

DISASTROUS FIRE IN A MONCTON SUBURB

Woman and Children Barely Escape with their Lives---Dwelling House and Furniture Totally Destroyed---Upwards of \$3,000 Damage Done.

Moncton, April 25.—Mrs. William Brown and her two little children had some difficulty in escaping from a burning building at Georgetown early this morning. Mrs. Brown found it necessary to break the glass in the door in order to escape with her children.

The fire occurred between one and two o'clock in the dwelling house owned and occupied by William Brown and family, just west of the city line, along the mountain road, and the occupants had barely time to dress and make their escape. The house and all its contents were totally destroyed. Mr. Brown was absent from home at the time, but his son and two boarders, with the assistance of some neighbors, fought the flames and saved the barn. Mrs. Brown was left with the two young children to make her own escape. She started down the stairs, but part way down she discovered that one of the children had gone back. Returning she found the child loth to leave its bedroom on account of the thick smoke.

Finally, however, she got the children downstairs, but on going to the front door she found it locked. The back way was by this time cut off, and in order to escape Mrs. Brown found it necessary to smash glass in the front door, severely cutting her hand in so doing. But finally she got out in safety with the children.

The building was a two story one, and was valued at about \$3,000, being insured for \$1,500. About a thousand dollars worth of furniture was lost, on which there was no insurance. A grocery store was kept by Harvey Horseman in the same building, but the greater part of the stock was removed. The fire is a serious loss for Brown.

This is the first fire at Georgetown which is one of the new suburbs. A new ell was being built on the house and it is thought the fire started there, though the origin is a mystery, and that it is the work of tramps is hinted at.

Besides the furniture and clothing, Mrs. Brown lost quite a sum of money which she kept in the house.

LOCOMOTIVE AND CAR OVER EMBANKMENT

Serious Accident on the Transcontinental near Cain's River—One Man Injured, Others Have Close Call.

An accident that came very near being attended with fatal results occurred on the line of the National Transcontinental Railway on Friday afternoon, when a locomotive and car containing six men rolled over a fifteen foot embankment. The accident occurred two miles west of Cain's River and was due to a landslide brought about by the action of the frost. The locomotive was drawing a flat car containing a ledgerwood, a machine used for laying cable. Fortunately the locomotive was not travelling at a very rapid rate of speed when the accident occurred, otherwise the result would probably have been more serious. There were two men on the locomotive and one on the flat-car when the outfit went over the embankment, but all escaped injury except Mr. Perley Davidson, of McGivney, who was thrown thirty feet and brought up heavily against a stump. He was taken to McGivney Junction the same afternoon and on the following day was brought to this city and admitted to the Victoria Hospital. The locomotive and car suffered considerable damage, and have not yet been restored to the rails.

MARK TWAIN DIED A MILLIONAIRE

His Publishers Make Statement Placing the Great Humorist's Fortune at a Million Dollars.

New York, April 25.—Mark Twain died wealthy. An estimate made by a member of Harper and Brothers, his publishers for the last ten years, places his fortune at more than \$1,000,000. His works sell more rapidly than those of any other author, living or dead, and he received more per word for his short stories and higher royalties on his books than any other author of recent times.

HEAT WAVE PASSES OVER NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John, N.F., April 25.—Record-breaking temperatures have accompanied a hot wave that has been experienced on the West coast of Newfoundland for the past few days. At points where the usual temperature at this season of the year would be below freezing, the thermometers have registered as high as 85 degrees in the shade. These figures are unprecedented in the history of the colony.

WOLTER STILL APPARENTLY INDIFFERENT TO HIS FATE

New York, April 24.—Albert Wolter, convicted of the murder of Ruth Wheeler, joined vigorously with his fellow-prisoners of the Tombs today in singing hymns. No one called to see him but he was cheerful all day and ate three hearty meals. The warden said his appetite improved all the time. He seems not to dread facing sentence next Wednesday.

A number of newspaper men sent word to Wolter requesting an interview, but through a keeper he answered that he wanted to be left alone.

STOCK MARKET SHOWS A DEPRESSED TONE

New York, April 25.—Wall Street—Prices of stocks are sharply depressed by the opening sales, which were in large volume, especially for the gangers. Union Pacific was down 1 1/2 C. & O., and Illinois Central 1 1/2. Northern Pacific and Atchison 1 1/2, United States Steel 1 1/2 and Great Northern certificates, American Smelting, Amalgamated Copper, Rock Island, Reading, St. Paul, Great Northern, pfd., Republic Steel and Sloss Sheffield Steel, 1.

Noon—The morning sale of stocks were heavy prompted by the crop damage reports and by the heavy gold engagements for exports. The cleaning up of selling orders opened the way to recoveries which placed some of the market leaders before noon above last week's closing prices. The bidding was listless at the higher prices. Central railroad of New Jersey sold at a decline of 1/2 and Lackawana 1. Bonds were irregular.

Quotations at noon were: Amalgamated Copper, 74 1/2; Pacifics, 18 1/2; Erie, 28 1/2; Great Northern, pfd, 137; Pennsylvania, 135 1/2; Rock Island, 45 1/2; Southern Pacific, 125 1/2; Union, 133 1/2; Northern Pacific, 133 1/2; U. S. Steel, 84.

New York, April 25.—Cotton futures opened firm; May, 14.81; July, 14.62; Aug., 13.08; Oct., 12.48 to 12.67; Dec., 12.50 to 12.54; Jan., 12.50; March, 12.47.

Reports of freezing weather and snow in many parts of the South sent cotton up \$1.75 on the opening in the local future market today. The new crop is reported killed in many places.

New Orleans, La., April 25.—Reports received today from many sections of Louisiana and Mississippi indicate that thousands of acres of cotton have been severely damaged by the cold of last night and the night before. In many instances replanting will be necessary.

Chicago.—Corn, May, 58 1/2; July, 62 1/2; Sept., 62 1/2.

Oats, May, 42 1/2; July, 40 1/2; Sept., 39 1/2.

Mr. D. W. Burpee of the engineering staff of the Bangor and Aroostook Railway, spent Sunday at his home here.

DISQUIETING NEWS AS TO HEALTH OF KING EDWARD

Has Taken Action of House of Lords Greatly to Heart, and he Blames it for Much of the Trouble which has Recently Arisen.

New York, April 25.—A London Times cable says:—King Edward will return to England from Biarritz next Wednesday and there is keen anxiety on the part of those who know of the alarming reports which have been current about his health, to see for themselves whether his continental sojourn has done him much good or not. Official statements regarding His Majesty's ill-health are far from reassuring to those aware of the facts, and have tended to increase the alarm felt; and now almost on the eve of his return there is a renewal of disquieting news. It is considered particularly unfortunate that the Crown should have been dragged into the

arena of party politics at such a time. Both sides are wrangling as to which of them is responsible. The King himself is perturbed, and there is no question that he lays the blame on the Lords. From the outset of strife on the budget he has strongly deprecated the action of the House of Lords, which has brought about the present situation. It was on his representations that Lord Roseberry refused to vote for the rejection of the budget, he had inveighed against that with all his eloquence. Royal fears have already been realized to an extent which suggests the possibility that to an even greater extent than is yet the case they may prove to have been far-sighted.

WILL TRY AGAIN TO CAPTURE \$50,000 PRIZE

London, April 25.—An aerial derby from London to Manchester is in prospect for Wednesday. Both Graham White, who failed in his attempt last week, and Louis Paulhan, the French aeronaut, who has arrived here, are planning to start for the \$50,000 prize on that morning.

M. Paulhan gave official notice to the aero club today of his intention to attempt the 186-mile flight Wednesday, weather permitting. White is confident that the repairs to his machine will be completed in time to permit him to ascend simultaneously with the Frenchman.

Paulhan contemplated a continuous flight, though, according to the rules of the contest two stops are allowed. Both men will use Farman biplanes.

Misfortune continues to dog the airships of the British army. The one which recently made such successful trial flights, was caught by a gust of wind at Farnborough when it was taken out of its shed this afternoon, and quickly turned turtle. The gas bags were torn to shreds and the framework smashed to bits.

RENEWED ACTIVITY AT COURTENAY BAY

St. John, April 25.—Louis Coste, consulting engineer, and H. M. Davy, engineer of the public works department, Ottawa, arrived in the city, yesterday. They came here for the purpose of taking borings at Courtenay Bay. They are acting under government instructions and refused to say whether or not their visit here was in any way connected with the site for the proposed dry dock. They said their duties were to get an estimate of what it would cost to excavate at Courtenay Bay and report to Ottawa. They are of the opinion that it will take two months to finish this work.

Both gentlemen are well known here and particularly Mr. Coste, who worked with Mr. George Robertson at the time when Mr. Robertson tried to secure a dry dock for this city.

"St. John came within an ace of getting a dry dock then" said Mr. Coste, last night, "and had it not been for financial depression in '97, I firmly believe it would have gone through."

Mr. Coste will return to Ottawa on Wednesday, but Mr. Davy will remain here during the two months to superintend the work. They are registered at the Royal.

It is said that surveyors are now working on the other side of Courtenay Bay in the interests of a large industry.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS MEET DESTRUCTION

Limberg An Der Lahn, Prussia, April 25.—The Zeppelin II, one of the three dirigible balloons of the German government's aerial fleet, ran away today and was destroyed. The airship which was forced to descend here last night, owing to a storm encountered while attempting a return trip from Homburg to Cologne, broke her moorings today and without a crew drifted in a northerly direction. A half an hour after its escape, the dirigible dropped at Weilburg and was smashed to pieces.

Of the three cruisers that made the successful flight from Cologne to Hamburg, where they were reviewed by Emperor William and their officers decorated, but one returned to Cologne under her own power. This was the Parseval which struggled triumphantly against yesterday's gale.

The Gross II was sent home by train. Zeppelin II started out bravely yesterday morning but was forced to descend here late in the day, being unable to make further headway against counter wind currents, and also being short of gas. The military requisitioned at adjacent garrisons succeeded only with great difficulty in holding the machine on the ground during the stormy night. At noon today the gas bags were filled and the journey to Cologne was about to be resumed when a sudden squall tore the dirigible from its moorings, tossed it about in the air for thirty minutes and then dropped it with a bang that put an end to the monster's career.

Mr. Robert Rush is seriously ill at the home of his parents in St. Mary's.

ELECTIONS IN FRANCE SUSTAIN THE GOVERNMENT

Paris, April 25.—The general elections to the new chamber of deputies on Sunday brought out 3,000 candidates for 597 seats. Despatches from the country over indicate that the balloting passed off quietly, except for a few rows, notably in the St. Etienne region, where the labor situation is troubled.

Available returns at an early hour this morning, indicate that the Catholic agitation has had little effect on "the Republican bloc" as the combination of parties of the Left, now in control, is called. Their members will be returned with only slight losses.

Figures available at 2 o'clock this morning, gave the bloc 75 members returned; Conservatives, 34, and Socialists, 25.

Second ballots will be necessary for 84 of the seats from which returns have thus far been received.

Among the prominent members re-elected are:

Premier Briand, Secretary of Labor Viviani, Minister of Finance Cochery Jos. Callaux, a former minister of finance; Camille Pelletan, ex-minister of marine; Maurice Barres, a member of the French Academy; Lucien Millevoye, Admiral Bienaime, M. Denys Cochin, the well known Conservative at whose home Cardinal Richard secured shelter when expelled from his palace, and Paul Deschanel, the famous orator.

The chief troubles of the day were reported from the towns of Chambon and Erville. At Chambon, a mob wrecked and fired the city hall, where the voting is recorded and beat the gendarmes who tried to restore order.

There was a dramatic scene at Erville, where a man was shot dead by the mayor who was presiding over the ballot in the city hall.

The reasons for the shooting, it was afterwards stated, were not connected with politics.

President Fallieres recorded his vote in the city hall of the eighth ward.

CEMETERY MUST MAKE WAY FOR MINING CAMP

Negaunee, Mich., April 25.—Lakes have been drained and towns have been removed to new locations in order that ore deposits in the lake Superior region might be mined. Now an interesting event in the category is about to be recorded at Negaunee, Marquette range. It is the removal of the Protestant and Roman Catholic cemeteries to a new site, together with the many hundreds of human bodies, there. It is said a large body of ore lies beneath a portion of the present burial ground, and the deposit to be mined.

JOHN H. REID'S HEALTH CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED

The many friends and citizens generally will be glad to learn that the veteran John H. Reid, who has been confined to his home since last December, by illness, is steadily improving and is hopeful of being around again in the course of a week or two. It will be remembered that Mr. Reid had his spine injured while riding horseback in a procession gotten up in honor of Prince Arthur's visit in 1869, and his back has never been really strong since that time. Last December he sustained a fall in the market and injured it a second time, and has since been confined to his home. Mr. Reid is now in his 88th year and, while he is not what he would like to be physically, he is mentally as bright as he ever was. He is able to get up and dress himself each day, his appetite is good, his demeanor most cheerful, and he still takes a deep interest in current events. He reads the newspapers each day, and can do it without the aid of glasses. Mr. Reid has all his life taken a deep interest in exhibitions and he is hopeful of being able to take in the Dominion fair at St. John this year.

WESTON GOING STRONG TO REACH N. Y. FRIDAY

Utica, N. Y., April 25.—Edward Paysan Weston, left Vernon, 18 miles west of this city, where he remained over Sunday, at 2.15 this morning. He passed through this city at 7 o'clock facing a strong wind from the east and occasional showers. He said that he was feeling well after his full day's rest and that he hoped to get to New York Friday afternoon or evening, but it all depended on the condition of the roads.

ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET

New Haven, Conn., April 25.—Yale and Harvard are preparing the matter of an international athletic meet. They have found they can join forces and cross the Atlantic if Oxford and Cambridge will meet them. The representation of the proposition to the Englishmen has been left to Yale and Harvard alumni who are in England. It is thought here that chances for an international meet are brighter this season than at any time in years.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—For the first time in the history of Atlanta, there was an April snow today which lasted for three hours. The fall was as heavy as any of the past winter.

EUROPEAN POTENTATE TO DELIVER LECTURE

Rome, April 25.—Albert, Prince of Monaco, arrived here today and was received at the railroad station by representatives of King Victor Emmanuel, the foreign office and of the geographical society, under the auspices of which he will deliver his lecture on Oceanography, on Wednesday. The King sent his own carriage to convey the Prince to his hotel. Soon after his arrival the Prince visited His Majesty with whom he had a lengthy interview.

It is reported that the protest of the Vatican against the Prince of Monaco's visit to the King will take the form of a circular note from Cardinal Merry de Val, the Papal secretary of state to the Papal Nuncios instructing them to notify the governments to which they are accredited that the visit of Prince Albert to the Quirinal must not be considered as creating a precedent for other Catholic rulers.

WALL STREET MAKES PLANS FOR ITS VACATION

New York, April 25.—Wall street—Wall street, in large part, is making its vacation plans with Oakland, Cal. on July 4, as the principal stopping place. The "street" has the fight fever to an unprecedented extent and today it was roughly figured that of 1,000 reservation of berths for the Pacific coast, expected to be made within the next three weeks, at least, a third would be taken by men in the financial district who plan to see the Jeffries-Johnson battle.

Many clubs are arranging for special cars to take delegations of their members west, while larger organizations are planning to charter whole trains to the scene of the big "mill."

POLITICAL HENCHMEN HELD THE POLLS

Fort DeFrance, Martinique, April 25 Wholesale election frauds have been discovered. Hundreds of ballots cast for Osman P. Duquesnay and M. Cleric have been destroyed and others substituted in which the names of their rivals for the office of deputy appear, it is alleged political henchmen were in possession of the polls in many instances and opposing voters were roughly handled. Several polling places were stoned, the police, being unable to suppress the rioters.

Mr. D. W. Burpee of the engineering staff of the Bangor and Aroostook Railway, spent Sunday at his home here.