

DISASTROUS AND FATAL FIRE SWEEPED OLD ORCHARD, MAINE.

Two Lives Lost, Five Persons Hurt, 17 Summer Hotels and 60 Cottages Burned.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 19.—Two lives were lost, and five persons were injured, three seriously, as a result of the fire which swept through this sea resort last night, causing a loss of from half a million to three-quarters of a million dollars.

It is believed that the fire started from an overlighted lamp. The total insurance on the property, it is said, will not exceed \$150,000.

RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS WILL NOT BE CALLED OUT.

Will Subscribe \$60,000--Situation in Toronto and Montreal--Woman at Bottom of it.

New York despatch: Up to noon today the order for a general strike of all commercial telegraph operators which was issued by President Small, of the union, last night, had met with no response from the men at work in either the Western Union or the Postal Telegraph Companies, or those in the Associated Press.

local officials have asserted, was insulted by F. J. Ryan, an operator in the company's Los Angeles office. Mrs. Nichols herself has no desire to be placed in an unnecessarily prominent position in a controversy and trouble that led to Ryan's discharge and the ensuing strike of the operators in Los Angeles.

MERRY DEL VAL To Be Appointed Vice-General of the Pope.

Rome, Aug. 19.—It is rumored that the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Merry Del Val, whose health is failing, will be appointed Vice-General of the Pope, succeeding Cardinal Respighi, who succeeds the late Cardinal Svampa as Archbishop of Bologna.

NECK BROKEN IN ELEVATOR. Domestic Attempted to Use a Hoist for Coal.

Moncton despatch: Attempting to ride down stairs in an elevator, intended only for freight, twenty-year-old Laura Mitchell, employed as a domestic by Dr. O. B. Price, had her neck broken this morning. A little girl who was passing down stairs saw the fatal accident and the elevator box and immediately gave the alarm.

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PLOT DISCOVERED. JAPANESE SCHOONERS COMBINE TO LOOT ROOKERIES.

They Are Carrying Machine Guns--Cruiser Buffalo Will Be Despatched to Protect Sealing Grounds Against Molestation.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19.—An organized plot to loot not only the rookeries of the Pribyloff Islands and the St. Paul and 'St. George Islands, but also the salt houses, where the North American Trading and Transportation Company have a large number of pelts salted for export, has been discovered, with the result that the United States Government has decided to dispatch the cruiser Buffalo to Brevic.

POLICY IS TO PAY DIVIDENDS

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Time Not Come for Federal Ownership of Railways. Agitation Hurts Both the Public and the Roads.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 19.—"All of the railroads in the country would be mine if I could get control of them," said Edward H. Harriman to a reporter for the State Journal on his arrival at Sparks, Nev., the divisional terminal, yesterday. "I have been quoted seriously for an expression made jealously to the effect that I would manage the railroads for the Federal Government; that I would turn my holdings over to the United States for a fair compensation and act then as a commissioner," Mr. Harriman continued.

MRS. EDDY'S SANITY. PLAINTIFFS SEEK TO PROVE THAT SHE IS DERANGED.

Speculation or Delusion--Christian Science Not a Religion, But a System of Medicine, Says Counsel.

Concord, N. H., Aug. 19.—The hearing before the Masters who are to determine the mental competency of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, was adjourned this afternoon, to permit the Masters and counsel to investigate the aged subject at 2 p. m.

RAILWAY SMASH. Canadian Woman Hurt in a Wreck and May Die.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 19.—A special to the Register and Leader says a fast Burlington train from Denver to Chicago, was wrecked a mile east of Russell yesterday, injuring eleven persons, two of whom may die.

BANK RATE RAISED. Cause of the Increase--Markets De-

London, Aug. 19.—The directors of the Bank of England, after a prolonged discussion, to-day raised the bank's discount rate from 4 to 4-1/2 per cent., owing to the monetary situation on the continent and in New York, and the anxiety of American houses to place finance bills here, which is taken to indicate possible gold shipments to New York in the near future.

AIRSHIP BOMBS. THE HAGUE CONFERENCE WOULD FORBID THROWING THEM.

No International Court--Zionist Conference Opens--Hebrews Urged to be Faithful to Land of Their Adoption.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—To all intents and purposes, as a result of yesterday morning's sitting of the committee the throwing of explosives from balloons and airships is forbidden.

SCATTERED IN RIVER. Dust of Henry Van Quillan Thrown to the Winds by His Own Request.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 19.—Twenty men stood with bare heads in the row of the ferryboat Arctie, of the Camden and Philadelphia line, at noon today while from a ten-o'clock airship the dust of the winds the late Henry Van Quillan, who had been esteemed and loved by the little band that attended his funeral.

CAPTAIN SUICIDED. Fourteen Passengers and Four Sailors Lost in Shipwreck.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 19.—Details received here of the wreck in Flinders Bay, of the American bark Prussia, from Norfolk, March 26, for Port Townsend, announced from Punta Arenas, Strait of Magellan, yesterday, say that the captain committed suicide when the vessel ran ashore and that fourteen passengers, in addition to four sailors, lost their lives.

McDONALD DISINHERITS WIVES. Gives Nothing to Woman He Divorced and Only Dower to Widow.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—The will of the late Michael S. McDonald was filed in the Probate Court to-day.

MEN DROPPING OUT. The United Mine Workers Losing Their Members.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 19.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, arrived here yesterday from Chicago and held a long conference with three district presidents of the anthracite region. The conference, declaring that militarism is understood that the main subject under discussion is the loss of membership in the union in the anthracite field.

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MUST SUPPORT BOTH WIVES. Court Makes Novel Order When Two Women Plead for Bigamist.

New York, Aug. 19.—The rare spectacle of two wives pleading that mercy be shown a bigamous husband in Justice Foster's branch of the Court of General Sessions this morning led to the unusual action of the Court in ordering that the offender support both women.

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Norfolk, Va., Aug. 19.—A pleasure launch filled with young people, returning to City, N.C., on the Pamlico River, last night, was rammed by the sloop Alert, whose bowsprit penetrated the shell-like walls of the launch's cabin. Miss Bessie Whitebe, 19 years old, was carried overboard and was badly injured. Several other persons were injured. Miss Whitebe's brother River was drowned in the Pasquotank river two years ago.

SERIOUS RIOT AT REVIVAL. Fight Started as Doxology is Being Sung Leads to Many Injuries.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 19.—Just as the Doxology was about to be sung during a great revival meeting in Peterville, Negro Baptist Church in Buckingham County, trouble began. Whisky, which had been circulated pretty freely, though the district is "dry," is said to have been at the bottom of the trouble, which started as the large number of converts were being lined up in front of the pulpit. Someone yelled "fight," and then followed a wild rush for the door. Men were cut, stabbed and beaten into insensibility, and several were seriously hurt. A number of the rioters are under arrest.

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CAMPERS POISONED. Brooklyn Woman Ill From Eating Canned Beans.

Brookville, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Eiseeman, a Brooklyn woman, who, with her husband, has been camping with a party of friends above Butternut Bay, was taken ill after eating canned beans, which had been warmed up and left aside to cool. For a time little hope was held out for her recovery, but after being brought here for treatment in the hospital she rallied, and is now said to be out of danger.

DOG PREVENTS SUICIDE. Pulls From Water Woman Who Tries to Drown Herself.

Holyoke, Mass., Aug. 19.—A hound saved Mrs. Margaret Bresnahan from committing suicide in the canal last night. The woman rushed from her house and leaped into the water. Her husband saw her and pulled her out. She was revived and then taken home. The dog was standing on the bank when the woman rushed past and jumped in. The current swept her thirty feet from shore.