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BUILDINGS BURNED AT YARMOUTH EARLY TO-DAY

**E. K. Spinney and
Israel Porter are
Heavy Losers--
Less than \$1,000
Insurance While
Loss is Much Lar-
ger**

Yarmouth, N. S., April 2.—(Special).—Three wooden buildings opposite the Grand Hotel were destroyed this morning by fire which called out the entire department and was only suppressed with the greatest difficulty.

Two of the buildings were owned by E. K. Spinney, and were occupied by L. M. Burns as a grocery store and by a Chinese laundryman, while the third was owned by Israel Porter and occupied by Joseph Shediac, a variety dealer.

The fire started in the laundry and was of a mysterious origin.

Mr. Spinney had \$500 insurance on his buildings and Mr. Porter had \$400 on his stock. The others were not insured.

VENEZUELA CASE IN CRITICAL PHASE

**Correspondence Between U. S.
and Southern Republic Has
Been Turned Over to Senate**

Washington, April 2.—The long expected correspondence between America and Venezuela respecting pending American claims against the latter country has been submitted to the Senate. An inspection of the documents makes it evident that the negotiations have reached a critical phase. The president's realization of that fact is shown by his transmission of the matter to the senate without comment.

All correspondence and documents were referred to the senate committee on foreign relations. Secretary Root will appear before the committee ostensibly to discuss some of the treaties negotiated at The Hague, but it is expected he will take up the Venezuelan affair and suggest some action. Those members of the committee familiar with the situation have arranged tentatively a programme which consists of three propositions, as follows:

Place a prohibitive tariff on Venezuelan coffee, the exports of which constitute 45 per cent. of the entire Venezuelan foreign trade, and 99 per cent. of which is taken by the United States.

Exclude all imports of asphalt from Lake Bermudez, the product of which has been taken almost entirely by the United States.

Authorize the president to exercise the general power vested in him to take whatever steps he may consider necessary to treat with Venezuela in the future.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER A THIEF.

**Married Treasurer of Church
Spent Stealings Upon An-
other Woman.**

New York, April 2.—"Have you any association with a young woman not your wife, and haven't you taken her to places of amusement?"

"Well, yes, I went around with one woman, but not with women."

This question any answer tell why Joseph Dexter, secretary of the Sonvenir Postal Novelty Company and treasurer and officer of the Ridley Memorial Methodist Church Sunday school, is under arrest for grand larceny. In the Tombs police court he admitted stealing \$4,000. In his confession he implicated Benjamin Levy, who was also arraigned on a larceny charge.

Dexter said he had robbed his employers by selling stock at half value. He worried when an investigation was commenced and told the police he was guilty. He advised him to make a confession.

Dexter attempted to shift the blame to Levy, saying he had disposed of the goods stolen by him. He was taken from the court. It was brought out on cross examination that Dexter had spent the money in entertaining a girl with whom he had become infatuated.

The prisoners were held in \$1,000 bail, which was furnished. Dexter lives at No. 420 Eighteenth avenue, Parkville. He always took a prominent part in church affairs and attended services with untiring regularity.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, April 2 (Special).—Trading in stocks was quiet today and prices were irregular. So common was up again to 119 and Pacific was off to 151 3/8. The 1000 pfd. sold at 53 5/8; Dom. Coal, 40 1/4; Dom. Textile pfd., 82 3/4; Detroit, 2 1/4; Dom. Steel, 15 3/4; Halifax Tram, 7 1/4; Rio bonds, 76 3/4.

THE WEATHER

Strong winds, snow and rain. Friday strong winds, rain, moderately cold.

The funeral of Captain James T. Johnson was held at 2:30 o'clock this morning from his late residence, 265 Brussels street, to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where service was read by Rev. Father Holland. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

FOR SALE—Heavy draught horses, 4 bought cheap. G. J. Smith, 176 Main st.

AMHERST HAS ANOTHER FIRE.

**Premises of Black Print-
ing Company Consid-
erably Damaged This
Morning.**

Amherst, N. S., April 2.—(Special).—By the prompt action of the fire department this morning a very serious fire in the Black Printing Company's building was averted. The fire broke out between the ceiling of the bowling alley in the basement and the floor of the private office of Mr. Black, the manager. The pool tables of C. D. Winchester and other furniture in the pool room were considerably damaged. Mr. Black's office also suffered considerably. It is understood that the damage is covered by insurance.

Ben Lezere, an employee of the Coal, Railway and Power Co., working near the bottom of the new slope, had a loaded box of coal pass over his leg. The bones were shattered so badly that amputation was necessary.

A LARGE FUNERAL.

**Many Citizens Followed Body
of Late Isaac Stevens to
Grave Today.**

The funeral of Isaac G. Stevens was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 56 Wright street, Rev. H. D. Marr, pastor of Queen Square Methodist church, officiating. The service was most impressive and there were many beautiful floral offerings, testifying the esteem in which the deceased was held. The cortege was a lengthy one and included many representative citizens and a large number of railway employees. Interment was made in Fernhill.

A NOVEL HORSE RACE

**Handicap Dash with Time Allow-
ance will be Feature of Read-
ville Meet.**

Beeton, April 2.—A \$50,000 handicap dash on August 24, in which the slowest horse will go a distance of 1 1/4 miles and be allowed fifty feet start for each second difference in speed, no horse handicapped slower than up to a mile in 2:15, will be the feature of the grand circuit week at Readville this year. The purse, which is offered by the New England Trotting Horse Breeders' Association, is the largest ever projected for trotting horses in the country. The entrance fee will be \$500 and the purse will be divided as follows: First, \$30,000; second, \$10,000; third, \$5,000; fourth, \$2,500; fifth, \$1,500; sixth, \$1,000.

SUDDEN DEATH OF DANIEL McNAMARA.

Daniel McNamara, postmaster at Lakeview, dropped dead this morning when in the act of chalking a line preparatory to cutting a piece of timber. He had been ill for several days but no serious results were anticipated. Deceased was about 55 years of age and leaves two sons, William P. McNamara, in Amherst, and Louis at home, also two daughters, Miss Josie and Miss Lizzie, also at home. Mrs. Edward Walsh and Mrs. Wm. Duke, of this city, are sisters of deceased.

THREE DEAD IN TENEMENT FIRE.

New York, April 2.—Three persons were killed, fifteen injured, and the lives of nearly a hundred persons were endangered by fire in a five story tenement house at 44 Hester street early today. The dead are: Berel Weinstein, his wife Anna, and their one-year-old son. They were suffocated in their apartment on the fifth floor.

That more lives were not lost was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen who aroused sixteen sleeping flames. The stairways were a mass of flames and the only means of exit was by the fire escapes. In their attempt to escape scores of scantily clad men, women and children became wedged in solid masses on the fire escapes. There they stood, helpless, blocking the way of those behind them.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS

Vienna, April 2.—In the eighth round of the international chess tournament yesterday, both Americans won their games, Marshall against Cohen and Johner against Berger. Maroczy and Schlechter are now tied for first.

Santiago, April 2.—The Chilean government has issued an invitation to all the prominent gun makers to send representatives to Santiago to witness the tests which will be made next October. It is the purpose of the government to introduce a new artillery armament and it is hoped in this way to create interest in the bidding for the equipment.

THE YORK LOAN CO.

Toronto, April 2 (Special).—All preference claims against the York Loan Company have been thrown out by a decision of Official Referee Geo. Kappell in his judgment of class 4 claims. These claims are based on withdrawable shares where the right of withdrawal had not been used prior to the insolvency of the company. The decision affects 7000 shareholders with aggregate claims of \$465,000.

Charles McCormick brought 1000 gaspexaux from Long Island today; a very good catch for this season of the year.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM IS WORRIED.
Mr. Hiram Hornbeam says he expects a considerable demand this spring for calves, to be nursed and raised to cowhood in this city, as a side line by gentlemen engaged in other branches of trade.

Hiram has been led to this conclusion by two facts he has recently observed. One is the high price of butter, which is now dangerously near to forty cents for creamery price. The other is the fact that the recent period of high prices for eggs prompted some city men to take on hens as a side line.

MONCTON TO HAVE FIREPROOF SCHOOL

**New Building will be
One of Finest
in Provinces**

**Will Mark New Era in School
Construction—No Crowding
of Pupils on the Upper
Floors—A Splendid Example**

Moncton, N. B., April 2 (Special).—Special precautions against fire dangers will be taken in the erection of the new school in this city, the first definite step toward which was taken when, at a meeting of the school board last evening, a special committee was appointed to secure plans from various architects in the provinces and make preparations toward the erection.

The rapidly growing west end of the city will be the site of the new building which is likely to be erected on land adjoining the present Victoria school. The building will, probably, be but two stories high, and thoroughly fire proof throughout, but will have accommodation for a large number of pupils. Between the present Victoria school and the prospective building a one story assembly hall will be erected, joined to each school by enclosed corridors, thus doing away with the necessity for general assemblies on the top floors of the schools.

George Jones was arrested this morning for violating Scott Act by peddling liquor around the streets. He was sentenced to three months in jail or fifty dollars fine. Mrs. William Downing, seventy-six years old, died this morning at the residence of her son, George Downing, Legere corner, near here. She was a native of Chatham, and is survived by a husband and five children.

WEDDING GOWN HER SHROUD FOR GRAVE

**Somerville Bride-to-Be Stricken
by Heart Disease Ere Bridal
Day**

Boston, April 2.—Miss Caroline I. Norris, for years a well-known social favorite in Somerville, died this afternoon at her home in what was to have been her wedding gown. All arrangements had been made for her marriage on April 21 to Charles H. Lally of 83 Berkeley street, Somerville, and her expected new home on Broadfield road, West Somerville, had been completely furnished and made ready for their occupancy when they returned from their wedding tour.

Two weeks ago Miss Norris was taken ill with grip, from which she apparently recovered. While dressing Monday, she was seized with heart disease and died in a few minutes. She was suddenly stricken with heart disease and passed away within ten minutes.

Miss Norris was 34 years old, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Norris of 10 Cambria street, and the late Samuel Norris. She had lived in Somerville since early girlhood. For some time she had been employed as bookkeeper by her affianced at his Boston place of business. She leaves a mother, four sisters and three brothers.

MAY VISIT CANADA

**American Fleet May be Invited to
Pacific Coast Harbor—One
Warship May Also Visit Quebec**

Ottawa, April 2 (Special).—In the senate last night Senator Longueue was told by Hon. R. W. Scott that the question of inviting the United States fleet to visit the Pacific coast harbors and also to send a warship to the St. Lawrence at the time of the Quebec celebration had been casually discussed by the Government, but no definite conclusion had been arrived at.

THE CASSANDRA IN PORT.

Donaldson line steamship Cassandra, Captain Mitchell, arrived in port this morning direct from Glasgow, with 156 cabin and 170 steerage passengers. Twenty-four go to Quebec points, 102 for Ontario, 150 for Manitoba, and nine for the United States. The steamer brought a large general cargo, including 500 tons Scotch hard coal, and 13 stock horses.

DR. DANIEL ASKS QUESTIONS

Ottawa, April 2 (Special).—Dr. Daniel has given notice of a question in regard to the purchase of a rifle range at Charlottetown.

Steamship Woburn, Captain Melke, arrived this morning from Halifax, and is now at the corporation pier taking in cargo for Bermuda and other West India Islands.

MUST CHOOSE ANOTHER NAME

**Or Else pay Handsomely
for the use of "Prince
Rupert" -- Difficulty
Which Confronts the
G.T.P.**

Vancouver, B. C., April 2.—(Special).—The Grand Trunk Pacific is threatened with having to change the name of its Pacific coast terminus or else to pay heavily for the use of the privilege of calling its tide-water city on the Pacific by the name of Prince Rupert. It developed today that George T. Kane, of Kaslo, had staked off a new town site in the north and registered it under the name of Prince Rupert. When officials of the railway company applied to give this name to their town they found this could not be done for the wily Kane had secured earlier registration and by the provincial laws two places cannot receive the same name. The new Prince Rupert is located at Inverness canyon near the mouth of the Skeena river. Mr. Kane has just made a trip specially to Prince Rupert to investigate but no solution of the problem can be figured out. The new townsite curiously enough is traversed by the line of the new railway.

LID ON IN HARRIGAN'S

**Dances in That Swell Re-
sort Tabooed by the
Police**

With a sentence of imprisonment hanging over him and promising never again to indulge in ardent spirits, Charles Francis Williams, colored, who was last evening arrested by Sergeant Campbell and Patrolman Marshall, on suspicion of stealing a pocketbook containing \$15 from David Smith, also colored, left the police court this morning wearing a happy smile.

Williams, when brought before Judge Ritchie, pleaded guilty and elected to be tried in the police court.

The plaintiff, Patrolman Marshall, were sworn and the evidence showed that Smith, who belongs to Halifax, arrived from the Maine lumber woods yesterday and fell in with Williams, with whom he spent the day. Both had been drinking and as Smith intended leaving for Halifax by the evening train, he and Williams went to the union depot. The joy rider made Smith drowsy and while he slept, Williams relieved him of his pocketbook and its contents—which he found in the inside pocket of the sleeper's coat.

He then steered for Harrigan's alley where a dance was in progress at the abode of one, Marshall, and where he was subsequently arrested, and \$12.05 taken from him.

In court the prisoner expressed his willingness that the \$12.05 be returned to the plaintiff, and promised to give or send him the balance of \$2.95 within a month. He also promised the judge that he would never drink another drop of liquor, and would behave himself in future.

He was warned that he was liable to a term of fourteen years in the penitentiary and allowed out on suspended sentence.

Patrolman Marshall was instructed by the judge to put a stop to the dances in Harrigan's alley, which Police Clerk Henderson characterized as a wild place.

Three drunks were fined \$4 or ten days each.

PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of Mrs. Anna Latrobe Clark, of Lancaster, will was proved. Several specific bequests are made to children and grandchildren, and letters testamentary were granted to her daughter, Miss Jennie Maude Clark, sole executrix named in the will. Real estate \$500, personal \$8,500. J. B. M. Baxter, executor.

Estate of Miss Isabella Alexander. Will dated 22nd March, 1890, proved, giving estate to her sister, Miss Mary Ann Alexander, who is appointed executrix under the will. Probate granted. Real estate \$324, personal \$150. John Kerr, K. C. proctor.

SUPREME COURT

The cases of Gordon and Steeth and Quinlan were concluded in supreme court chambers before Judge McLeod this morning, when argument of counsel was heard, and his honor reserved judgment until Saturday morning. Hon. H. A. McCormick for the plaintiffs, and Recorder C. N. Skinner for the defence.

The case of Anderson vs. Isaac was taken up in the equity court this morning before Chief Justice Barker. The bill of the plaintiff and the answer of the defendant were read and adjournment made until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

M. G. Teed and Homer D. Forbes for the plaintiff, and H. A. Powell and L. P. D. Tilley for the defendant.

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, April 2.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged today at 3 per cent. The weekly statement shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased £1,684,000; circulation increased £644,000; bullion decreased £1,040,540; other securities decreased £2,810,000; other deposits decreased £240,000; public deposits decreased £2,943,000; notes reserve, decreased £1,713,000; government securities, decreased £2,000. The proportion of the banks reserve to liability this week is 49.50 per cent. Last week it was 48.64 per cent.

The drummers and buglers of the 62nd Fusiliers will meet at the barracks at 7:45 P. M. sharp on Monday next. By order, J. Woodland, Sergeant Drummer.

Robert Steel Ambrose, composer of "One Sweetly Solenn Thought," died yesterday at Hamilton, Ont.

BLACK HANDS FRIGHTEEN ROCKEFELLER'S DAUGHTER

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR SEEDING

**Visitor to Winnipeg From
Western States
Prospects Were
Better**

Winnipeg, April 2.—(Special).—James Argue, M. P. P., is here from the western states and says that seeding prospects have not been so good for many years. The land is in splendid shape and a great deal of it is prepared. Seeding should be general by April 12 or 15. Wheat will be put in more quickly this year than ever before, for the farmers are all ready and only wait a proper date on which to begin operations in earnest.

LABOR MEN WAIT ON SIR. WILFRED

**Trades and Labor Dele-
gates Made Several
Requests of Premier
To-day**

Ottawa, Ont., April 2.—(Special).—The National Trades and Labor Council of Canada waited on Sir Wilfred Laurier and Hon. Mr. Lemieux today and presented resolutions passed at the convention held at Glace Bay. They asked for old age pensions, a bounty on ship building, an increase in tariff to 60 per cent. on vehicles and parts of vehicles, that a department of labor be established and that there be a tax against Asiatics of \$1,000 each.

THE COMING EXHIBITION

**No Manager Yet Secured but
Directors Have Several in
View.**

The Exhibition Association have not yet succeeded in getting a manager for the fall show, but several names are being considered and it is probable a suitable man will be secured in a few days.

Work on the prize list is going along satisfactorily and all preparations for the big show of September 12 to 19 will soon be under way.

The directors are considering what attraction they can provide to take the place of the "Pike," which was one of the features of the last exhibition. Something along the same line, but different from the last fair will be arranged for.

CAUGHT HIM WITH THE MONEY ON HIM

**Fleeing Railway Official Who
Stole \$93,000 Captured
When Boarding Steamer**

Cherbourg, April 2.—Detectives yesterday arrested Alessandro Giometto, an Italian railway official, while he was in the act of boarding the "Vittorio Veneto," which sailed for New York. Giometto is charged with the robbery of \$93,000 by breaking a glass window in the railroad station at Chiasso, town of Switzerland, on the Italian frontier. Gold to the amount of about \$30,800 was found in the man's valise and \$14,800 in bank notes were discovered wrapped about his body. He was accompanied by a young Italian woman with whom it is alleged he was eloping to the United States, having abandoned his family in poverty in Switzerland.

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Mrs. Harold McCor- rick Preparing to Leave for Eu- rope on Verge of Nervous Collapse- Threatening Let- ters Did it

Chicago, April 2.—Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, is verging on nervous breakdown, and is prepared to depart hastily from the city as a result of a series of letters received by her threatening her life and the lives of her children.

Guards have been placed about the McCormick home at Bellevue Place, and Lake Shore Drive. Mrs. McCormick recently told Mrs. Theodore Thomas that a number of ill-written letters had been sent to her, warning her that the lives of herself and children were in danger. Mrs. McCormick said that the letters had been increasing in frequency and virulence.

FUNERAL OF LATE FATHER MORRISSEY

**It was Held at Chatham This
Morning and was Attended
by Clergymen From all Over
the Provinces**

Chatham, N. B., April 2 (Special).—The funeral of the late Father Morrissey was held this morning at 10 o'clock from the cathedral and the large edifice was packed to the doors by the immense crowd which gathered from all parts of the Maritime Provinces to pay their last tribute of respect. After requiem high mass had been celebrated in the cathedral the procession formed to St. Michael's cemetery where the interment was made. Clergymen were present from many parishes in the province and from Halifax. Yesterday afternoon the remains were removed from the Hotel Dieu hospital to the church, Bishop Barry and fifteen priests leading the procession and chanting the Litany.

NEW MEDAL FOR U.N.B. STUDENTS

Fredericton, N. B., April 2.—(Special).—The city council at a meeting last evening decided to offer a gold medal annually to the University of New Brunswick for competition among the students. The proposal came from Mayor Chestnut and was warmly endorsed by the council. He suggested that the medal be awarded for the best essay on some subject having to do with the resources of the province. At next meeting of the council a committee will be appointed to confer with the university authorities on the subject. It is probable that the city assessment this year will be \$72,000, an increase of \$3,500 over last year. Overriding in the water department by the city council is responsible for the increase.

Joseph Marshall, for fourteen years master mechanic of the Gibson cotton mill, died at Marysville last night after a lingering illness. He was a native of England and was fifty-nine years old. A widow, four sons and three daughters survive. The deceased was a member of St. John Commandery of Knight Templars and the body will be taken to that city by the early train tomorrow for interment.

A heavy snow storm accompanied by a northeasterly wind set in here early this morning and continued up to noon.

CUSTOMS REVUE.

The following is the comparative amount of customs revenue collected at the port of St. John for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 1906-7 and 1907-8:

	1906-7	1907-8
Totals	\$1,335,383.74	\$1,382,668.28
Increase for 1907-8		\$47,284.54

The following is a comparative statement of customs revenue collected at the port of St. John for the month of March, 1907 and 1908:

	1907	1908
Totals	\$135,100.45	\$133,710.84
Decrease		\$1,489.61

Boston, Mass., April 2.—The post office officials announce that 157 money order blanks, numbered from 8,845 to 9,000 have been stolen from a substation by two strangers. At another substation rubber stamps used on money orders and registered letters were stolen. The blanks can be filled out for amounts as great as \$100 each, and the officials fear that the thieves will circulate the orders by turning them in to merchants for goods.

All ladies interested in the formation of a Canadian Club are requested to meet in Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street, on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 when the provisional committee appointed to frame a constitution will present their report and a Canadian Club will be formed on the lines of the gentlemen's club, already in existence here.

Quite a strong south east storm has set in. Along the harbor from a heavy sea is running. The steamer Seneca had to haul out into the harbor and come to an anchor there on account of sea at the face of Reed's Point wharf.

Registrar Jones has received a letter asking about a family named Pendleton. Any one of that name will please call or correspond with him.