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## HALF A MILLION

### Lost By the Indiantown Fire Thursday.

### 300 FAMILIES HOMELESS

### City Council Providing Relief - Arrests for Stealing Among Ruins.

St. John May 26.—(Special) Careful estimates show that about 250 buildings of all kinds were destroyed by Thursday's fire in Indiantown. More than 300 families are rendered homeless.

The insurance less totals \$221,000; the total loss will reach about a half a million dollars.

Many families have lost all and are destitute. The City Council will provide relief.

Several persons have been arrested for stealing among the ruins.

Among the pathetic scenes described by the local press were the following:

A sad event was the death of Miss Ann Conard, an old lady whose house was wholly consumed. While trying to save her household effects she was caught in the burning house and perished in the flames. Although advanced in years she was none the less active. She was last seen by a woman, when she handed a chair with a request that it be taken to a place of safety. She went back for something else, and was never seen again until a charred portion of the trunk of a woman's body was taken from the ruins in the evening. Many of the firemen were injured and many people were bruised and cut in saving their effects.

The scene along the water front was a pathetic one. Many families of moderate means lived in the large tenements and small wooden buildings along Bidder street. As the fire worked its way down each side of the street, men, women and children hurried out of the houses like ants from their nests, each person carrying armful of household effects. These were deposited in the streets, on the wharves and on board of boats, in fact any open place which seemed to promise immunity from the flames.

The fire ate on and on, house after house smouldered, burst into flames, blazed furiously and crumbled to a mass of red embers. From the tall Court Block at the corner of Main and Bridge streets, a column of flames shot high into the air. This building presented a

## SERIOUS RIOTING

### In Guadeloupe that Troops Cannot quell.

### APPEAL TO ENGLAND

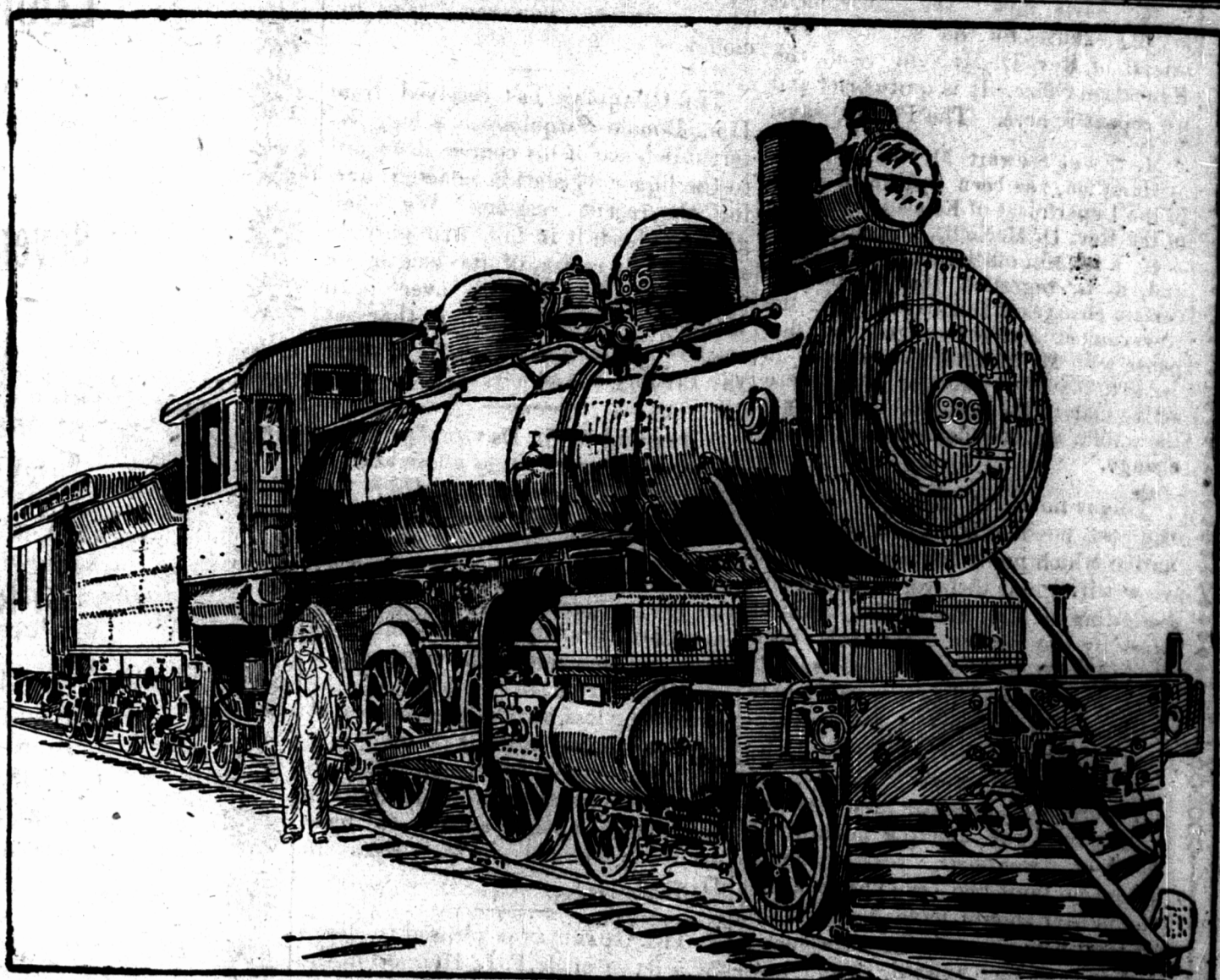
### For Help- Serious Differences at Hague--Anglo-Americans are Agreed.

LONDON, May 26.—(Special)—Advices from Guadeloupe show serious riots between the natives and British contract laborers.

Fierce fighting is reported and the police and military are powerless and the Consul has appealed to England for help.

Advices from the Hague show serious differences in the Peace Conference and the belief is that the conference is suffering from a lack of preparation.

England's and America's proposals are simple and it is believed that the other powers will fall in with them.



Locomotive No 986 of the Grand Trunk Railway, which was turned out of the Grand Trunk local workshops, Point St. Charles Thursday morning, marks a radical change in the company's future engine building for passenger service.

The engine is known as a ten wheel passenger engine, and is the first of the kind ever constructed by the company. Six others are under contemplation, and they will be all built in the same shops by local labour.

The engine is a splendid specimen of mechanical construction, and built as near as can be described after the fashion of the English locomotive, with its short squat smokestack, large powerful looking wheels, and immense boiler room. It is 64 feet 9 inches in length, and to pass under the bridges, has been built only 14 feet 9 inches in height. The ordinary engine is only 55 feet long. The driving wheels are 62 inches in diameter, with a steam pressure on the cylinders of 200 pounds to the square inch.

In weight the locomotive is a monster, tipping the scales at 124,990 lbs., while when loaded it will weigh 165,990 pounds. Added to this, is the weight of the tender, some 112,000 pounds, while locomotive and tender, when loaded, weigh as much as 277,990 pounds. The ordinary engine will at the most haul 50 coaches, but the new engine, according to the calculations of Mr. F. M. Morse, the designer will draw 60 or even 65 loaded passenger cars.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Close of the Guardian's 1899 Competition.

### PRINCE STREET SCHOOL

### Wins First Place - Winslow South Second - Individual Winners Named.

THE GUARDIAN'S Current Events Competition for 1899 has been brought to a close, the papers submitted from the various schools have been carefully examined and it only remains to announce the result and name the successful competitors.



PRINCIPAL J. D. SEAMAN.

In first-class schools Prince Street School, Charlotte town of which Mr. J. D. Seaman is the well-known Principal, is a second time the winner by a good lead.

The individual prize to pupils of first-class schools is won by Ethel Seaman, a pupil of the same school, whose answers are remarkable for clearness, fulness and accuracy.

In lower grade schools the school prize is won by the school at Winslow South of which Mr. Morley Sellar is principal.

The individual prize for schools of this grade was won by Leslie Sellar, a pupil of the same school.

THE GUARDIAN is greatly pleased with the large number of answers received, and the extent and accuracy of the information that the youthful competitors have given evidence of. Very few adult persons in the common walks of life could have replied to the questions submitted for the final examination in a manner so creditable as did scores of the pupils in our leading schools.

Nor is it a matter of small importance that hundreds of the pupils in the schools of the Island have thus given studious and intelligent attention to the events occurring about the world in this eventful time. We are nearing the close of a wonderful century and soon to enter upon another cycle which promises to be more progressive and eventful still. It will be the privilege of the youths and maidens who have recently been studying current events, to enter into their full citizenship in the century to come. We believe that those who have won first position in the competition and those who were less successful will alike hereafter take a deeper and more intelligent interest in the affairs of the great world in which we live, and will be, because of this competition, better prepared for the duties that will devolve upon them.

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beautiful but terrible sight. The fire seemed to blaze from every window. Corners and ornices were licked by long tongues of fire. The building stands alone and as the walls burned away leaving a frame of glowing timbers, the wreck looked like a pyrotechnic set-piece. The Star Line and May Queen warehouses and wharves remained untouched by flames long after the buildings across the water were on fire.

The wind was blowing the flames away from the water edge, as the eubers accumulated intense heat was generated and soon piles of household effects on the wharves began to smoulder. Then men and women began their toil anew, with the most terrific heat beating against their faces, almost scorching the skin from the flesh. They piled beds, boxes, barrels and all of the effects they had been able to move on tugs and into small boats which swarmed about the wharves. In this way a great deal of stuff was taken across the river to Pleasant Point and saved. Several wood boxes were lying at the wharves and these proved very useful as repositories before they were hauled out into the stream, away from the flames. Although much was saved in this way much was not, and when the fierce heat drove the laborers from the spot great piles of clothes remained. These burst into flames.

Sad sights indeed were on all hands back of Victoria street. Many people no doubt are hardly aware of the fact that there were but two or three blocks of buildings between the north side of Main street and the open country. These were all of dry wood and as the flames devoured them people fled with what they could save to the rocky hill or beyond into the wet, marshy bay. There seemed to be a great many old people and a great many heavy loads. Wornly old men and women carried over the ragged rocks part of the few belongings which they had been able to accumulate during their years of toil and which had during their declining years made existence more bearable. One load was deposited in what was thought to be a safe distance from any possible danger. The saving of another load was imperative and another hurried there like mad. Frequently arriving at the place where the first load had been deposited it would be found flying embers had ignited it, the poor little load lost. More frequently the first place chosen was found to be too close and goods had to be taken further away. Is more than one case after goods had been moved two or three times, they were finally abandoned to the devastating flames by their tired owners.

### ROSA BONHEUR DEAD.

The Most Eminent Painter of Animal Life During the Century.

PARIS, May 26.—(Special)—Rosa Bonheur, painter, died at Fontainebleau, aged 71 years.

Her full name was Rosalie Marie Bonheur. She was born at Bordeaux, in 1828. She was the pupil of her father and Cogniet and early became noted for paintings of animal life and landscapes. Her works adorn the greatest art galleries in Europe. For a number of years past she has lived in retirement.

### CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 26.—(Special)—The following are the closing rates:

May wheat, 74½; corn, 32½; oats, 25½; pork, 7.95

July wheat, 75½; corn, 33; oats, 22½; pork, 8.05

Sept. wheat, 75; corn, 33½; oats, 19½; pork, 8.23½.

### MORE TROOPS WANTED.

If the United States is to hold on to the Philippines.

MANILA May 26.—(Special)—The situation now shows that if America expects to establish supremacy in the Philippines she must have a much larger army here, as they cannot spare troops to hold the captured territory. In a fight today a Lieutenant and five American soldiers were killed.

### THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON May 26.—(Special)—Showers, warmer, cloudy fresh to brisk southerly winds.

### CLEANING UP DAWSON.

Fear of Pestilence Moves the Golden City to Sanitary Measures.

DAWSON, May 26.—(Special)—With the return of spring grows the fear of pestilence and death and stringent sanitary regulations are now being enforced.

### C. P. R. Improvements.

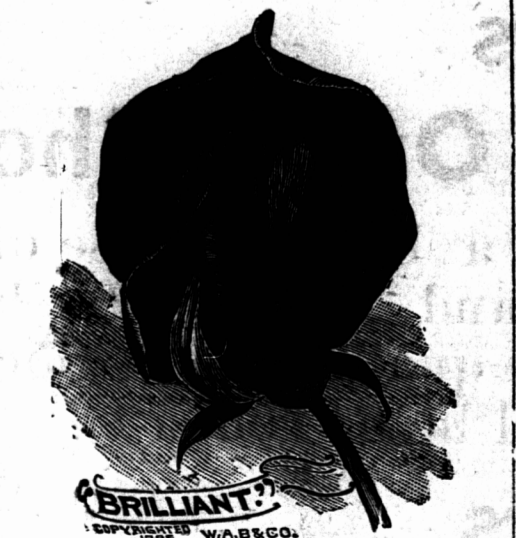
MONTREAL, May 25.—The new fast service on the Canadian Pacific Railway will be inaugurated about the middle of June, probably the 18th or 19th. The flyer across the continent will be called The Imperial Limited, and will reduce the time between Montreal and Vancouver to about 100 hours.

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