

TO ADVERTISERS.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Fresh west to southwest winds, fine and moderately warm until Sunday night, then showers.

PROF. MALLADA DESCENDS CRATER OF MT. VESUVIUS

Intrepid Scientist the First to Accomplish Perilous Feat--Photographs of Interior of Crater Taken--Temperature 90 to 98 Degrees Fahrenheit--Spent two hours Making Interesting Investigations and was Almost Overcome

(Canadian Press.) London, May 18--The Chronicle's Milan correspondent sends the following despatch: Prof. Mallada, of the Royal Observatory at Mount Vesuvius, accomplished yesterday, the extraordinary feat of descending the depths of the Crater of the Volcano. Before the awful eruption of six years ago, numerous attempts have been made by persons to penetrate the funnel of Vesuvius, but in vain, owing partly to the precipitous nature of the slopes of the interior but principally because of the density of deadly vapors of sulphur and of Chloric acid gases.

The actual diameter of the crater is about 550 yards. Prof. Mallada accompanied by an able expert named Varvaze, attached to the observatory started at eight o'clock in the morning, taking a quantity of scientific instruments for observation on purpose. Cameras and a couple of stout ropes one 350 feet and the other 500 feet in length.

Using the long rope for the first part of the descent, they were lowered inside the volcano to a depth of 380 feet, till they landed on some crags of lava, overhanging another horrid abyss 150 feet lower down. After exploring this perilous place of 90 degrees amid gantic masses of petrified lava, they found the means to fix the second rope, whereby they were able to reach an enormous fissure created some years ago, when the volcano was suddenly torn asunder, precipitating an immense mass of the outer cone into the Crater and causing a partial wreckage of the Messers Cooks' funicular station.

The intrepid explorers discovered that this huge fissure extends to the very bottom of the crater, which was finally reached at a depth of 1500 feet. There they remained a couple of hours.

TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS.

Prof. Mallada was able to take a number of instantaneous pictures of avalanches and showers of red hot ashes, which were taking place at the time in contiguous parts of the crater.

Despite the precautions taken the explorers were at times almost overcome by the suffocating gases.

They found the temperature varying from 90 to 98 degrees Fahrenheit. Levelings were taken with a barometer on the floor of the crater, the exact result of which will shortly be published. A valuable collection of minerals was also made, consisting of volcanic matter falling off from the side walls of the funnel, which on striking the bottom raise clouds of fine choking cinder dust.

The explorers planted a red flag on the crater floor as a memorial of their trip and then began their fatiguing upward journey. Finally they reached the surface nearly worn out after two and a half hours of continuous efforts. The expedition lasted nearly nine hours.

SERIOUS FOREST FIRES IN YUKON VALLEY

Seattle, May 18--A special cable to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Dawson Yukon says: The Yukon valley is a roaring furnace for 200 miles between Big Salmon and Stuart City.

Every where forest fires are raging but they are not near any city. Millions of feet of timber have been ruined.

NOT AFTER FEDERATION.

Toronto, Ont., May 18--Sir Ralph Williams of Newfoundland, who met the Duke of Connaught, stated that his visit to His Royal Highness had no significance politically. In discussing federation between the Island Colony and Canada, Sir Ralph stated that it would be just as soon as the people of Newfoundland desired it and Canada would meet them on better terms. At present however, he knew of no agitation towards it.

NO DECISION RE PALMER-McLELLAN CONCESSIONS

The committee of the City Council appointed to look into the matter of granting concessions to the Palmer-McLellan Shoopack Company had a meeting yesterday afternoon at 4.30. Nothing definite was decided upon but the matter will again engage the attention of the committee this afternoon at two o'clock when some conclusion will no doubt be reached.

PALMER COMPANY HEARD

Messrs C. K. Palmer and Mr. J. J. P. Winslow appeared to represent the John Palmer Company and stated that the city was not empowered to take action in the matter by reason of a provincial enactment passed by the Legislature in 1906. The substance of the act is that the city is authorized to give certain exemptions and assistance to companies that will not come into competition with any industry therein, and which will be a benefit and advantage to the city of Fredericton. If the strict letter of the law is intended to be carried out it would appear that action on the part of the city would be ultra vires. The case of a lumber company which was approached by the city and offered concessions, but was held up by reason of the opposition of the Scott Lumber Co., which contended that the new company was a competing firm and under the provincial act could not be allowed the exemptions and assistance offered by the city, was cited by Mr. Winslow.

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WM. MCKAY APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER

Board of Health Decides at Special Meeting to so Fill Office--Milk Inspector also

A meeting of the Board of Health was held last evening when the resignation of Dr. R. E. McGrath as health officer was formally accepted and Mr. William McKay, who for the past thirty years has acted in the capacity of roadmaster, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The meeting was of an emergency character as the law recently passed by the Board of Health with reference to the inspection of milk was not being enforced, no milk inspector having been appointed. This duty was also given over to Mr. McKay, who will act as dairy inspector as well as conducting the other duties of the office. The salary connected with the office is \$500 per annum.

INTERESTING RUMOR

Rumor has it that a certain gay peace officer has enacted the role of "Young Lochinvar" and left the city under very interesting circumstances.

CONDITION CRITICAL

The condition of John MacLanahan Jr., who has been confined to his home for the past week with pneumonia, is reported to be critical.

AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAMS SYMPATHIZE WITH DETROIT

(Canadian Press.) New York, N. Y., May 18--Members of the New York and Cleveland American league teams are in sympathy with Ty Cobb and the players of the Detroit club, who has sent a written protest to President Johnson of the league against the indefinite suspension of Cobb for his attack on a spectator at a recent Detroit-New York game in this city. Members of the Cleveland team said today, in regard to the action of the Detroit players, that they had heard nothing about the proposed meeting at Philadelphia to form a protective association.

The man who was assailed by Cobb is Claude Lueker, a former pressman lost one hand and most of the other a little more than a year ago, at his trade.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO STEAMER D. J. PURDY

(Special to The Mail) St. John, May 18--The steamer D. J. Purdy of the Crystal Stream, S. S. Line met with a serious accident in Grand Bay this morning. The walking beam broke and the fragments crashed to the deck. D. Arnold Fox of St. John had a narrow escape from death.

The German cruiser Bremen arrived in port this morning. She is on her way to Philadelphia, making a tour of United States ports.

Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond returned today from Ottawa, where he has been attending a meeting of the Royal Society of Canada. One of the matters discussed was the proposal of Sir Sanford Fleming to reform the calendar by letting New Year's Day stand by itself, inserting an extra month between June and July and thus making each month four weeks long and each day fall upon the same date each year.

OHIO SCENE OF STRUGGLE

Republican Candidates are Battling in Taft's Home State

Galveston to Open its Great Causeway--Remarkable Engineering Achievement

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Washington, D.C., May 18--Ohio, the home state of President Taft, candidate for re-nomination on the Republican ticket, and of Judson Harmon, who aspires to head the Democratic presidential ticket, will have a practical monopoly of the political stage the coming week. With the exception of the Democratic state convention in Virginia, the primaries to be held by both parties in Ohio Tuesday will furnish the only event of the week for the selection of delegates to either of the national conventions. Immediately after the close of the Ohio campaign President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt will turn their attention to New Jersey, which is to furnish the battleground one week later. Both the leading Republican candidates and Senator LaFollette also will be heard in New Jersey toward the end of the week.

To demonstrate the evolution of transportation methods, especially in the United States and Canada, a Travel and Vacation Exhibition will open Thursday in the Grand Central Palace in New York City, to continue for one week. The exhibition will be the first of its kind ever held in the United States. The great concrete causeway at Galveston, Texas, connecting the island with the mainland, will be formally opened Saturday with elaborate ceremonies. The completion of this great engineering achievement

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RICHESON COLLAPSED LAST NIGHT; NOW UNDER OPIATES

WILBUR WRIGHT SERIOUSLY ILL.

Dayton, O., May 18--W. Wright the aeroplane inventor, is critically ill with typhoid fever at his home here. Yesterday his temperature rose to 104 degrees and it is declared by the attending physicians that, although he is resting easily, his condition is serious. Wright has been confined to his bed for a week and relatives are much concerned over his condition.

CARON TO BE FURNISHED WITH CONSTITUENCY

Quebec, May 18--It was rumored today at the close of the first cabinet council held since the elections by the provincial ministry that the premier Sir Lomer Guoin, would surrender his seat in St. Johns to Hon. J. E. Caron, minister of agriculture. While the ministers were all non-committal, it is understood that this will be the program followed out though Hon. C. R. Devlin may resign one of his seats to the defeated minister.

DRIVES ON SOUTH WEST MIRAMICHI SAFE

York & Sunbury Milling Company's Drive on Pokiook Stream Reported in Safe Waters

The York and Sunbury Milling Company's drive which is now on the Pokiook stream is stated to be in safe waters and the rear will reach the main river on Wednesday or Thursday next. Mr. R. L. Young, who has been operating for the Miramichi Lumber Co. on Cains River got his drive of 7,000,000 feet out last Wednesday, while the main drive of the Miramichi Lumber Co. on the South-West Branch is reported to be now within the corporation limits. River reports by Western Union wires are as follows: Edmundston--Water at standstill. Woodstock--Water fell six inches since last night. Aroostook--Water has fallen a little. Weather fine.

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Nerve Deserted the Condemned Clergyman--Told Definitely Yesterday that he is to be Electrocutted -- Desires to be Buried Beside Mother in Virginia--Ate Nothing Yesterday--Made Several Requests of Counsel and Clergy

(Canadian Press.) Boston, May 18--A deep sleep, superinduced, by opiates, shut out a world of agonies from the troubled mind of Clarence V. T. Richeson, during the earlier hours of today.

The iron will of the former clergyman, who awaits death by electrocution next week, for the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, gave way last night. The collapse came while the condemned man was alternately beseeching his counsel to have his body interred beside that of his mother in Virginia, and hysterically raving over the fancied persecution of the two guards forming his death watch. Richeson learned definitely, for the first time, yesterday, that he must meet death, by electrocution. Through the day he bore himself with much fortitude.

AWFUL IMPORT OF DECISION Little by little, the awful import of the decision he had heard, began to impress itself upon him. Some of those who entered death chamber imparted to the prisoner the fact that his father did not care to have his body taken to Virginia for burial. Richeson at once gave away to his emotions, and implored of his counsel, Wm. A. Morse, that arrangements be made so that he might lie beside his mother in the family lot.

As the day wore on, other incidents occurred to distract and disturb the condemned man. The discussion between Richeson, his counsel and spiritual advisers turned upon the execution and the prisoner begged both Rev. Mr. Stebbins, the prison chaplain and Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, his chosen adviser to walk to the chair with him.

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The Opposition Leader Appeals to Farmers

Mr. Copp, M. P. P., Accorded Great Reception at the King's Liberal Convention--Outlines a Practical Policy which will be of Benefit to the Farmers

Mr. A. B. Copp, M.P.P., the brilliant young leader of the local opposition, attended the Liberal convention at Sussex on Tuesday and made an able and statesmanlike speech, which provoked very hearty applause. He could not begin his address for some minutes, so hearty was the reception given. He thanked the convention for the demonstration which he knew came from hearts warmed by their delight at choosing a winning Liberal ticket in the grand old county of Kings. The government supporters had said that it would be impossible for the opposition to get candidates to face the inevitable ticket led by Mr. Murray and "various persons," under the name of George B. Jones. He was proud to see the stalwarts of the Liberal party who had stood for their principles since confederation mingle with the younger men in the gathering, united in their determination as were the Liberals of other counties, to hurl from power the pledge-breaking and extravagant government.

"In Kings the outlook is doubly hopeful for I can tell the government members that they have let go their right hower, as well as their joker, in discarding Fred M. Sproul, who was forced from the ticket to please the whim and fancy of those who were deeper in the treasury than he was himself. I can tell them that when they go further and seek to displace from office to make room for Mr. Sproul a trusted official of the county they will pay the price when they come before the people, whenever it may be, and let me add the sooner they come the better for the Liberal party in the province."

HAZEN'S DREAMS.

Mr. Copp caused some amusement by offering an apology for carrying The Standard in his pocket, but said that it had provided him with the best campaigning material he could find by producing Mr. Hazen's review of the acts passed by the government, as given by the late premier at the Fleming love feast. "One of the first acts I see mentioned here," went on Mr. Copp, "is the act to appoint an agricultural commission. That commission was appointed and cost the province about \$10,000, but I fail to see where the farmers have benefitted one dollar from that commission, and I charge that the purpose of the act was to give Dr. Landry, W. W. Hubbard and George E. Fisher and one or two others a junketing trip and some money at the expense of the province.

"Honest John Morrissy as a member of the treasury board sits on the application of the same Honest John for over-expenditure in his department with this system the members of the government may do just as they please with the finances of the province and they have pleased to do very badly."

Mr. Copp spoke of some minor acts for which Mr. Hazen claimed credit and which were really of no benefit to the province and devoted some attention to the arrangement made with the Drummond interests for the development of the Gloucester iron ore. After the Company was given assistance in building their railway to the extent of the province guaranteeing bonds for \$15,000 a mile, the Drummonds had sufficient influence with this accommodating government to secure the ore on the payment of a royalty of only five cents a ton for a period of eighty years.

THE DRUMMOND DEAL

"After all the men women and children are dead and buried," said Mr. Copp "this rich concern, or their successors, no matter what the development may be, or what profits are made, will pay a measly five cents a ton for all the ore mined here. This however is not the most damaging feature of the affair. According to the agreement the company undertakes to raise a minimum of 1,000 tons a day for 150 days in the year or a total of 150,000 tons, meaning a revenue of \$7,500 a year, I find in the auditor-general's report that this company paid last year only some \$1,600. This means that the rich Mr. Drummond has not been obliged to pay the amount required by his agreement with the province, no doubt a very profitable arrangement for the government as I can put

THE AUDIT ACT

Mr. Copp then dealt with the audit act which was supposed to make the auditor-general an independent official and to prevent over-expenditure. "If this act is such a model," asked Mr. Copp, "how do my conservative friends account for a deficit last year of \$56,000?" Mr. Copp then proceeded to riddle the pretensions that this act would keep a check on expenditure by outlining a subterfuge worked by the government in appointing a treasury board of three members who had been ordering over-expenditure without recourse to the governor-in-council.

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DOMINION STEEL CORPORATION FEATURE OF THE MARKET

(By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 604 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper,	83 1/2	84 1/2
Smelters,	84 1/2	86
Atchison,	106 1/2	106 1/2
Brooklyn,	88 1/2	89 1/2
C.P.R.,	266	265 1/2
Northern Pacific,	119 1/2	120 1/2
Pennsylvania,	123 1/2	123 1/2
Reading,	175 1/2	176 1/2
Southern Pacific,	111 1/2	111 1/2
Union Pacific,	170 1/2	171 1/2
U.S. Steel,	69 1/2	70 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Dominion Steel Corporation, 1842 @ 68, 1145 @ 67 1/2, 122 @ 67 1/2, 210 @ 67 1/2, 10 @ 67 1/2, 400 @ 68 1/2, 188 @ 68 1/2, 1035 @ 68 1/2, 865 @ 68 1/2, 160 @ 68 1/2, 2069 @ 69.
Cement, com., 5 @ 29.
Cement, pkd., 20 @ 88, 50 @ 88 1/2, C.P.R., 75 @ 265 1/2, 25 @ 265 1/2, 4 @ 266 1/2, 25 @ 266 1/2.
Crown Reserve, 40 @ 312, 100 @ 310.
Montreal Power, 50 @ 205, 450 @ 205 1/2.
Scotia Coal Company, 50 @ 97, 100 @ 98 1/2.
R. & O., 135 @ 121 1/2, 50 @ 121 1/2, 375 @ 122, 20 @ 122 1/2.

Ogilvie, com., 32 @ 131 1/2.
Penmans, com., 10 @ 53 1/2.
Penmans, pkd., 50 @ 86.
Rio, 120 @ 130 1/2.
Shawinigan, 5 @ 137.
Car, com., 50 @ 73.
Bell Telephone, com., 10 @ 150 1/2.
Dominion Steel, pkd., 1 @ 106.
MacKay, pkd., 10 @ 69 1/2.
New Winnipeg Electric Railway, 106 @ 200.
Porto Rico, com., 2 @ 80, 7 @ 79 1/2.
Illinois, pkd., 5 @ 93.
Steel Company of Canada, com., 150 @ 35.
Spanish River, pkd., 10 @ 95 1/2, 5 @ 95 1/2.
Spanish River, com., 100 @ 59 1/2, 75 @ 59 1/2, 100 @ 58 1/2, 100 @ 59.
Canada Colored Cotton, pkd., 25 @ 74 1/2.
Dominion Steel Bonds, 5000 @ 95.
Bank of N.S., 6 @ 275 1/2, 8 @ 275.
Merchants Bank, 11 @ 194.
Molson Bank, 1 @ 206.
Bank of Montreal, 1 @ 255.
Bank of B.N.A., 3 @ 155.

OPERATED ON TODAY

Mrs. Frank K. Nason was taken to Victoria Hospital yesterday and today is being operated on for internal trouble.