

DAMAGE WILL TOTAL QUARTER OF A MILLION

SERIOUS FIRE OVER NORTH

Planing Mill and Large Quantity of Lumber at Nelson Destroyed.

Nelson, Aug. 9.—Damage estimated as high as \$250,000 was done here today by a disastrous fire which originated in the planing mill of William Sullivan, Limited, and fanned by a hurricane, jumped the road, swept several buildings out of existence and destroyed from 5,000,000 to 9,000,000 feet of dressed lumber. At one stage of wind and fire the adjoining villages of Nowlanville and Craigsville appeared doomed to destruction, but a sudden change in the wind worked their salvation.

Fire fighters from Chatham and Newcastle, aided by streams from two powerful tugs, the Newcastle engine and a host of frantically working millmen proved practically helpless in the face of the gale. The men concentrated their efforts mainly and successfully upon saving the big Sullivan mill. Last night the flames were still burning along a frontage of half a mile, but the worst of the danger was believed to be past. There is said to be about \$80,000 insurance on the lumber.

Among the buildings destroyed were: The Sullivan planing mill, office, boarding house, and cook-house, a dwelling and two barns. One of the barns had taken fire earlier in the day but the flames had been extinguished. Only a few men will be thrown out of employment as the big lumber mill will continue to operate.

Wind Saves Mill

The fire originated in the Sullivan planing mill and is believed to have caught from sparks from the chimney of the lumber mill, which were blown against it and fanned into a flame by the gale. The wind caused the flames to spread with amazing rapidity and a few minutes after the outbreak was discovered the big mill was a roaring mass of fire. Grave fears for the safety of the lumber mill slightly to leeward were entertained, but the hurricane, which had caused the conflagration, proved to be an effectual safe-guard to the mill from which the fire was started, and it was saved, as was a large quantity of lumber piled on the wharf behind it, part of which was the property of W. Malcolm MacKay, Limited, of St. John.

All the mills in Nelson were hurriedly shut down and their crews rushed to the scene of the conflagration to give what assistance lay in their power. Hurried appeals for help were sent to Newcastle and Chatham and a steam engine and detachment of firemen were rushed across the bridge from the shiretown, while several members of the Chatham department quickly responded to the call.

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LIES IN WAIT—GETS BACK HIS STOLEN MOTOR

New York, Aug. 9.—Recovery of his stolen touring car was accomplished by John Felner, 424 East One Hundred and Eighteenth street, New York, by lying in wait at the point where the car was taken from him, believing the thieves would drive back the same way they fled.

Five men had asked him to ride them about town. No sooner had they entered the car than they threw him off at Seventy-first street and First avenue and sped away. With Patrolman Abraham Schulcher of the East Seventy-seventh street station, he waited on the corner in a taxi. An hour later the car reappeared and Felner and Schlucher gave chase in the taxi.

Joseph Carroll, 19 years old, of 343 East Eighty-third street, was behind the wheel as the machine was overhauled, his companions having escaped. He denied any knowledge of the theft, but was held in \$10,000 bail for examination by Magistrate Oberwager in Harlem court.

MAY GO DOWN TO VISIT HIS SON SOME DAY

The Father of President Coolidge is Not Much on Style.

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 8.—An aged New Englander in blue shirt and patched trousers is pattering around the house of his old Green Mountain farm here, while down in Washington his son sits in the chair of the President of the United States.

Old John Coolidge—he's 78 now—is "getting things straightened out" to go back to his home in Massachusetts.

"Course I'm glad Cal has met success," he said "but I'm sorry that the death of Mr. Harding had to be. Cal always has been a good boy and he deserves credit."

Mr. Coolidge, Sr., was the first one down the steps when W. A. Perkins, the telephone man from Bridgewater, pounded on the door at midnight and informed him President Harding had died. He was in his night shirt and barefooted but after he told "Cal and Grace" about it he went back and put on his shirt and pants. He was the first to greet his son as President.

It was in this regalia with the addition of a coat that he administered the oath of office nearly three hours later over the family Bible.

The President's father doesn't care much about clothes and does not believe a man should shave every day to keep up his reputation. He is quiet like his son and talks little. He isn't used to all the hurly-burly activity which has been going on in the last few days. He was glad to get the telephone out of the house, because it was always bothering some body. They put it in the night of the inauguration.

He speaks in words of one syllable with that peculiar New England falsetto that all theatrical farmers have been trying to imitate for years. His sentences usually are from one to five words in length and are non-committal. The father of a President can not be too careful with reporters. "I guess maybe some day I'll go down to see Cal," he said. "Yes in Washington. Yes, I'd like to see the White House. I guess maybe I'll go down some day."

TEN THOUSAND HARVESTERS FOR CANADA

(Special Cable to The Daily Mail)

London, Aug. 10.—At least ten thousand harvesters left the British Isles for Canada last week end the majority of them regard the journey merely as an adventurous experience, but many intend to remain in Canada permanently if they find it possible to get employment. A large number of professional men and graduates of the old Universities are included in these immigrating and former officers of the services make up a good share.

SIMPSON'S BODY FOUND

New Glasgow, N. S., Aug. 9.—The body of Ralph W. Simpson, the missing Stellarton railwayman, was found this afternoon by Allan Boyle, of Trenton, a young boy. He accidentally stumbled against the body while walking along the river bank. The coroner, Dr. E. Kennedy, New Glasgow, was summoned. Dr. Kennedy could find no signs of violence. A coroner's jury tonight, after considerable deliberation, returned a verdict that Simpson came to his death at Abercrombie on or about July 31 by accidental drowning.

Great Salmon Run

The water in the river is unusually low for the time of year and is still receding. The biggest run of salmon in a number of years is now on. Last night at the Hartt's Island pool William Walker, who is Fredericton's high line angler, caught six nice salmon. This morning he was out shortly after daylight and by breakfast time had added four more to his total. Charles Payne of Springhill caught seven in his net last night and other fishermen in the neighborhood have been equally successful.

Working for a Uniform Basis of Sound Legislation for the Empire

London Papers Generous with Publicity for Hon. Mary Ellen Smith, of Vancouver, B. C.—Her Mission an Important One — Americans Object to Negro Being Served at Dance Hall.

(Special Cable to the Mail by the United News)

London, Aug. 10.—The London newspapers this morning give many columns of publicity to the visit to London of Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, a member of the Provincial Cabinet of British Columbia, and a resident of Vancouver. Mrs. Smith says that she is working for a uniform basis of social legislation throughout the British Empire so that British subjects can move freely from one part to another with the confident knowledge that they will enjoy equal security in all part. Mrs. Smith said that in her opinion the two great needs for social legislation today are a minimum wage bill for women workers and a universal Mothers Pensions Act.

POLICE CLOSE DOWN HALL

Paris, Aug. 10.—The Paris prefect of police Thursday closed the Montmartre Dance Hall when Prince George Tavalou, son of the colored ex-King of Dahomey, was ejected on August 6th following complaints of Americans against a negro being served in one of their rendezvous. Caustic comment continues in the French press where writers emphasize that the negroes are French citizens and must be respected by foreign tourists.

AGED MAN CAN GIVE NO ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF

Appeared in Barker's Point Thursday — Is Believed to be Missing Man Advertised at Calais.

An aged man carrying a couple of bundles and with a dog accompanying him made his appearance in Barker's Point on Thursday. His speech was incoherent and he could give no clear account of himself or where he came from. He talked about Duluth which is in Minnesota and also said that he wished to reach Sheffield although some say that Minto was the destination which he named.

He spent the night at the home of William Shepherd who made efforts to learn his identity. The old man at one time gave his name as Day and at others gave other names.

It was thought that he might be H. L. Everett who has been missing for some time from St. John. Later the belief was that he is a man for whom advertisements were inserted in a paper at Calais, Me.

This morning the old man started away but he was brought back until information concerning him is secured.

He is described as sixty years old or more, stooped with long white beard.

HEAVY OIL WAS FOUND IN BRITISH ISLES

London, Aug. 10.—The success of recent oil-drilling operations in the northern counties of England and in Scotland have led to new drilling operations on a larger scale. The oil found while not yet abundant is claimed to be of the finest heavy grade and has led many geologists to believe that asphalt deposits lie in this section.

Oil has been found in Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Midlothian. At Hardstoft, Derbyshire a well drilled about a year ago has produced 1000 tons of heavy oil and the well is still flowing. Five other wells in this section shown traces of oil but have not yet been pumped.

Indications of oil have been found in the Staffordshire coal mines but the prospects are not believed encouraging for the operator.

F. A. Coombes of Montreal is in the city.

JOHN R. BRADEN WON ON HOME TRACK THURSDAY

Jackson Grattan Took First heat—Roy Grattan was Not in—Capt. O'Neill Won 2.25.

Presque Isle, Me., Aug. 9.—Racing over his home track today before 10,000 people, John R. Braden community-owned pacer won the \$1,000 free-for-all taking the second and third heats, of the three heat race. The other contenders were Jackson Grattan, entry of the Houlton Driving Club and Dan Hedgewood by the Woodstock Driving Club. Roy Grattan, the Caribou entry was lame and was not in shape to start.

The other racing was good. Driver Willard landed the Fredericton youngster Captain O'Neill in three straights in the 2.25 class. Ed Sunderlin won with Don Q. in the 2.16 class. The old campaigner Xanthia from Hartland N. B., stayed out a hard five-heat race in the 2.23 class after dropping two heats to the Houlton gelding Peter Stillwell. The weather was fine and the track good the summary:

2.16 Mixed, Purse \$400.
Don Q., bg. by Dan Q. Jr. (Sunderlin) 1 1
Peter Tanlac, bg (Nevers)..... 2 2
Jeffrey, bg. by Gabel (Cam-eron)..... 3 3 6
Far North, bg (Gerow)..... 4 6 3
Moneyman, Dr. H. S. and Northern Belle, also started.
Time, 2.13 1-4, 2.13 1-4, 2.16 1-4.

2.23 Mixed, purse \$400.
Xanthia, blk m, by Future Todd (Langille). 4 3 1 1 1
Peter Stillwell, bg, by Peter the Great (Burrill) 1 1 8 4 2
Bonnie Girl, ch m (Nevers) 2 2 2 3 ro
Justina, bm (Shuman) 3 4 4 2 ro
Rosetta McKinney, David D., Joe Q., Daniel Swigers and Togo M., also started.
Time, 2.17 1-4, 2.16 1-4, 2.17 1-4, 2.18 1-4, 2.21 1-4.

2.25 Trot, Purse \$400.
Capt. O'Neill, br s, by Capt. Aubrey (Willard) 1 1
Bintaxia, blk m, (Baker) 2 8 4
Lick Cord, bg (Kierstead)..... 3 4 2
Bannon, bg (Smith) 4 2 3
Time 2.20 1-4, 2.21 1-4, 2.21 1-4.
Free-for-All, Purse \$1,000.
John R. Braden, bs, by John R. Gentry (Willard) 2 1 1
Jackson Grattan, bs, by Solon

THE LITTLE ENTENTE HAD MADE PROTEST

Permission for Macedonian Meeting Stirs up Trouble in Balkans

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 10.—As a result of the granting of permission by the Bulgarian government to the Macedonians to hold manifestations all over the country yesterday and of the government's allowing the Macedonian revolutionary organization "Ilinden" to be reconstructed the little entente at Yugoslavia's suggestion has made a vigorous protest to the authorities here.

The Yugoslav minister has pointed out that his government could not admit the existence of the Ilinden society, which was suppressed by the late angarian government in Sofia. He also said that Belgrade was very suspicious of the relations between Bulgarian military personages and Teodor Alexandrov, chief of the Macedonian revolutionaries.

These suspicions, he added have been increased by skirmishes which have taken place between Serbians and Macedonian revolutionaries near Strumitsa.

Officials here are seriously disturbed by the little entente's protest as this is the first time Roumania and Czechoslovakia have acted in harmony with Serbia on the vexed question of Macedonia.

The Macedonian manifestations yesterday were quiet, but the Sofia cabinet at a plenary session will consider the situation created by the little entente's protest.

IMPRESSIVE TRIBUTE TO MR. HARDING

(Special to the Daily Mail)

New York, Aug. 10.—The most impressive of New York's variously expressed tributes to the memory of President Harding was that offered last night by many of the city's skyscrapers. As darkness fell the belabored from scores of business block huge illuminated crosses, visible miles away in Jersey, Staten Island and Brooklyn. The crosses were made by the lighting of vertical and horizontal rows of offices the remainder of the windows being dark. The effect as viewed from a distance was almost startling.

COMPANY MAY BUILD LINE

Woodstock, Aug. 8.—If it is definitely decided that the Government will not construct a hydro line from a connection with the Aroostook line at Bridge-water, Me., the Woodstock Power Company will build a line from Houlton, Me., to supply electrical energy for the town of Woodstock. This is the report today, based on an announcement made some time ago by a prominent official of the power company. The company now operates, at great expense, their auxiliary plant and the plan to build from Houlton would seem the only solution at the present time, it is said. It will be remembered that the dam owned by the company was carried away by the big flood last April, making it necessary to operate by steam.

Rather Too Fast.

A party who wished to take in last evening's ball game came from the registry office at Oromocto to Fredericton in seventeen minutes. Their car made extra fast time speeding regulations not withstanding.

Car Struck Cyclist.

H. R. Babbitt while riding a bicycle on Queen street Thursday afternoon was struck by a car driven by C. A. Hall. No damage was sustained by the bicycle and Mr. Babbitt was not injured.

Great inconvenience was caused Thursday night shortly after 9.30 when a violent squall of wind and rain came out of the west with great suddenness. The storm continued only a few minutes but forced everyone to seek shelter while it lasted.

Grattan (Sunderlin) 1 2 2
Dan Hedgewood, bs (Cam-eron)..... 3 3 3
Time 2.09 1-4, 2.08 1-2, 2.07 1-2.

GOVERNMENT WILL LIBEL BRITISH SHIP

RAN INTO THE MORRISSY BRIDGE

Accident Said to be Due to Carelessness on the Part of Steamer.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier and Minister of Public Works of New Brunswick, announced this morning that he would libel the British steamer Wooldingham, new at Douglastown, for the damage caused the Morrissey Bridge at Newcastle by the steamer when she struck the draw span and its fender seriously damaging both. The libel proceedings will start at once. The accident was reported to the Department this morning.

A. R. Wetmore, Chief Bridge Engineer, will start for Newcastle tonight to make a personal investigation of the damage.

Damaged Last Year

This is the second successive year that the bridge has been struck by a steamer. On June 4th, 1922, the Canadian Squatter of the C. G. M. M., struck the draw while it was closed and caused damage which was not repaired for a long time.

Approached at Angle

The reports here indicate that the Wooldingham was approaching at an angle and not straight toward the opening as she should have. A pilot was in charge. The fender of cribwork which was built to prevent damage in such cases was smashed and the open draw-span resting on the cribwork hit afterward. The steamer had loaded part of her cargo at Sullivan's mill Nelson and was en-route downstream to Douglastown to complete cargo.

Traffic Interrupted

Reports also indicate that the damage is greater than in 1922. The span is several feet off centre but is still holding in position. Traffic is interrupted and will be for some time as repairs will take some time.

THE PRINCE IS COMING

London, Aug. 9.—The Prince of Wales will leave London early in September for Canada and will spend some time at his ranch in Alberta. He will be accompanied by his private Secretary, Sir Godfrey Thomas, and Brigadier General G. F. Trotter. The Prince's Canadian visit will continue until the end of October. Previous to starting for the Dominion the Prince of Wales will spend a short time with the King and Queen at Balmoral Castle. His visit at Balmoral Castle will take place toward the end of this month.

Erecting Residence

Charles Toner has begun the erection of a dwelling in Aberdeen street between St. John and Church streets next the residence of Prof. Lejeune of the Normal School staff.

Sunday Band Concert

The band concert postponed some time ago because of rain will be played by the Burt's Corner Band Sunday night at Parliament Square. The program will be as announced previously.

Information Re Mining

John McLeish of Ottawa of the Mines Branch of the Dominion Department of Mines arrived here today for a conference with the Department of Lands and Mines on mining matters.

Inspecting Experimental Farms

E. S. Archibald of Ottawa, Supervisor of Experimental Farms and Stations arrived here today on one of his regular tours of inspection. He is visiting the Experimental Station in this city.

Rather Too Fast.

W. A. Walsh of this city and a party bound for St. John were struck by a St. John car at the mouth of the Nevers Road Thursday morning. The rear right wheel of Mr. Walsh's car was damaged and the other car lost a wheel. Mr. Walsh had to telephone to a local garage for assistance.