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PEACE NOW SEEMS POSSIBLE.

Japan Agrees to Wave Indemnity—Price of Half of Sakhalin Be Left to Arbitration—Russia Must Now Say Peace or War.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 28.—Tomorrow morning, Baron Komura, acting upon instructions received from Tokyo as a result of today's meeting of the cabinet and "elder statesmen" in the direct presidency of the Mikado, will submit to M. Witte a new basis of compromise, and that compromise, it is firmly believed tonight, will insure peace.

The revelation contained in the Associated Press exclusive announcement today that Japan had already informed Emperor Nicholas through Ambassador Meyer that Japan was ready to waive the question of indemnity and submit the price of half the island to arbitration, was a surprise to the public.

The Japanese declined to admit it; the Russians said they had no confirmation. M. Witte intimated strongly that Peterhof had not applied him of any such action by the president. There was even a disposition to ridicule the idea of arbitrating the price of half the island.

Nevertheless on all hands it was admitted if Japan took this position the ground was cut out from under Emperor Nicholas. M. Witte by consummate skill in conceding all the demands of Japan involved the real issues of the war had manoeuvred his adversaries into a position where unless they abandoned the claim for indemnity they could be held responsible for continuing the war for money.

White apparently the leading negotiators leading up to today's denouement were conducted by President Zanenko on the one hand and Ambassador Meyer on the other, it is now believed that much has been going on beneath the surface here. Another indication of the sudden turn in the events was the arrival here tonight of Frank A. Vanderlip, vice-president of the City National Bank of New York. He registered at the hotel as "John Howard," and after dinner went to M. Witte's room and remained there one hour.

When asked his mission Mr. Vanderlip said he was only "interested" in "stopping the war." He had met M. Witte several years ago when he was at the head of the Russian finance ministry and had also seen him in London when he was secretary of the Japanese embassy in London, and he had talked with him about the situation, and outlook in Russia, the state of the negotiations, etc. He evaded inquiries as to whether the subject of a loan had been discussed, but considering the importance of the "financial group" of which the City National Bank is a member and the fact that the bank took a portion of one of the Russian loans, it is fair to assume that the question of finance was not entirely ignored. Some of the Japanese correspondents were greatly excited tonight over the reports that the Tokio government had surrendered on the subject of indemnity. They refused to believe it, declaring, if true, it would cause a tremendous outburst of popular feeling in Japan.

The present syndicate is supplied with all of the modern appliances—a powerful steam pump which sucks the sand and clay and all small materials from the hands of the diver, and a strong digger that can in a forenoon pierce a hole which would require the manual of a man and a depth of eighteen feet. The Swedes and other experts of bygone times could not descend to such a depth without the diving bell apparatus, and they could only work with tongs from the inside of the bell. The syndicate has had full access to all historical documents and reports, and to the archives, plans and charts used in former searches.

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SEARCH FOR TREASURE.

Gold From a Wrecked Spanish Treasure Ship Has Been Recovered.

(Special cable to the Star.) LONDON, Aug. 28.—The quest for Spanish gold on board the Admiral of Florence, the treasure ship of the Spanish armada at Tobemroy, on the Argyllshire coast, is proceeding with every prospect of ultimate success. In the boulder clay brought up by the digger an antique hand-made silver candlestick has been found, and there have also been recovered five gold coins—"pieces of eight"—in excellent preservation, two stone cannon balls and one of iron.

Captain Burns, the director of the West of Scotland Syndicate, which is carrying on the present search, has decided to suspend operations with the digger for the present for fear of destroying any silver plate that may be found. He has reverted to the use of the powerful suction pump on board the diving beam.

The Duke of Argyll has delegated to the syndicate his rights conferred by royal charter in 1641. It is averred that the ninth Earl of Argyll, who employed a Swedish expert with a diving bell, and that a month's search brought up two cannon. It is also stated that the Duke of Argyll, Sir William Saxevelle, governor of the Isle of Man, again made a bold bid for the treasure with results not recorded, and that in 1837, on the invention of a new diving apparatus, the next Earl of Argyll formed a company, the success of the venture with results not recorded, and that in 1740 John, the second Duke of Argyll, is said to have made another attempt with a diving ball, bringing up a bronze.

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LAST SIX MEN NOW LAID OFF.

The punishment meted out to the freight handlers who refused to continue handling freight for a three hours' consecutive stretch after they had completed a day's work is still being carried out, and now six men have been laid off for a week. They are Stephen Oakes, David Fody, E. O'Leary, Jas. McAnulty, Jos. Kincadee and John Callaghan.

Their fellow employees feel that the punishment is unjust. Stephen Oakes, they say, is an exceptionally fine workman and has done stevedoring work and has always been a satisfactory workman. He is an old man 75 years of age. It is the intention of the union to take up any such cases in the future.

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CAPT. PRATT ON THE SPOT.

EASTPORT, Aug. 28.—Fines of \$500 each and sentences of 60 days in jail were imposed by Judge McPaul, Wednesday, in the municipal court upon two fishermen charged with using dynamite to secure the fish. Both parties appealed and furnished bonds for their appearance at the October term of court. The sentences was a severe one, but the offense of killing a fish by means of dynamite is an especially reprehensible one, deserving of the most stringent means of suppression. Not only are many other kinds of fish than those sought killed or destroyed, but quite a percentage are not recovered, and the damage to the fisheries resulting from the persistent use of dynamite will in time work injury to the business of the fish and the neighboring islands. Warden Kane, who brought the charges against the offenders, is after many others engaged in the same lawless acts, and is determined to put a stop to the practice.

Capt. Pratt of the Canadian fisheries protection service is rendering the American official every assistance, and much good is sure to result from the combining of their forces. A sharp watch is being kept on the parties under suspicion, and other arrests are liable to be made at any moment.

FAR APART BOTH DIE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Separated by a thousand miles, Mrs. June Johnson and her husband, Allan Johnson, a Little Rock, Ark., banker, met death almost simultaneously today. At the precise hour when Mrs. Johnson's body was taken from the water at Coney Island, a telegram came into this city to inform her of the death of her husband. The wife was a magazine contributor, who wrote under the nom de plume of Helen Dix Johnson, and her husband was president of the National Exchange Bank of Little Rock. The telegram bore the sending time of 1 p. m. At this hour a friend of Mrs. Johnson was giving an alarm because of the writer's tardiness at a luncheon to which she had been invited. Mrs. Johnson had gone bathing during the forenoon in spite of the cool weather, and as there were few other persons in the water no one noted her disappearance. Her body was found some distance out to sea about 8 o'clock this afternoon. The body had just been placed in the morgue at Coney Island when a messenger boy rushed in with the despatch. He did not know that the Mrs. June Johnson for whom he was searching was there, but was following her hostess, who had just heard of the drowning.

UNLIKE ST. JOHN.

MONTREAL, Aug. 28.—A resolution was introduced at the harbor board meeting this afternoon, calling on Peter Loyal to continue and complete immediately his \$3,000,000 contract to build permanent wharf sheds or said contract would be annulled.

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MONCTON NEWS.

Hawk-Ryan Assault Case Comes Up Next Week—Locked Up a Desperate Criminal.

MONCTON, Aug. 28.—Westmorland circuit court opens at Dorchester next week. The assault case of Editor Hawke against Mayor Ryan is supposed to come up at this court.

Timely rains have extinguished the forest fires in the north and saved much valuable property.

At a session of the speedy trial court at Dorchester, Judge Wells sentenced Joseph Davis, an English tramp, to three years in Dorchester penitentiary for breaking into a house at Westmorland Point.

M. Louis Hogan, one of the prisoners recently arrested for burning an I. C. R. sectionman's shanty at Eol River, and now awaiting trial at New Carlisle, has now been identified as Victor Stewart, recently released from Kingstons penitentiary, and a desperate criminal.

Mrs. Frances M. Moran, relict of the late Benjamin Moran, and one of the oldest residents in Dorchester, died this morning, aged 79. The funeral will be on Wednesday.

William Coughlan, formerly clerk in the I. C. R. offices here, died suddenly at Euclouchs on Saturday. Deceased had been in poor health for some time, but seemed to be improving and expected to be around again shortly.

Ungar's collars and cuffs have no saw edges.

DR. AMOS S. CHESEBROUGH DEAD.

NEW HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 28.—Rev. Dr. Amos Sheffield Chesbrough, a former fellow of Yale University, and one of the oldest Congregational clergymen in Connecticut, is dead at his home here from old age, he having passed his 92nd birthday last Tuesday. He retired from the ministry in 1882.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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THREE LITTLE FIRES.

Two Yesterday and One Early This Morning That Kept the Department Busy.

There were three fires in the city yesterday, but the members of the department were called out only twice.

Between five and six o'clock box 13 was pulled for a spark on the roof of P. C. Sharkey's place, 300 Union street. There was no damage done.

Towards midnight many people were alarmed by the long continued blowing of a factory whistle. The report spread that Cushing's mill was on fire, but this was not the case. A small mill at Murray & Gregory's had caught, and the watchman blew the mill whistle to rouse some men from their beds.

The third call was about 2 o'clock this morning. It came from box 46 on the corner of St. James and Pitt streets, and was for a fire in the factory on Mechanic street, owned by the Mowry Nut Lock Co., of which H. R. McLellan is the manager.

The fire was discovered by Robert McKinnon, who lives at 2540 C. street. Hearing the crackling of flames he thought at first his own house was on fire. On looking out the window he saw the factory burning, and at once ran in an alarm.

When the firemen arrived the fire was burning fiercely and had gained considerable headway. It was only extinguished after some hard work. It was necessary to cut away a portion of the wall to the left of the boiler and also to chop some of the burning portion of the roof. It is supposed that the fire caught around the boiler. The damage will probably not amount to more than two or three hundred dollars.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERING MAILS.

HALIFAX, Aug. 28.—Joseph Lewis, formerly porter at the King Edward Hotel, Halifax, was arrested this afternoon on charges of stealing registered letters and other mail matter from post office boxes and from hotel mail bags. Detective Power has been working on a clue for some weeks. Some of those who lost were John Tobin & Co., Brown & Webb, and the banks.

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