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The list of ninety names printed in this announcement would call for many excuses, were its fragmentary nature less evident. Not only does it mention but one name out of 17, but also it completely ignores a number of subjects no less important than those it mentions. Nothing is said here of the distinguished authorities who have dealt with the ancient civilizations of Egypt and Assyria, with Islam, with the various countries of the world, with economics and sociology, with languages and literatures, with biography, with philosophy, with sports and games. But considerations of space permit no more than the mention of a few representative names in certain fields, and, as it is, this collection of names certainly represents distinction and eminence enough in a variety of fields.

This list will also serve to suggest certain things that are important in connection with the writing of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Unlike the purely national encyclopaedias produced in other countries, the Encyclopaedia Britannica shows a truly British liberality of spirit in this, that it turns for its contributors in whatever direction the demands of scholarship dictate. Thus among the 90 names here printed will be found representatives of the learning of America, of France, of Germany and of Holland. Again, the distinction of its contributors affords an explanation of the fact that the Encyclopaedia Britannica is referred to, not merely as a repository of sound information, but also as, to a great extent, an original source. It is a medium through which the specialist willingly speaks to the world at large upon the results of his investigations, results which, in many cases, have not yet taken shape in a book. Thus the new edition is full of information that is in advance of the times, the material of books still to be written.

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## Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram.

HANKOW, Nov. 5. Almost the whole native city of Hankow is on fire. It is feared that the Wesleyan Mission, near the Han River, in which are 50 blind boys and 150 wounded persons, who, with the staff of the Mission, make up a total of 300 persons, will be destroyed. The Head of the Mission asked the Imperialists to grant an armistice of two hours to permit removal from the Mission premises, but the firing ceased for only half an hour. The Red Cross steamer which attempted to rescue the inmates of the Mission was driven back by shells from a rebel fort. The shells riddled a steamer. When the vessel was compelled to turn back, the Mission was still standing, but the position was hopeless, flames being within 200 yards of the building.

Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, Nov. 5. The Times' Shanghai despatches say the situation in Hankow is reported to be of a most serious nature. The city is half burned, and it is feared a large number of wounded are buried in the ruins. Massacring innocent parties has begun, apparently on both sides, and there is danger of reprisals in other quarters; thus changing the whole character of the revolution. The Times' Pekin correspondent sends a despatch, saying that feeling there is more hopeful; but that there are still immense difficulties to be overcome, which won't be lessened if the stories of the massacre at Hankow prove to be true.

Special Evening Telegram.

BERLIN, Nov. 5. The Berlin newspaper comment on the Government, concerning the agreement reached between Germany and France over Morocco, is couched in most unfavourable terms. The Post regards the agreement as a cup of care, sorrow and shame for the Germans, without drawing a sword, allows France to occupy the last bit of earth not belonging to a great Colonial Power. Lieber Rundschauf says that France receives an extraordinary accession of power, while Germany gets the illusion of an economic guarantee, which only has an existence on paper. The Tage Zeitung thinks the treaty shows that the Foreign Minister has worked painstakingly and successfully to secure effective guarantees against the Tunisian of Morocco.

Special to Evening Telegram.

BERLIN, Nov. 5. The Tripoli correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, says that Italy's losses in Tripoli since October 23rd, amount to 1,500, 250 killed, and 87 suffering from cholera.

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Saturday some neighbours who had done all they could reported to Mr. T. J. Foran, of the News reportorial staff, that a woman named Quinton who lives in a house on Simms Streets with her two little boys, aged 3 and 5, respectively, and a newly born infant, were in a state of absolute starvation. Mr. Foran went to the house from his own residence and found neither fuel, light or food in the residence. The poor woman said that she had had no kind of nourishing food since the child was born. Mrs. Quinton earned enough to keep body and soul together by doing a little sewing, but latterly owing to her condition could not even avail of this for the support of herself and children. Her husband left here several months ago for Sydney, and when last she heard from him he was dangerously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. Mr. Foran immediately procured necessaries such as food and fuel, and appealing to several persons for aid received substantial assistance from Mr. Otto O'Connell and other good-hearted gentlemen connected with the Reid Nid. Co. The woman will now have enough to support herself and family until she can get about again, and other charitably disposed persons will look after her later.

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