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## AWFUL FIRE IN ST. JOHN

### Flames Raged Fiercely for Over Eight Hours.

## TWO WOMEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

### 200 Houses Destroyed—Fire Began at noon and was Still Burning at 8 last Evening but Under Control—Little Insurance—1,000 Homeless.

St. John, May 25.—(Special)—The worst fire St. John has seen since the conflagration of June 20, 1877, (by which almost the entire business portion of the city was destroyed) took place today.

It began about noon, in Nase's large general store, Indian town, close beside the wharves where the river steamers land.

A strong wind was blowing and fanned the flames fiercely causing them to spread with terrible rapidity among the dry wooden buildings.

Repeated calls brought out all the engines and firemen in the city, but the combined forces were powerless to check the fearful fury of the flames.

Eastward, up the steep hill and along both sides of Main Street the fire swept on its way. Vast crowds of people from Indian town, Portland and thousands from the East Side came by street cars and other conveyances to render assistance or watch the progress of destruction.

Not till nearly eight o'clock was the fire brought under control and at that hour, the date of this despatch, it is still burning.

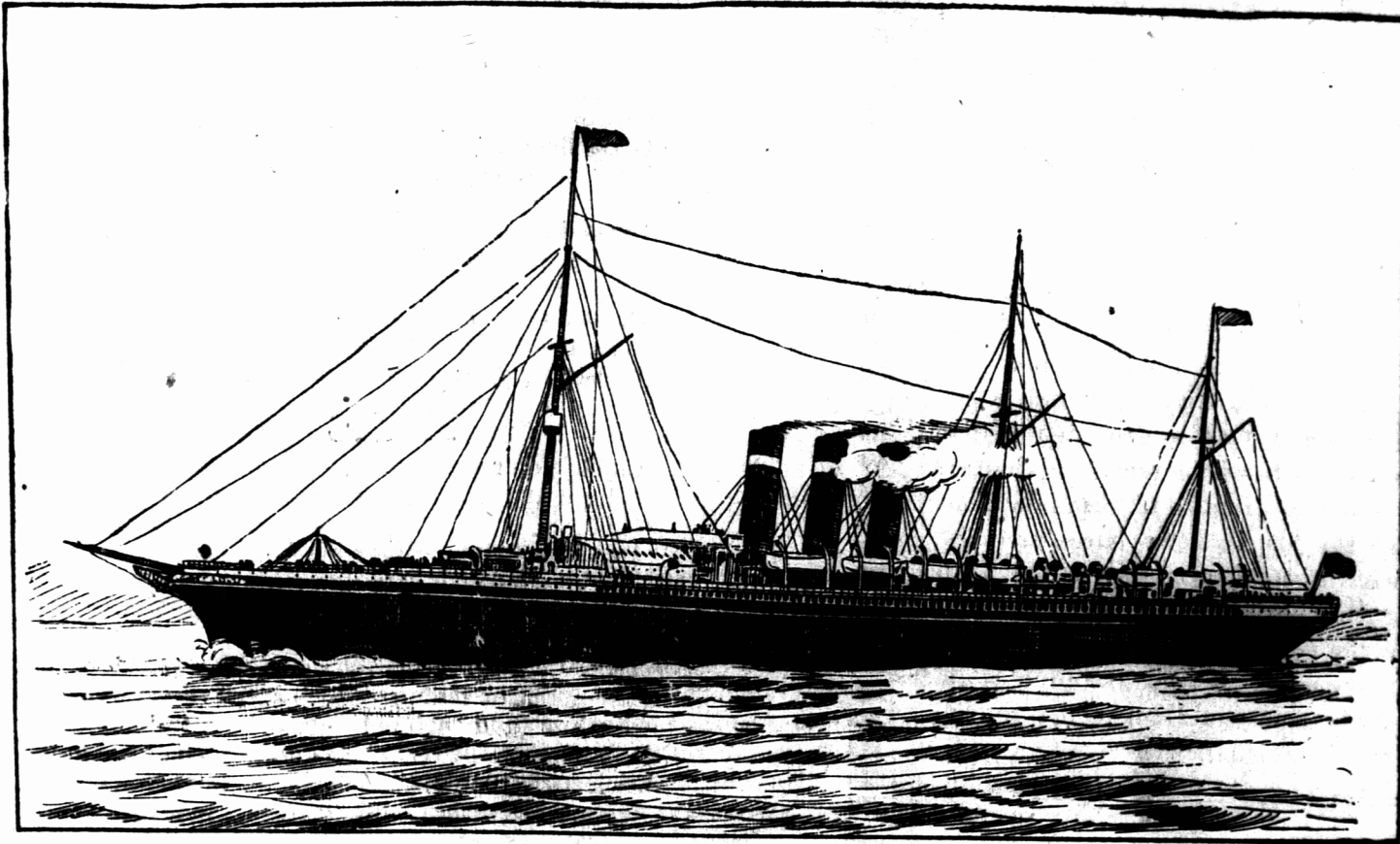
Fully two hundred buildings are laid in ashes, including the steamship warehouses, all the stores, warehouses and dwellings on both sides of Main street for a quarter of a mile from the water's edge.

Two sad fatalities mark the disaster. Miss Cunard, an aged lady, was burned to death and another woman died from fright and panic. There were other narrow escapes, owing to the incredibly rapid progress of the flames.

The burned district was mostly built of wood but included a number of good residences and large places of business chiefly engaged in the up-river trade.

The insurance will not begin to cover the losses, as the rates were high and many of those, especially the poorer class, did not hold policies.

Fully two hundred families are left homeless by the fire.



SS. 'PARIS' ASHORE OFF THE MANACLES.

LONDON, May 25.—(Special)—The Steamer Paris is still on the rocks and it is feared cannot be floated.

FALMOUTH, England, May 21.—The American Line SS. 'Paris,' Captain Watkins, from Southampton and Cherbourg, for New York, struck on the outlying ridge of the Manacles early this morning, at a point half a mile from where the wrecked Atlantic transport liner 'Mehagan' lies. The 'Paris,' which sailed from Southampton yesterday, called at Cherbourg, and picked up fifty passengers. She left Cherbourg at six o'clock last evening. Soon after one o'clock this morning, at high tide, and in a dense fog, she ran ashore. From the first there was no danger. Life-boats and tugs were soon literally swarming around the vessel to render assistance. A majority of the passengers, who numbered 380, were brought to Falmouth, where they obtained lodgings for the night.

The first intimation of the vessel's striking the rocks was a slight grating sound, which was followed by a second

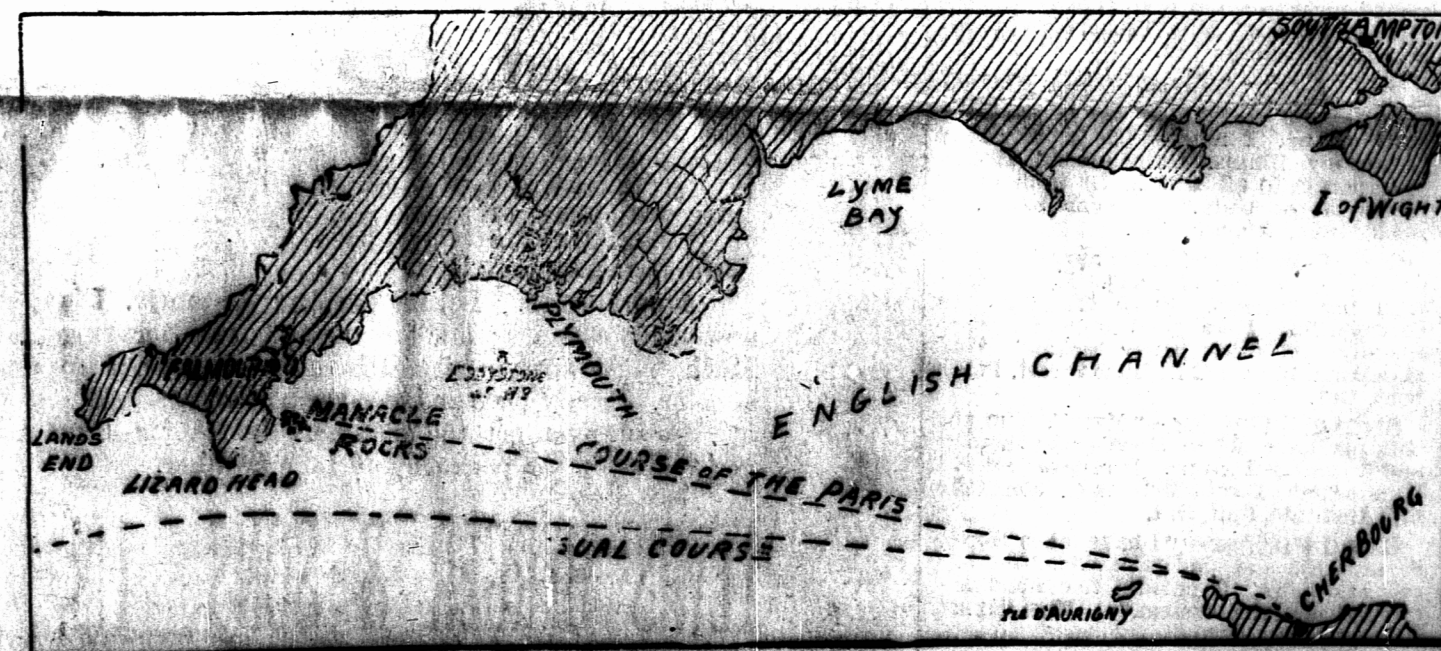
and more pronounced shock. The lookout shouted that there was something looming up ahead, but before there was time to reverse the engines, the ship had gone on the rocks two hundred yards from the shore. Assistance was summoned by means of rockets, and the coast guards promptly telephoned to the life-saving station for life-boats.

A majority of the passengers were not aware that an accident had happened until they were called up by the steward. On reaching the deck they found the ship's boats in perfect readiness for their reception. The sea was perfectly calm, and the only discomfort caused by the slight rain that was falling at the time. Owing to the calmness of the sea the boats could be managed with entire safety. Perfect order prevailed aboard the vessel. Captain Watkins stood on the bridge, giving orders, and his calmness of demeanor had a reassuring effect upon the passengers. In accordance with the instruction of the captain, the women and children were the first to be taken off

the ship. Such perfect order prevailed that a passenger described the scene as simply a slow procession of women and children walking in a single file to the boats.

The passengers are lavish in their praise of the admirable behavior of the officers and crew, and declare that it was due to their smartness that no accident occurred to anyone. Perfect discipline, they say was maintained throughout.

Mr. Henry Wilding, managing agent of the line, who arrived from Southampton this afternoon, by special train, to arrange for the transportation of the passengers, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:—"I have had no opportunity to enquire as to the facts and certainly have no theories to indulge. The Cherbourg stop was adopted some time ago, and was by no means unusual. Captain Watkins is one of the most trustworthy officers on the Atlantic, and I must await the result of the investigation before passing any judgment."



THE MANACLES, OFF WHICH THE SS. 'PARIS' NOW LIES, SHOWING THE SPOT WHERE SHE STRANDED, THE COURSE FOLLOWED AND THE USUAL COURSE.

## P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL

Annual Meeting Held In The Y. M. C. A.

REPORTS SUBMITTED

A Number of Important Measures Considered Yesterday Evening.

The Annual Meeting of the P. E. Island Hospital was held last evening in the parlour of the Y. M. C. A.

Quite a number of prominent citizens including several of the leading physicians of the city and a number of ladies were present.

The report of the Trustees, the report of the Treasurer, and the report of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society, were read and adopted.

The two retiring Trustees, Messrs. Charles Palmer and L. L. Beer were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the Trustees, Mr. Palmer was unanimously re-elected President.

An animated discussion took place respecting the method to secure sufficient funds to pay for the heating and ventilating apparatus, plumbing, etc., in order to complete the equipment of the Hospital.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Taylor, seconded by C. C. Gardner, Esq., and carried unanimously: "Resolved—That a circular be sent to the friends of the P. E. Island Hospital, asking them to meet at a given place to discuss ways and means for defraying the cost in full of completing the Hospital, including the heating and ventilating of the building."

Dr. Taylor, Dr. McLeod and C. C. Gardner, Esq., were appointed to be a committee with the Trustees to carry out the above resolution.

It was moved by H. Hazard, Esq., seconded by H. J. Cundall, Esq., and carried unanimously, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Ladies' Aid Society, the lady collectors and all others who assisted in raising funds for the institution. Judge Fitzgerald moved that the thanks of the meeting be given to Chas. Palmer, Esq., for the unremitting labors, care, and attention he had given to the Hospital. The motion was seconded by L. L. Beer, Esq., and enthusiastically carried.

Mr. Palmer replied very feelingly and said it was a labor of love.

Dr. Taylor moved that a vote of thanks be given to Dr. Johnson, who he said might be called one of the

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## RIOT IN RIGA.

Twelve Killed and 50 Wounded by Russian Troops and Police.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—(Special)—The police and military in suppressing a riot at Riga, killed 12 and wounded fifty persons.

## STILL FIGHTING.

Filipino Commissioners Return to Their Comrades in Arms.

Manila, May 25.—(Special)—The Filipino Peace Commissioners have returned to their lines. Fighting of a desultory nature still continues.

## CHEESE IN EUROPE.

The Demand for Canada Has Improved, Writes a London Importer.

HALIFAX, May 24.—A London importer writes of the cheese situation there as follows: "The demand for Canadian and American is somewhat improved, and this feature is expected to continue, as new season's grass cheese will be three weeks later than last year in coming to market, the first shipments expected to leave about the beginning of June. The make of fodder cheese is said to be large; sellers are offering at 40s 6d, c.i.f. London, but buyers are afraid to operate at this figure."

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## CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 25.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates: May wheat, 75½; corn, 33½; oats, 25½; pork, 8.05. July wheat, 76½; corn, 33½; oats, 25½; pork, 8.15. Sept. wheat, 76½; corn, 33½; oats, 20½; pork, 8.30.

## Message From Schurman.

Washington, May 24.—Secretary Hay has received from President Schurman of the Philippine commission, a long message giving the results of the meetings thus far held with the native commission sent by Aguinaldo to treat with the Americans. The message was laid before the president last night. He is very much gratified at its contents, which were said to be very encouraging for the outlook that something definite may be accomplished. It was stated last night that there are no difficulties of any consequence between the military and civilian members of the Philippine commission as to the course to be adopted in dealing with the natives.

## KENTVILLE SPORTS.

### Bicycle Races.

KENTVILLE, May 24.—Never before in the history of sport in Kentville has such a crowd from outside counties been in town.

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At eleven o'clock the people assembled on Main Street to witness the ending of the road race from Windsor, a distance of about 25 miles, over the South Mountain. A number of contestants started in this race, but only two finished in the following order:

1st, W. C. Oxner, A. A. A. Time 1 hour, 36 min.  
 2nd, A. R. Spurr, Windsor. Time, 1 hour, 42½ min.

This time does not come up to former records, the best of which was made by Smith, of Windsor, in about 1 hour 15 minutes.

The sports held on the Exhibition grounds were more than a success. Over 3,000 people were there and everything went off without a hitch.

100-yards dash—1st heat won by Stephen, W. A. A. C. Time eleven seconds.

220 yards dash—first Stephen, W. A. A. C. Time 29 seconds.

100-yards dash, final—first, Stephen W. A. A. C. Time 11 1-5. Owing to some mistake, the final 100 yards dash had to be run over and resulted, 1st Stephen, W. A. A. C. Time 11 1-5 sec; 2nd, Havies, W. A. A. C.

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