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SITUATION TODAY
MORE REASSURING

Forest Fires Still Burning Fiercely but
Not so Much Damage Being Done---
Worst Practically Over at St. Martins
and Musquash---Rain Badly Needed.

**PROBABILITIES:—Local rains
tonight and Thursday, fresh
winds, mostly southwest.**

On the North Shore

CAMPBELLTON, Aug. 22.—The forest fires between Rogersville and Dalhousie Junction are now most alarming in extent. On Monday night a special train was run from Campbellton to Red Pine to save the I. C. R. water tank. Fires are raging all through the woods, in some places close to the track and in others some distance back. Unless rain comes at once a repetition of the awful Miramichi fire is feared. The worst fire is, at present, reported between Bathurst and Red Pine.

A Wall of Fire

FREDERICTON, Aug. 22.—H. H. Gunter, of the William Richards Company, says there is a fire five miles wide on McConnell Brook, a branch of the Dunbar river. The fire is on the Bentley lands, owned by the Miramichi Lumber Company, and is being valiantly fought by two hundred men in charge of John Robinson.

There is not a village within twenty-five miles of the fire, and there are no houses in imminent danger. The place is so dry that the turf has burned right down to the rocks and the trees are leaning over and just hanging by the roots. Mr. Hunter gives it his opinion that the fire now raging on the Miramichi is the worst for a long time and that a long and heavy rain will be necessary to quench the flames.

Started Opposition Blaze

HARBOUR, Aug. 22.—People here are fighting fire on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon a stretch of woods and a counter fire in order to save William Boyd's buildings. Jabez McArthur's barn was burned on Monday afternoon, and Neil MacDonald's house caught but was saved with difficulty.

Reassuring at St. Martins

ST. MARTINS, Aug. 22 (Special).—Conditions here today are reassuring and although the forest fire has not yet been extinguished, it is now burning on sparse timbered land, where the damage will not be as heavy as in the more heavily wooded portions. In addition to the 600 acres reported yesterday as having been burned over the fire has burned over the McCutcheon property, about 25 acres, and was this morning burning on the George Barnes property. The fog and dampness of last night retarded the progress of the flames considerably and a good heavy rain storm now would extinguish the fire. So far no buildings have been burned.

Fires on Every Side

SUSSEX, Aug. 22.—Fires are burning on every side. At Smith's Creek, three miles from here, on Monday, a hundred men were called upon to fight for their homes.

PLEAD GUILTY TO
THEFT OF YACHT

William Hockin and John Brady who were arrested recently at Fredericton charged with stealing Mr. Sheridan's yacht "Dido" from Millidgeville on Thursday last, arrived here this morning in charge of Detective Killen.

They were taken before the police magistrate and pleaded guilty. Both were sentenced to the reformatory for six months. Knives were taken off both the prisoners and a revolver was taken from the former.

Night Blooming Cereus

The home of Thomas E. Dyer, 55 Celebration street, was pervaded last evening with the delicate perfume of the night blooming cereus. Mrs. Dyer possesses one of these rare plants, and last evening it put forth 190 full blooms, which shed their beauty and perfume until midnight, when they faded.

MONTREAL, Aug. 22 (Special).—Cheese—Quebec, 12-18 to 12-14; Township, 12-18 to 12-13; Ontario, 12-18 to 12-14; Butter, 22-14 to 22-14, with some sales at 23.

AWFUL MURDER OF ELDERLY
WOMAN IN ALBERT COUNTY

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—(Special).—Meagre particulars have been received of the murder of the housekeeper for Rev. Fr. MacAulay, parish priest at New Ireland, Albert county. She was murdered some time on Monday by having her throat cut with some sharp instrument, presumably a razor. The crime was discovered at eight o'clock Tuesday evening. A hired man at the priest's house, named Collins, is missing and is supposed to be the guilty party.

Further particulars of the New Ireland tragedy are to the effect that Father MacAulay left home last week, leaving in charge his housekeeper, Miss MacAulay, a cousin of the priest, and a French youth, about 20 years of age, whose name is unknown. Father MacAulay returned home yesterday and was horrified to find the dead body of Miss MacAulay in the cellar with her throat cut. The young man left in charge had disappeared. It is stated that Father MacAulay had

John King's barn was on fire several times, but was extinguished, and a number of other places were threatened. It is now seven weeks since there has been rain. From Cornwall comes intelligence of worse conditions than prevail here. Fire is running in all directions, and many farms are without water. Springs have dried up and water is being hauled for long distances to provide for household and stable wants. Lumbermen are preparing to protect their properties and have rangers on their holdings watching for outbreaks of fire.

Bad Fires at Cornhill

(Moncton Transcript).—The most serious results from these that have been yet learned of, is the destruction of five or six residences at Cornhill, a small settlement located a few miles distant from the village of Hawkeville.

No particulars in regard to this disaster can be ascertained, either by telegraph or telephone, but enquiries at Petitcodiac and Annapolis elicit the fact that the houses were burned as a result of the severe forest fires which are raging throughout Kings County.

Several of the wires of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company between this city and St. John have been burned down by the fire which raged along the line of the I. C. R. The situation is desperate in many localities.

Fires at Lakeville

MONCTON, Aug. 22.—A telephone message from Lakeville says that fires are discernible from that place burning in the woods across the lake. No damage to any houses is yet reported from this fire.

House and Barn Burned
PETITCODIAC, Aug. 21.—On Saturday night a farmer named Henry Morton, of Lewis Mountain, lost everything by fire, including his house, barns, two horses and two driving wagons. If it had not been for a child being awakened by the noise of the fire, the family, it is believed, would have all perished. The impression is that a tramp set the fire.

In Albert County

HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 22.—Reports from the upper part of the county state that forest fires have been raging for some days in the vicinity of Steevesville, and Salem, hundreds of acres of timber land being a prey to the flames.

Along the I. C. R.

SALISBURY, Aug. 22.—The fires at Salisbury are now pretty well under control except those which are further back in the woods, and so far as can be learned, no buildings are threatened.

Between Annapolis and Petitcodiac, some of the I. C. R. section men have been out in the past few days fighting the fire to keep the I. C. R. property from becoming ignited. The fires are raging more or less near to the railway line all along this district, so far as can be ascertained, but no railway property has yet been destroyed.

STENSLAND ARRESTED

**Fugitive Bank President Captured
Last Night in Aguas Calientes,
Mexico.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The Record-Herald says:—A private despatch received in Chicago from El Paso at midnight reported positively the arrest of Paul O. Stensland, fugitive president of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, at Aguas Calientes, Mexico.

NEW POST OFFICE OPENED

SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 22 (Special).—The customs and post office building at Sydney Mines was opened today. The building was three years in course of construction, and cost \$25,000.

The case against Wm. Hanlon, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of committing rape on little Annie Baker, and subsequently assaulting her mother, comes up on Friday. It was learned today that Hanlon has figured in police circles before.

FOUND MANY VICTIMS
WITH LIGHT HEADS AND
GOLD FILLED POCKETS

Nova Scotia Women Open the Eyes of New York Police by
Their Elaborate Scheme to Get the Money from Amorous
Fools Who Had It---They Called it a "Love Syndicate,"
and it Boomed While it Lasted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—It is the desire of the Post Office Department to break up as many as it can of matrimonial snares like that which Mrs. Bina F. Verrault-Hamilton-Montgomery is charged with having successfully operated in New York and elsewhere. The policy of the Post Office Department is now and will continue to be exerted in direction of issuing fraud orders against adventuresses of this type. Their mail will be withheld from them just the same as it is held from "get-rich-quick" enterprises. The Post Office Department officials believe that these matrimonial snares are in the same class.

Francis J. Carmody, Assistant District Attorney, of New York, who was in Washington yesterday, expressed the opinion that the exposure of this latest matrimonial pitfall will result in the revelation of a similar character being revealed. The Department of Justice is co-operating with the postal authorities in the campaign.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Bina F. Verrault-Hamilton-Montgomery yesterday morning in quest of a warrant for the arrest of her husband, George T. Verrault, whom she accused of failing to support her. She was accompanied by Mrs. Izella Brown, who has been with her in her troubles arising from her alleged wooing of men of wealth through advertisements. Magistrate Waile told her to go to the West Side Court.

Mrs. Verrault applied to Magistrate Sweetser in the Essex Market Court last Thursday for a warrant and was returned to the West Side Court.

A Lively Story

(Halifax Mail)

The enterprising dons of two Nova Scotia women have furnished New York newspapers during the last ten days with one of their chief sensations. One of the women referred to was particularly well known in Halifax.

The investigation so far showed that Mrs. Hamilton, alias Vera Verrault, alias Sadie Mason, of Tangier, New Glasgow, Boston and elsewhere, was running a love syndicate in partnership with Mrs. Izella Brown, formerly Eva Henry, of River John, later Mrs. Charles Graham, of Halifax, still later Mrs. J. B. Brown, of Truro, later still of No. 1 Hollis street, Halifax, and her sister and her pretty daughter with her and her pretty daughter under the guidance and management of two well-known Nova Scotia relatives.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Helen Hamilton, or

Mrs. Vera Verrault, was arrested for using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. She had inserted a personal advertisement as follows:

One Victim Landed

A DASHING YOUNG WIDOW, WITH INDEPENDENT fortune, desires to make the acquaintance of a sincere, cultured man with a view to matrimony. Address: SINCERITY, Riverside Drive, New York.

Among the rascals received was one from a "rascal" named McClelland, who ran a chain of grocery stores in Philadelphia. The man was invited to call at the address, which is in the heart of a well-to-do if not fashionable part of the city, not far from Grant's tomb. The house was a handsome four-story one with a brown front.

When McClelland called, he was received by a uniformed footman, who ushered him into the presence of a stunning woman seated in a gorgeously furnished parlor. The New York woman, who was full, but to make a long story short, the woman explained that she had been a widow for two years, her husband had left her comfortable, and she owned the house she was living in. She also added that she had a wealthy brother, a mine owner in Mexico, who in addition to the income from her husband's estate, allowed her \$10,000 a year.

The Philadelphia fell in love with "the widow" and next day presented her with a \$300 diamond engagement ring. Love making progressed rapidly during the next ten days. Letters were exchanged and those from the fascinating widow would have melted the heart of a sphinx. They were loving enough to induce McClelland to make her a present of a \$200 turquoise necklace and he also spent \$1,000 in cash.

A Loving "Touch"

At the end of ten days after the "widow" and McClelland met he received a long telegram from her announcing that her brother had arrived from Mexico and was so furious at the idea of her marrying again that he had cut off the \$10,000 allowance that he had been giving. This was embarrassing at the moment, the widow said, and as another evidence of his "sincere love" she would accept a telegraphic order for \$200.

The money was wired, but thereafter McClelland was unable to get into communication with the woman. When he called at the palatial residence Mrs. Hamilton was never at home. Finally he concluded that he had been duped, and put the matter into the hands of the United States post office authorities.

N. B. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—(Special).—The New Brunswick tennis tournament opened here this morning with upwards of one hundred competitors present. The weather is cloudy and cool and the courts are in good condition.

The stationery business carried on here by McMurtry & Co. will soon be taken over by a Woodstock company.

Miss Thompson defeated Miss Barnaby in the ladies' singles. In the mixed doubles Miss H. C. Robertson and Mr. Kellam defeated Miss Donville and Mr. Gregory. Mrs. Ward and Mr. Babbitt defeated Miss Dandun and Mr. Ritchie. Mrs. Jones and Mr. Stewart defeated Miss P. Babbitt and Mr. Stewart. Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Babbitt defeated Miss Barnaby and Mr. McAvity. Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Wood defeated Miss Fairweather and Mr. Elliott. Miss M. Robertson and Mr. Wood defeated Mrs. Schofield and Mr. Angus.

MR. EDGECOMBE'S INSURANCE

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—(Special).—It is stated here authoritatively that the life insurance carried by the late Albert W. Edgcombe did not exceed fifteen thousand dollars and the policies are payable to his widow and family.

It is believed that yesterday's thunderstorm extended over the parishes of St. John and Bright and effectively checked the forest fires which have been raging in those districts for some days.

Geo. A. Horton has just arrived from a seven weeks' trip, on business and pleasure, to the west. Mr. Horton visited the principal cities in western Canada, as far as the coast. He also took in Portland, Oregon, Seattle and Frisco.

Furness line steamer Evangeline arrived in Halifax this morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Walter MacAulay and two children left by the Calvin Austin last evening to visit friends in Boston.

George Johnson

George Johnson died at his home, Milford, N. B., this morning about 7 o'clock. He was a native of Scotland. Funeral will take place next Thursday at 2.30 p. m.

The letters in the alphabet of the different nations vary in number. The Sandwich Islanders have 12, the Burmese 18, Italian 20, Bengali 21, German, Dutch and English 26 each, Arabic 28, Persian 22, Armenian 28, and Russian 31.

It is better to right wrongs than to revenge them.

The work that is now being done by the dredge at Sand Point can be quite as effectively performed by a couple of men with tin shovels fastened to long sticks.

An effort is being made to induce Ald. Goldrick, Director Cushing, Judge Ritchie and Chief Clark to sing a quartette at the opening of the exhibition.

It is understood that Hiram has sent a communication to the board of works, offering \$7.50 for the dredge. It is felt that the machine is well worth \$10, but it is

Mrs. Hamilton was arrested. She appeared in court accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Izella Brown, and thereby hangs a tale of local Halifax interest.

Mrs. Hamilton's lawyer expressed the indignation of his client and her friend at what he called the outrageous conduct of McClelland. His client had gone away for a few days and now instead of being married was arrested. His only explanation of McClelland's conduct was that he was not used to the impulsive and open ways of New York women and had got "cold feet."

The publicity given the case resulted in bringing a half dozen other fellows to the police with similar tales of swindle.

The New York World's Story

The "love syndicate" and an outline of its recent operations is given as follows in the New York World, though the paper may be slightly wrong regarding some of the names.

It was Mrs. Izella Brown (formerly of No. 1 Hollis street, Halifax), the blonde of captivating manner and deep hazel eyes, who took care of the "big game," as the millionaires were called, while to Mrs. George T. Verrault (Sadie Mason) was left the duty of the McClelland stripe. The methods of holding the attention of these various clients was unique, running the gamut from plain love sitting to the gambling table and spiritualistic seances.

Mrs. Brown ran away from Halifax about twenty years ago with J. P. Brown, a civil engineer of that place. They were married in Brooklyn. Brown was twenty years his bride's senior. They lived in New York until about fifteen years ago when Brown died. Then Mrs. Brown went to Boston. Soon queer stories reached the police about her and Mrs. Brown left town. Before she departed she made the acquaintance of Bina F. Verrault, and from the moment of the meeting they became involved in various transactions that attracted police attention. They made a circuit of the country, touching Chicago, Philadelphia, and other cities. Then, after a separation, during which Miss F. Verrault was married to George T. Verrault, they met in New York.

Mrs. Brown had several thousand dollars of life insurance, but when she arrived in New York she was without funds. Her extravagant mode of living would have dissipated a fortune. With no money she secured a position as a clock mender in an up-town department store, and maintained a small flat on Eighty-second street. One day she saw an advertisement

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PHONE MERGER
ACCOMPLISHED

**Central Telephone Company
Will Be Absorbed by the
New Brunswick Telephone
Company.**

The presidents of The New Brunswick Telephone Company and The Central Telephone Company have agreed upon the terms of a merger of the two companies, subject to the approval of the directors and shareholders of the respective companies.

The above statement was given out this morning by President Estabrooks of The Central Co. Thus the telephone war comes to an end and all is peace with the former rivals.

This announcement will come as good news to some, while others will not view it so, as it does away with the possibility of a rate-cutting war. The terms of the merger of the two companies are not announced.

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PICNIC PARTY ALL
NIGHT ON RIVER

Steamer May Queen w... Sussex Picnickers on Board... Up in Kennebecasis by Fog... Much Anxiety until Party Landed... this Morning.

To be out all night in a dense fog on a steamer in the Kennebecasis river is not a pleasant experience, but this was what some 400 picnickers from Sussex had to put up with last evening. The picnic party, comprising men, women and children from three of the Sussex churches came from Sussex to Rothersay, yesterday morning, by train, and there took the steamer May Queen for a trip to Gagetown. Everything went along nicely until the steamer entered the Kennebecasis on her return, and there after vain efforts to make out a course through the fog, and not being very well acquainted with that part of the river, the captain decided to anchor.

The passengers were made as comfortable as the circumstances would allow, and some of them managed to get a little sleep while others amused themselves in various ways. It was the women and children who suffered the greatest hardship however, as there was not suitable accommodation for so many, and they experienced many discomforts.

It was about nine o'clock this morning before the captain was able to take the steamer to the wharf at Rothersay.

Much Anxiety Felt

Needless to say there was great anxiety at Rothersay and Sussex over the delay, and stories were circulated that the steamer had been wrecked in the fog.

Some of the Sussex people who had relatives on the steamer were almost frantic, and inquiries were poured into Rothersay all night to find out what was the matter. There was a feeling of thankfulness when the passengers came off the boat this morning, and they were quickly put on board the cars of the special train which had been waiting for them all night and about 11 o'clock they left for Sussex. Luckily there was plenty to eat on board, as the party had gone well prepared, as picnickers usually do.

The steamer's lights could be seen occasionally from Rothersay, last evening through the fog, as she lay out at anchor off Kennebecasis island. The captain had little trouble in navigating on the main river through the fog, but in the Kennebecasis he was not so familiar, and thought the safest plan was to anchor and wait for the fog to lift.

CREATED A
SENSATION

**Arrest of Hon. John Lovitt in
Yarmouth Bank Case the
Subject of Much Comment.**

HALIFAX, Aug. 22.—The arrest in Yarmouth of Hon. John Lovitt and S. A. Crowell on a charge of making false returns in connection with the affairs of the Yarmouth Bank, has created quite a sensation here. The story of the case which has resulted in their arrest, is as follows:—

On Thursday, March 6, 1905, a notice was posted on the doors of the Bank of Yarmouth informing the public that the bank had suspended payment. The notice was signed by President John Lovitt and Cashier Thomas W. Johns. Then followed an announcement that W. H. Redding & Sons, wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers, had assigned to E. H. Armstrong, official assignee. Their principal creditor was the Bank of Yarmouth. Wm. Perry, fellow shareholder, resigning, it is stated, to the fact that he made advances to the Reddings without authority.

The Bank of Yarmouth in its statement issued on Jan. 31, gave its total liabilities \$384,404, and total assets, \$732,678. A meeting of the creditors of W. H. Redding & Sons was held at Yarmouth on March 18. Claims amounting to \$392,000 were presented. The meeting was then adjourned till April 4. The assignee made a statement that the gross claims made against the estate up to that date amounted to \$332,491.

The Union Bank of Halifax was negotiating, or about to open negotiations, for the taking over of the bank, and E. L. Thorne, the general manager, proceeded to Yarmouth for the purpose of looking into the affairs of the bank, and the investigation that followed brought out the tremendous liabilities of the Reddings.

Robert Thomas complained in court this morning that his stepson, James Littlejohn, stole his boat from Reed's Point wharf on Friday night and he found it on the Ballast wharf Saturday. Littlejohn said the boat was his own. The matter stands over.

SHANNON-SALAY CASE UP
IN COURT THIS MORNING

The preliminary hearing in the Shannon-Salay case in which Elai Salay is charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Michael Shannon, on the night of August 7, was resumed in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie this morning.

Salay looked much better, as he strode into court, and took his seat on the prisoners' bench. He spoke a word or two to a companion, smiled occasionally, and did not seem in the least affected by the charge hanging over him. Policeman William White was sworn, and said that on the night of the assault he met Sgt. Campbell and Deputy Chief Jenkins on Brussels street and was informed by the latter of the trouble, and in consequence of what he heard went with them. They met Mr. Hatty and went with him and saw Mrs. Shannon, who stated to them what had happened. They then went to Salay's house, found him in bed with his brother, and told him they wanted to take him to Mrs. Shannon, that she said he came into her room and assaulted her. He went with them and the plaintiff identified him, saying that the only difference in his appearance was that he wore a hat instead of the cap he wore on the second visit.

Witness then told of the statements made by her, which have been already published. Witness had taken Salay out of a yard in the vicinity of where he lived about 10.30 the same evening. He wore a light soft hat then. The arrest was made shortly after twelve.

Police Sgt. Campbell was next examined and stated he had been informed by Deputy Jenkins, whom he met, of the trouble in the plaintiff's house about an hour.

Florence MacCallum was placed on the stand and said she lived in Mrs. Moss' house. On the night of the assault she was in her yard about 8.45. Her sister, Alice MacCallum, Mrs. Moss, Fred Salay, Elai Salay and Mrs. Mary George were there. They talked there till 10.30. The defendant left the yard with his aunt at 10.30 and went into their house, just a few steps from where they sat.

She stated that Elai Salay lived with his aunt, Mrs. Moss.

Witness went into the house at 10.40. She saw neither Mrs. Moss nor Leo again that evening.

Witness intends going away on Friday morning to New York, where she has employment. Witness said the policeman and Mr. Hatty must have been mistaken when they said they saw Elai at 10.30.

The case stands till next Friday.

SITUATION IN
VALPARAISO

VALPARAISO, Aug. 22.—The loss of life by the earthquakes on Thursday, Aug. 16, probably will not be short of 3,000, while the property destroyed is estimated at \$100,000,000, and possibly is far in excess of that sum.

Order is being maintained with the utmost severity by the military, police and armed citizen patrols, who are empowered to shoot looters on the spot. The authorities are showing the utmost energy in the protection of property.

With the first terrible shock of the earthquake, buildings collapsed, their walls falling with a tremendous noise. The inmates in many cases were unable to escape. The shock was followed almost immediately by a fierce storm, the wind prostrating walls that had been weakened by the earthquake, and these broke trolley wires, which flashed incessantly. The second shock was even heavier than the first.

Five minutes afterward fires started in every direction, and immediately the whole town, which had been momentarily in darkness, was illuminated with the lurid splendor of gigantic flames. The firemen made a desperate fight, though there was but little water, as most of the mains had been broken by the earth tremor. The Victoria Theatre (opera house) and the Naval Club were utterly destroyed by the earthquake, and the theatre succumbed to earthquake and fire.

The Club De Setiembre, the church of La Merced, the buildings of the French Fathers, the Navy Department building, the city hall and many other buildings were destroyed by the earthquake. The destruction by fire, however, was infinitely larger and probably sixty per cent. of the commercial houses were totally ruined. In Brazil avenue alone nearly 30 blocks of buildings from three to five stories high were destroyed.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Aug. 22 (Special).—The price changes were few and the dealings light on the stock market this morning. Canadian Pacific was a little easier at 109 1/2; Montreal Power sold at 96 1/2; Richelieu at 4 and 83 1/2; Detroit at 96 1/2; Twin City at 114 1/2; Havana Electric preferred at 90 and Ohio Traction at 30.

trouble in the plaintiff's house. The reasons of his evidence was much the same as that of the previous witness.

Witness told also of taking a hat from the defendant's house, and stated that Mrs. Shannon described how Salay got into the house.

Thomas Hatty was next sworn and told of hearing Mrs. Shannon call for help on the night of the assault. Witness stated that she described to him how the defendant got into the house and what he did.

Witness repeated that he had had no previous intimation of trouble in the house that night.

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