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FOREST FIRES SPREADING; SITUATION DESPERATE

Sunny Brae Near Moncton Had a Close Call Yesterday ---Fire Department of That City Fought the Flames ---Many Farms Along the North Shore Have Been Destroyed.

(Special to the Sun.)

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 20.— Only unceasing and strenuous efforts on the part of some two hundred men who, with buckets of water, brush and other implements, fought off the fire from the village of Sunny Brae, one of Moncton's largest suburbs, would have been destroyed this afternoon by a forest fire which swept down to its borders. So close, in fact, did the fire come that the residents hung wet blankets and mats over their house roofs to prevent ignition from stray sparks. One barn did catch on fire, but the blaze was extinguished before very much damage was done.

It was about noon when the fire assumed a dangerous aspect in the Humphrey woods along the McLaughlin road. It had been burning more or less fiercely for the past few days, originating from some small brush fire which, is presumed, had been carelessly allowed to spread. Shortly before noon, fanned by the fresh breeze, the blaze swept in the direction of Sunny Brae.

The latter is a village of some four or five hundred population, with a lumber mill near by and a large number of new houses going up, and the residents immediately became apprehensive for their safety.

Several prominent residents of the suburb at once summoned help from other nearby points and about five o'clock this afternoon the Moncton fire department was called out by the ringing in of a general alarm and sent to aid in the combat against the flames. They were led by Fire Chief Ackman to whom a great deal of credit is due for the manner in which fire was warded off. Two hundred men fought to keep the flames under control. Hose was stretched from a well a quarter of a mile distant from the fire, but on account of the shortness of the hose the firemen were unable to get near the flames. Every team in the village was out and in vessels from all kinds from large water barrels down to milk cans water was carried. Finally the efforts began to tell and the flames gradually subsided, being put out when within a few feet of one dwelling. Tonight the situation is greatly improved and the fire is not burning, although freshening wind may at any time fan it into renewed activity. Residents of the vicinity still feel somewhat uneasy.

The barn which caught on fire belonged to William McKinnon, and the damage was very slight.

Incipient blazes in other houses were also stamped out as soon as noticed. Fire also got into the rural cemetery but was quickly extinguished. Tonight a haze of smoke from the forest fires all over the surrounding district covers this city, while the burned particles float through the air borne in by wind from some large conflagration.

From Lakeville, some seven miles distant from Moncton, comes a report tonight of another very bad forest fire which is causing much apprehension among residents near by. One house is reported to be in a very dangerous position, directly in line with the fire, and two hundred men are out fighting the flames. This land is part of the Humphrey property, and the damage to timber will be very extensive.

Another fire is also raging in the woods south of Lakeville, but no houses are in danger.

At Salisbury a crowd of men were out all afternoon fighting fires which raged in the adjacent woods. At one time Wright's mill was seriously threatened, but hard work by the fire fighters saved it from catching. The fires are now pretty well under control except those which are further back in the woods but no buildings are threatened.

From Petitcodiac comes a report that forest fires are raging in all directions. At Wheaton Settlement, near Petitcodiac on Saturday night Henry Morton's house and barn were totally destroyed, with heavy loss. Morton had just finished putting his hay crop in the barn, and all this was destroyed. Along the I. C. R. section men have been all day long fighting fire to keep the railway property from becoming ignited, and at Anagance and vicinity more men are out fighting the flames.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 20.—Forest fires this evening are reported to be still raging, but gaining little headway. At Springhill and the vicinity there is quite a blaze, but nothing serious is anticipated.

VILLAGE DOOMED.

(Special to the Sun.)

CHATHAM, N. B., Aug. 20.—The situation is desperate along practically the whole northern division of the I. C. R. Rain is anxiously hoped for, and deemed the only remedy. The weather was lowering this afternoon and rain was expected, but outside of one small shower last night not a drop has fallen for weeks. The temperature was very high in Chatham today, 98 in the shade, caused by the heat from the fires, which are playing on every side.

Alex. McFarlane of Nelson stated today that Acadiaville, lying between Rogersville and Kent Junction, was doomed. The fire was close on the village Saturday night and some barns had then gone.

Interruption to the telephone service prevents the sending of any information by the villagers, who are supposed to be fighting for their very homes.

When last heard from the people were digging trenches and laying in supplies of water, but the fire formed a ring around the village. Large quantities of bark belonging to Thomas Gill have been destroyed. Advices from Campbellton state that from Quebec down the fires are practically everywhere burning at Nouvelle and back of Dalhousie with great fierceness.

WATERSIDE.

WATERSIDE, A. Co., Aug. 20.—Dry, hot weather still prevails, much to the satisfaction of the hay makers, but the crops are much in need of rain.

Measles are becoming quite prevalent here. Mrs. L. L. Richardson was quite sick with them. She was attended by Drs. Carnwath and McDonald.

Mrs. Alva Barlow is very ill. Dr. S. C. Murray is in attendance.

Nathan Marks is very ill with a complication of diseases. Litttle hopes are held out for his recovery.

Mrs. Jessie Barbour, widow of the late William Barbour, died on the 11th inst. and was ouried on the 13th.

Mrs. Harding Marks and her sister-in-law, Miss Edith Marks, enjoyed a trip to St. John with Mrs. Marks' husband in schooner Rex.

Miss Carrie L. Anderson, a recent graduate nurse of the Central Maine General Hospital, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Colley and two children, of Salem, Mass., arrived on Saturday to visit relatives here.

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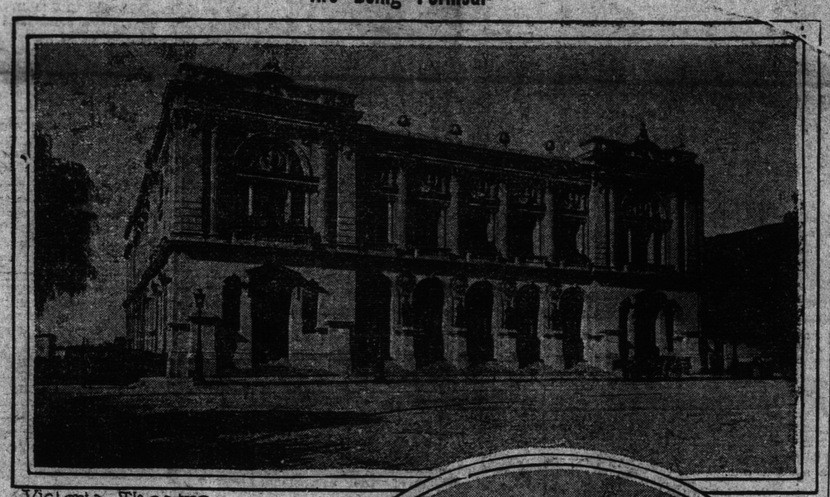

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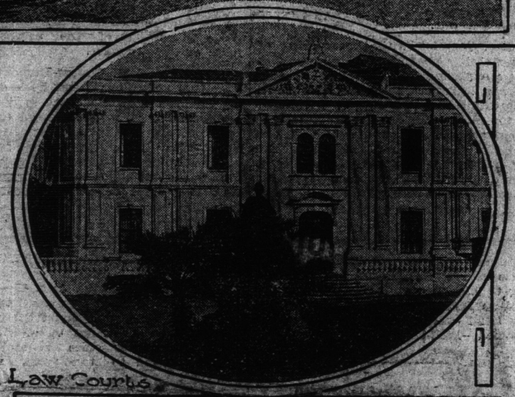

Law Courts.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost

Prominent Buildings in the City of Valparaiso.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug. 20.—Five hundred persons are dead at Valparaiso as a result of the earthquake shocks, according to the latest advices based on the reports of refugees who reached this city this morning. The monetary loss at Valparaiso runs into the millions. Six or eight other cities have been destroyed. The railroad, street railway, telegraph and telephone systems are thoroughly demoralized. The known dead in this city number twenty. Madame Mont, wife of Admiral Mont, who was reported killed, is alive, but seriously injured. It is expected that the street railway and lighting system in this city will be restored today.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Startling but conflicting reports regarding the fatalities and monetary loses attendant upon the seismic disturbances in Chile on August 16 and 17 continue to reach this city. Details from Valparaiso direct are still meagre and are confusing. From Santiago, where the stories of refugees from the stricken city are heard, and compared by a less excited populace, came more conservative estimate of the devastation wrought.

The latest news this morning is contained in a cable despatch to the Associated Press. The correspondent estimates the dead at Valparaiso at 500. The money loss amounts to millions. Six or eight cities besides Valparaiso have been destroyed. The steam railroads and street lines remain tied up while telegraph and telephone service is paralyzed.

Cable despatches from South America printed in the morning papers here under yesterday's date, include the following:

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 19.—The latest news from Valparaiso is to the effect that the panic is subsiding. The mansion of Mr. Edwards is about the only building remaining on Victoria street.

It is estimated that the number of dead in Valparaiso will reach 1,000. The dead in other places are:

At Quillota, 30; Limache, 170, and Petorea, 11. Among the killed at Valparaiso were the director of the Lyceum, Charles Hosselan, and family.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 19.—The cut off in the Santiago telegraph line has been repaired and hundreds of private messages have been received. They report everything in a satisfactory condition there and say the people are not alarmed.

Refugees who are arriving at Santiago from Valparaiso on horseback and who left there during the worst panic, bring wild stories concerning the number of deaths by the earthquake and fires. These refugees say the deaths number 10,000, and that there are 60,000 refugees in the mountains. One rumor, which is not confirmed, and is believed to be untrue, is that the dead number 11,000 and the injured 60,000.

Public relief subscriptions were opened in Buenos Ayres today. The jockey club gave 60,000 pesos. The Argentine government will pass an appropriation for the relief of the sufferers.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 19—The free use of dynamite, according to despatches received here, was very effective against the progress of fire at Valparaiso. The firemen were thoroughly exhausted when the flames were finally subdued. Hundreds of people took refuge on the ships in the harbor.

It is stated that a new danger is threatened by the volcano Wonin, which has become very active.

Despatches are begining to arrive here from Santiago. All of Chile was apparently affected by the shocks as well as numerous points in Argentina in the vicinity of the Andes.

LONDON, Aug. 20—The Tarapaca and Argentina Bank has received the following cable despatch from Valparaiso:

"Every building here is damaged and many of the principal business premises are completely wrecked or burned. There have been many casualties. All the trains have stoped running. The railroad line has been destroyed in places.

"Martial law has been proclaimed. Absolutely no work is being done owing to the continuous small shakes since the two severe shocks of Thursday. We cannot get workmen to clear away the debris from the premises. We could start business on Monday but we are unable to find the other bank managers. Thousands are living in tents in the squares and parks.

FORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Aug. 20—Earthquake shocks of more or less severity were felt in the island of Martinique at 1.15 p. m., at 8.30 a. m. today. No damage was done.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Aug 20—One of the Valparaiso refugees declares that Santiago has suffered nothing in comparison with the other towns he traversed on his way. Rail, telegraph and telephone communication at Valparaiso is still interrupted. After the panic had subsided mass was celebrated in the open air, it being impossible to use the churches. It is reported that a merchant has received a telegram saying that the town of Arica has been destroyed. Previous reports that buildings at Talca had fallen have been confirmed. The city hall and the prison are in ruins. The sea at Valparaiso remained calm during the catastrophe.

The only communication between here and Valparaiso today is by means of the soldiers.

SANTIAGO, DE CHILE, Aug. 19.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The situation is becoming clearer. A relief committee was organized here today and the street railroad service was resumed. It was feared that Santiago would be plunged in darkness owing to the lack of coal to supply the gas works but the officials of the gas company say they have a week's supply.

Carlos Edwards, one of the proprietors of the Mercurio, of Valparaiso, has arrived here on horseback from that city. He confirms the reports that the Almendral quarter and the principal avenues of Valparaiso have been transformed into heaps of ruins. When he left the city the inhabitants were wandering about looking for relatives and friends. The majority of the inhabitants, he says, have sought refuge on the hills, in the park, and along the seashore. The administration building and the Victoria Theatre had disappeared even to their foundations, the Marine Arsenal was only slightly damaged, but none of the private residences are habitable. In spite of the desolation perfect order was maintained by the troops, which were bivouacked on the Grand Avenue and Victoria Square. The military ambulances were gathering up the wounded and the dead. When Mr. Edwards left Valparaiso it was impossible to determine the number of persons killed, but according to his estimate the number of lives lost was small when the extent of the catastrophe is taken into consideration. At one depot he saw fifty bodies. The main hotel was standing and all the guests escaped injury, but Mr. Edwards regards Valparaiso as being uninhabitable for the present.

The squadron of cavalry forming the presidential escort, has started from here for Valparaiso with instructions to requisition all the cattle met with between this place and Valparaiso and to drive the herds to the latter city, in order to prevent a famine.

Many persons have sought refuge on the ships at anchor in the bay of Valparaiso.

Provincial News

ST. ANDREWS.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Aug. 20.—Dr. James Hannay of Fredericton, official reporter of the Local Legislature, arrived by C. P. R. on Saturday. He registered at Kennedy's. Yesterday morning he drove to Bay side, St. Croix, to spend the day at John Mowat's.

Benjamin Donahoe of Boston, Will Donohue of the B. & A. railroad, Maine, are visiting their father, B. Donohoe, ex-C. P. R. conductor.

Mr. Hynes, with his sister, Miss Hynes, will in the near future leave for Manitoba, where they intend to settle. By their departure St. Andrews will lose and the Northwest gain two desirable citizens.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday were three of the hottest days experienced for some time past. The thermometer in the shade ranged from 83 to 87 degrees.

The sale and tea by the ladies of the congregation of the R. C. Church of Saint Andrew, held in Andraeleo Hall on Thursday last, was in every respect a success. The sum realized, including a donation of $100 by Lady Shaughnessy, was $530, which is to be applied to contemplated improvements in and seating of the Andraeleo.

The concert under the auspices and for the benefit of Miss Winnifred Maloney, held in the Andraeleo hall on Friday evening, was patronized by a fashionable and delighted audience. The programme of fifteen numbers, including a recitation by Miss Eva Stoop, was well sustained. Miss Hudson of Brooklyn, N. Y., presided at the piano, playing the accompaniment for the singers, as well as two instrumental solos. This young lady is a yearly visitor to St. Andrews and is always ready to aid in every good cause. The net proceeds of the function amounted to $65.

Capt. Alexander (Sandy) Maloney of Boston is in town, guest of his brother, John S. Maloney.

William Lorimer, wife and boy, of Montreal, are guests of E. A. and Mrs. Cockburn.

HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 19.—The schooner E. Mayfield of Parrsboro is loading plaster at the Shepody River for C. D. Shaw.

Rev. Percy Christopher of Orange, Mass., formerly of Hopewell Cape, who has been enjoying a vacation in Albert county, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church here this afternoon. Mr. Burbidge of Boston sang a solo in a very pleasing manner at the close of the service.

Archie Stuart, who has been living in Boston for some years, is visiting at this place.

S. R. Wetmore, government engineer, of Fredericton was in the county recently, and in company with D. W. Stuart, inspector of roads, inspected spected the Sawmill Creek highway bridge at this place, the Hamilton Creek and Calkin's Creek bridges at Lower Cape, and the Memel bridge near here. It is understood the Sawmill and Hamliton bridges will be rebuilt, and the other structures thoroughly repaired. The Sawmill Creek bridge will be built on stone abutments with a covered span, similar to the Shepody River bridge.

Yesterday was considered the hottest day of the season. There was no breeze and the sun glaring through an atmosphere of smoke ran the temperature up to a point seldom reached hereabout. In the evening the air cooled rapidly.

Haying is progressing without a break, but on account of the drouth grain is ripening prematurely and the crops generally are suffering for rain.

Havelock Mitten, a prominent farmer of Middle Coverdale, visited his brother, A. S. Mitton, here this week.

MAUGERVILLE.

MAUGERVILLE, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Walter Woods and Miss Jennie Moore (Boston) are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. W. Sables.

Schools have again opened. Miss Mabel Brown has charge in district No. 1, Miss Jennie Smith in district No. 2 and Miss Turney in district No. 3.

The annual temperance picnic will be held next Friday (Aug. 24th) at Lower Jemseg. An able and interested committee has charge of the arrangements, and a good time is expected.

Inspector H. V. B. Bridges called on the school in district No. 1 last Tuesday. Mr. Bridges has been appointed principal of the Normal School, Fredericton, and his work as inspector expires the last of the month. We trust his successor, Mr. Brown, will be as well liked.

Miss Lizzie Perley, who has been visiting her nephew, W. E. Perley, has returned home.

Mrs. Charles Gilbert and daughter are guests of Mrs. T. C. Clowes.

Horace Tapley and daughter, St. John, spent last week at A. A. Treadwell's.

Miss Hattie Brown left for her school at Central Blissville last Saturday.

Mrs. B. H. Thomas, Dorchester, and son are visiting friends here.

Miss Burns, St. John, is spending her vacation with Miss Mabel Smith.

VIOLENT HEADACHES.

"I was troubled for a long time with headaches which would come on with such violence that I could not eat or do my work. Headache powders and quick cures did no good. Eight months ago I took six boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and I have not been troubled with headache since."—Mr. O. Barber, Simcoe, Ont.

STELLARTON STATION, N.S., Aug. 20.—A fatal accident occurred at the Albion mines, when Daniel McKenzie, known more famously as Professor, was instantly killed this afternoon by being run over by a loaded cart of coal. He leaves a widow and an aged father.

FIRES RAGING ALL OVER KINGS CO. TIMBER LANDS

Farmers Meeting With Big Losses and no Relief in Sight—Hundreds Praying for Rain—Heat at Sussex is Oppressive and Workmen Have to Cease Operations

(Special to the Sun.)

SUSSEX, N. B., Aug. 20.—Sussex has undergone an experience in the last two days that cannot be recalled by any member of the oldest inhabitants. The heat yesterday was unbearable, and today the conditions were even worse. At the Dominion observatory the thermometer showed 93 in the shade on both days, but in the business section it was much hotter, and one large concern shut down part of its plant. It was impossible for flesh and blood to stand it. To make matters worse fires are burning on every side and the air is heavily laden with oppressive smoke. The woods are in such a condition that it is almost impossible to cope with the flames. At Smith's Creek, three miles from here, fire started this afternoon, and a hundred men were called upon to fight for their homes. John King's barn was on fire several times, but was extinguished, and a number of other places were threatened. It will require constant vigilance to guard against disaster unless rain falls soon. It is now over seven weeks since there has been rain in the county, and the situation is desperate in some sections. From Cornhill comes intelligence of worse condition than prevail here. Fire is running in all directions, and to make the troubles of the people worse many farms are without water.

Springs have dried up and water is being hauled for long distances to provide for household and stable wants. The loss is a very serious one and has passed the stage when it can be viewed with complacency. Kings county is dropping dollars fast, and with no relief in sight many anxious hours are in store for the farmers. Lumbermen are preparing to protect their properties and have rangers on their holdings watching for outbreaks of fire. So far no serious injury has been reported to timber limits.

UNITED STATES ARE ANXIOUS TO SETTLE QUESTIONS SOON

International Boundary Disputes May all be Dealt With at One Time Except That of the St. John River—Reports Will be Made Early Next Year When Countries Will Take Action

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 20.—The United States authorities apparently want to settle all international boundary water questions at one time, except that of the St. John river. The waterway commissions of the two countries agreed unanimously as to what should be done at Sault Ste Marie.

The United States secretary for war endorsed the finding. The United States secretary of state, however, has recommended that the settlement of the Sault Ste. Marie question should not be agreed to and a treaty adopted until the other questions before the commission should have been reported upon by the commissioners.

The list of questions before the commission for report includes the control of water at Sault Ste. Marie and the protection of Niagara Falls, the advisability of adopting uniform marine signals, the question of controlling works to regulate the outlet of Lake Erie and the effect of such work on the St. Lawrence levels, of increasing the flow through the Chicago drainage canal, buoying international water boundaries, suppressing illegal fishing on the great lakes, location and construction of common channels, the diversion southward by the Minnesota Canal and Power Co. of streams in Minnesota now flowing into Canada through Rainy River and Lake of the Woods.

The commission has reported upon some of these questions and expect to be able to report on all of them early next year. The two countries will then be in a position to give the recommendations permanent effect in the form of treaties if they desire.

The questions are large ones, affecting rich interests, and it would be surprising to see them settled without a good deal being heard from some wealthy and influential quarters.