EIGHTEEN LIVES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN PHILADELPHIA FIRE.

Thousands Gaze Upon Agonizing Scenes, Helpless to Save - Victims Roasted to Death - Money Loss Is Half a Million.

structure 1219 and 1221 Market street occu-pied by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., upholsterers ure dealers, and three storey build-pied by small merchantmen. The ure building extended back a half

bden, Susan Gormley, Henry House, H. Sparrow, Charles E. Sparrow, Walter sarly, J. Armstrong, Mrs. Martha Banks, tored; Mrs. Mary Mitchell, colored; Marret Grady, Fred Whittington, Charles ndis; one unknown woman, three unknown

It was at 10.20 o'clock this morning that he flames broke forth in the building oced by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co. They were smoke and fire down the seen shooting up the elevator shaft from Three Jumped to Death. htha or gasolene in the basement was the se of the fire, but this is denied by Mr. on. It is also rumored that an elevaed the flame of his lantern to comcate with some of the liquids stored in

AWFUL SCENES.

Two Men and a Woman Slowly Roasted to Death-Woman Leaps from Highest Win-

eat a loss of life in such a brief period was never before known in Philadelphia. Men and women died agonizing deaths in the presence of thousands of spectators who were unable to lift a hand to their assistance. The rear of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co.'s building faces on Commerce street, a small thoroughfare. On the fire escapes at this end of the building, two men and one woman were slowly roasted to death, while the hor-

to desperation, leaped from a window on the top floor and was dashed to death. These are but a few of the heartrending scenes. Firemen say they saw men and women unable to reach the windows or fire escapes burned to death in the interior of the

Wilkinson & Co.'s building were employes and the remainder were customers and workmen engaged in putting the finishing touches on the new eighth floor. More than half of the employes were on the upper five floors and it was among these

swing.

The following is a list of buildings burned on the block: First went the two and a half story building owned by A.

W. Hicks, who occupied the upper portion, the lower floor being used as a post office, Mr. Hicks being the postmaster, and as a clothing and boot and shoe store by the G. & G. Flewwelling Manufacturing Company. Mr. Hicks had about \$1,500 insurance on the building and about \$1,000 on his furniture. Only a small portion of his furniture was saved. The post office effects were about all saved.

The stock of the Flewwelling Manufacturing Company was partly saved. The

The stock of the Flewwelling Manufacturing Company was partly saved. The freegraph could not learn from the firm the amount of stock on hand and they did not have the insurance figures to hand, but it is thought they had about \$10,000 worth of stock and were insured for about \$4,000 or \$5,000.

The one and a half story dwalling away.

EIGHT BUILDINGS IN HAMPTON

House and Check the Progress.

der reached from this floor to the roof which would have enabled those upon that floor t reach the roof of an ajoining eight story building, but in the excitement this means of escape was forgotten. Several made the terrible leap to the sidewalk and were crush ed while the others ran the gauntlet of smoke and fire down the rear fire escapes.

Among those on the eighth ant. A colored scrub woman also jumpe

to the work of rescue. As some of them stood within the scorching heat with nets outspread to receive those who leaped from the burning building their comrades played hausted. Most of the fatalities occurred at the rear of the building. As if by common end of the structure. Many of them ren-dered practically insane by fright, leaped to the ground and others, becoming unconscious from the smoke and intense heat, fell to the pavement. When the firemen arrived Com-merce street was filled with these unfortun pital service was taxed to its utmost ca

It looked for a time as if the entire block would become prey to the flames but th falling of the walls of the burning building prevented spread. By noon the fire wa under control, and at 2 o'clock a force of men began the work of clearing away the debris to recover the bodies of victims.

Small buildings in the rear of the furniburned area were crushed by falling walls Market street, opposite the fire, were all more or less damaged by the heat. Most of the loss will fall on Hunt, Wilkin son Co., whose loss is estimated at \$250,000 the upper five floors and it was among these that the greatest number were killed and injured. With the exception possibly of the engineer, who is missing, all persons on

CUT IRISH REPRESENTATION SAYS JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

Remarkable Speech at Edinburgh-Government to Deal Sharply With Obstruction by Irish Members-Important Declaration Regarding the Boer War.

Edinburgh, Oct. 25.—Mr. Chamberlain, plating that. But when we get nearer to berlain said, he considered "dangerous to the colonial secretary, addressing up the time we shall ask you whether you the empire."

"We propose," said he, "to bring for-ward rules which shall give to the majority of the commons greater control over its served:

the House of Commons, so as to limit Irish obstruction.

"We propose," said he, "to bring for"We propose," said he, "to bring for"The propose of the ground and England."

"In a scale which gives the Irish a representation enormously exceeding the representation of Scotland and England."

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of the commons greater control over its own business and greater control over the men who insult and outrage it; and we shall endeavor to protect the mother of parliaments from those who would destroy her usefulness and reputation."

But this was not the only thing Mr. Chamberlain declared the government intended to do. "The present representation of Ireland is," said he, "an abuse and a scandal. No alteration can be made except in immediate anticipation of a general dissolution and we are not contempted.

Served:

"If these gentlemen who now openly shout for the Mahdi and pray for the Boers, if they had a parliament of their own, if all the strings of Irish government that they had had the power, is it not certain that they would have refused to pay their contribution to the war and that they would have refused to pay their contribution to the war and that they would have refused to pay their contribution to the war and that they would have placed us in a position of embarrassment?"

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tenacity with equal resolution. Then followed what is regarded as a most im-

HER COLONIES

Rumor in England of Imperial Mutual Preferential

Tariff.

At Toronto the British Empire League Heard Speeches by Sir Frederick Young, ex-Finance Minister Hon, G. E. Foster, and Hon. G. W. Ross.

Montreal, Oct. 25-(Special)-The Star's special cable from London says: The rumor is revived today that Mr. Chamber-lain intends to launch some proposition for the establishment of the imperial mutual preferential tariff before the next general election, which is now looked for as soon as the South African war is really an arrears of \$1,500 against the mills—the mills—the accommodation gratis from the city and if special privileges were desired probably the line wishing them might pay some fees.

Mr. Schofield Heard.

Mr. Schofield, agent of the Donaldson line, who was summoned to the meeting. special cable from London says: The

exemption.

Mr. Robertson said his chief ambition sity that exists for some alteration in the fiscal policy of the kingdom if Great Brit- and motive was to see the mills in operaain is to maintain her commercial posi-tion. Introduction of a stiff scale of pro-\$20,000 for this bargain if the mills were tectionist duties in the house of representatives of the new Australian common-wealth has done more to awaken British commercial interests to the danger in which they are placed of losing their market in the calculate the companies of the market in the calculate the companies of the companies of the companies of the calculate the calcul ket in the colonies than anything else of recent years and to the conviction that the future salvation of the empire from a husiness point of view days. business point of view depends upon some fiscal arrangement with self-governing 000. Capital Stock of New Company \$250,000.

Commercial circles in Glasgow are comthe delivery at the Clyde of 600 tons of pig iron from furnaces of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company at Sydney, Cape Breton. This makes the total amount received from Sydney so far this capital stock of the company would be \$250,000. Of this \$145,000 would be required to pay the purchase price of the mills, \$40,000 for repairs to the plant, etc., and the balance, \$75,000, menting in very flattering manner upon ceived from Sydney so far this season

reach the total of 18,400 tons. Toronto, Oct. 25—(Special)—Sir Frederick Young, one of the leaders of the Imperial Federation in Great Britain, addressed a meeting of the British Empire League tonight and urged that steps be taken to reach a common imperial position in relation to questions of defence, emigration and immigration.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster dealt with the commercial side of imperial development

commercial side of imperial development and said that if Great Britain had con-sistently taken her food supplies from her own colonies and so built them up, the question of defence would have solved it-

Hon. Geo. W. Ross expressed the view that a voluntary conference of the com-ponent parts of the empire would, for the time, be the better means of promoting imperial unity than a consultative council sitting in London all the time, such as Mr. Chamberlain proposed. He favored sending a royal commission from Canada to assist in forming British public opinion by leatures on calenial successor.

J. W. SIMPSON KILLED.

Ex.M. P. P. for Argenteul County, Quebec, Victim of Gunning Accident.

Moutreal, Oct. 27.—(Special)—J. W. Simpson, ex-M. P. P. for Argenteuil county, while out shooting with friends yesterday, was shot by the premature discharge of a gun in the hands of one of the party and died shortly afterwards. He was 51 years of a good and the party and died shortly afterwards. years of age and very popular.

Five Killed in Mine. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 25.—A terrible explosion of gas in the Buttonwood mine, of the Parrish Coal Company, near this city this afternoon, caused the death of five men and the injury of nine others.

JAMES F. ROBERTSON ASKS CITY TO GRANT COTTON MILLS EXEMPTION.

Says He Will Have a \$250,000 Company - Mills in Operation This Winter - Sand Point Berths Allotment a Problem.

Wharves and cotton mills served as a the port should be given the first opportunity of occupying the facilities where assembled in general committee at city the best and quickest dispatch could be obtained. At Sand Point No. 2 was the

hall Friday afternoon. of dealing with the taxation of the St. John cotton mills recently purchased by that quantity should be alloted the berth desired. Respecting the difficulty over No. 3 and 4 berths, Mr. Oborne said the support of an application for taxation exemption and wiping out arrearages. The concessions asked, Mr. Robertson explain-Elder-Dempster and Donaldson steamers would make fortnightly sailings, which ed, would be quite an incentive towards might be arranged to alternate, giving No 4 berth to the former and No. 3 to the Donaldson line. No. 4 berth would be most desirable for the Elder-Dempster commending the common council to grant

gration building, because each boat would bring 500 or 600 immigrants.

Mr. Oborne also read a telegram from Manager Campbell, of the Elder-Dempster was the other subject which occupied considerable attention. After an hour's delotment was recommended of granting No. 2, the choice berth, to the Allan line, but factory.

Ald. Macrae parenthetically remarked that the Elder-Dempster line was endeavoring to obtain a subsidy for a fortnightthis is not going to solve the whole dif-ficulty for the Elder-Dempster steamers have been assigned to No. 3 berth, which the harbor master says they will be un-able to use owing to the length of the Allan line steamers, which will project a

Mr. Oborne suggested No 1 for the Manchester line, No. 2 for the mail boats, No. 3 for the Donaldsons and No. 4 for After Mayor Daniel explained the ob-

In response to Ald. Macrae, Mr. Thom ject of the meeting James F. Robertson was heard. He said that he and A. H. son said he would not make any demands for the Head line boats, which would Hanington had purchased the cotton mills take any berth alloted. Mr. Thomson with the intention of forming a joint stock company and—operating the plant to its full capacity. An obstacle was encountered when he visited the assessors' office nd learned there was arrears of taxes to the extent of \$3,000 or \$4,000 against the property. In forming the company it was necessary to take advantage of every beners would not come to St. John.
Ald. Christie—"Do you mean to a threat that the Allans will cancel their contract with the government if the city refuses to give them a certain bentle efit available. Besides asking the city to cancel the assessment already against the property his wish was that such exemption be granted by the council as was that such exemption be granted by the council as was that such exemption be granted by the council as was that such exemption be granted by the council as was that such exemption be granted by the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that such exemption beginning to the council as was that the council as was the council as

line, stating that No. 4 would be satis-

y service, but might give a weekly ser

within its power under the act. He felt confident that the mills could be operated under careful management. Mr. Robertson referred to the published statements relating to the panicky condition of the states. Mr. Hannah replied that the Allans re-spected the valuable mail contract, but placed more value on the safety of their

són referred to the published statements relating to the panicky condition of the Canadian cotton mills combine stocks. This, he explained, was brought about by the combine attempting to pay six per cent. dividends on its watered stock.

A. H. Hanington told the committee while his name was coupled with that of Mr. Robertson in the purchase of the mills it was well known that he was not a capitalist. Mr. Robertson had simply connected his name with the matter. Mr. Hanington said that citizens who knew Mr. Robertson understoed well that he did not go into the venture for the purpose of making a large profit. Some of the leading men in the business commupose of making a large profit. Some of the leading men in the business commu-nity had already given their word for harbor master, where it properly belonged. It was evident that the accommodate tion would be inadequate this winter, and the harbor master was best fitted to cope with the difficulty. The alderman remind-ed the representatives of the lines that financial aid to place the mills in opera-tion. He felt that the committee would

Mr. Schofield, agent of the Donaldson over. Public opinion among the masses is rapidly being converted to the neceshad no objection except the length of the Elder-Dempsters, which might project on their berth.

Mr. Troop said the only Elder-Dempste boat which would project on No. 3 would be the Lake Champlain.

Mr. Schotield thought this was an argument in favor of giving the Donaldson line its old berth.

Mr. Schofield, in view of the shortage of accommodation, said some give and take spirit would have to be exercised, and he would agree to No. 3 berth for the line he represented, provided his boats would not be more liable to be crowded out than any others.

The steamship representatives then retired, evidently being satisfied with the following allocation: No. 1, Manchester and Head lines; No. 2, Allan line; No. 3, Donaldson line; No. 4, Elder-Dempster

cuss the matter most of them declared that the Donaldson line should not be crowded into No. 3 berth, so a change was made, recommending the council to give the Glasgow line No. 4, their old berth, and the Elder-Dempsters No. 3. for a working capital.

"There will be no ground floor for investors," added Mr. Robertson, "and my intention is to give the old employes the first opportunity in the mills if operations Harbor Master's Opinion.

In the course of the discussion the harbor master said if the large Allan boats occupied No. 2 there was no use allotting No. 3, for none of the other boats could get sufficient room there. In the course of further explanation, the purchaser of the mills informed the committee that the intention was to operate both mills and that a start would be made this winter. Between 500 and 600 persons would be employed and about \$2,500 a week would be distributed in After the decision was reached Ald-White said it meant the suppression of the Elder-Dempster steamers.

Mayor Daniel said there would be room

at No .3 for the Donaldson steamers but not for the Elder-Dempster ships, which Cotton Mill Matter Favorably Looked On.

ter was then taken up.

After a lot of discussion the committee expressed itself favorable to exempt the mills from all taxation for 10 years and water assessment up to \$2,000, besides writing off the arrears at present against son, agent of the line; Supt. Oborne and the property, the same to go into effect after the mills have been in operation six

months.

No resolution was drawn up, the conopinion.

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Supt. Oborne, after telling the committee the outlook was favorable for a large winter port trade this season, said it was important that the line having the largest vessels and doing the most business for



exempt water taxes to the amount of \$2,-

In answer to Ald. Christie Mr. Robert-

are resumed."

In the course of further explanation,

SAND POINT BERTHS.

Interesting Discussion With Arrangement

delegation appeared consisting of George Hannah, of the Allan line; John H. Thom-

R. The visit was in connection with the allotment of the berths at Sand Point, and it was decided by the committee to

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at the Close. After Mr. Robertson had concluded, a

> Led Detectives a Wild Chase. Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 27-A desperate man fought his way clear of two city detectives today and escaped. In his race he utilized a two-horse wagon team, a horse and buggy and a riding horse, all forcibly taken, while two dead bloodhounds mark the first portion of his trail. Officers believe the man is one of the gang that held up the Great Northern express near Wagner, Mont, last June.

SCHLEY FIGHTS AGAIN, BATTLE

Was Witness in Court of Enfirst, because he was too good an officer to have so transgressed; and, second, because if he had undertaken to do so I quiry Nearly All Yesterday Afternoon.

THROAT AFFECTED.

Strain of Continuous Talking Noticed by Court, and Earlier Adjournment Ordered -- Tells of the Famous "Turn" and Battle

court of enquiry adjourned today, Adtimony in chief. He took the stand about 11.30 o'clock, after former witnesses had been recalled for the purpose of making corrections and additions to their testimony, and continued his statement until the court adjourned at 3.40 p. m. This were holding our own. I thought the forestly at the time." the court adjourned at 3.40 p. m. This adjournment, twenty minutes in advance of the usual time, was due to the fact that the admiral's throat had become somewhat sensitive as a result of his continuous talking yesterday and today. He ad made complaint to the court of the condition of his throat immediately after concluding his recital of the story of the battle off Santiago, and Admiral Dewey, who himself had evidently noticed the difficulty, responded by showing a willing ness to adjourn the count. Mr. Rayner, however, expressed a desire to proceed, saying that he had a number of questions which the wished to ask, and Admiral Schley assented to his counsel's suggest. VILLAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE. People Thoroughly Frightened As Flames Gained — No Apparatus to Fight the Blaze — Tear Down a

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Which he wished to ask, and Aumital Sighley assented to his counsel's suggestion. A quarter of an hour later Admiral Dewey himself renewed the suggestion for an adjournment and, all concerned agreeing to this appropriation, the court adjourned INVITATION FROM to this proposition, the court adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock.

The day was a notable one. By large odds the largest crowd that has yet at Hampton. N. B., Oct. 27—(Special)—
The most disastrous fire which ever occurred in Hampton Village broke out this afternoon about 4 o'clock and, when the last wall fell in at 9 o'clock tonight, eight buildings had been burned to the ground and lay a mass of burning embers, and one building had been burned to stay the progress of the flames. This act had the desired effect.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It had gained great headway in the house occupied by Allen W. nicks before being discovered and quickly leaped to the adjoining house owned and occupied by Mrs. Dann, and for a time it looked as if every house in the square would go.

Mrs. Dann, and for a time it looked as if every house in the square would go. There was no fire apparatus of any kind to fight the flames with, and they had full swing.

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The two and a half story dwelling owned by J. J. McLean and occupied by Wm. Nichols and Jas. Riley jr.; both tenants saved most of their effects. Neither had any insurance. The loss of the building represents \$1.200; insurance \$600.

A small one story building owned by J. R. McLean and occupied by him as a photo studio was torn down to stop the progress of the flames, as the house in which Mr. McLean lies and the fine residence of Percy Hallett and the big Flewwelling store were in great danger. The building was valued at \$250; no insurance. Mr. McLean's stock was only partly saved.

The two and a half story dwelling owned by Wm. Nichols and Jas. Riley jr.; both tenants the Brooklyn for a time sustained the phases of that battle. He said that the Brooklyn for a time sustained the fire of all four of the Spanish ships and also the fire of the Spanish land batteries. Explaining the historical turn of his own flagship, the Brooklyn he said that she did not approach to within less than 600 yards of the Texas and that he never considered that vessel in the least danger. He also stated in response to an interrogation from Mr. Rayner that he never during the battle engaged in any colloquy with Lieut. Hodgson, and that he did not use the expression attributed to him by Hodgson. This refers to the alleged colloquy in which the admital is charged with

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Coming to the turn of the Brooklyn, Texas. I am sure we were never nearer that vessel than 600 yards. We were so

factories with the second second

distant that I never had any thought of danger in connection with the Texas." He said the closest range given was 1,100 yards. "We were so close," he went on, "that I remember I could see men on the Spanish ships running between the superstructures; I could even see the daylight between their legs. The Hodgson Incident.

"During the turn, Lieut. Commander Hodgson very properly made the observa-tion that we should 'look out for the Tribute to Ellis.

At this point the admiral said the leading one of the Spanish ships was on the Brooklyn's starboard bow, and that not only all of the enemy's ships but the forts as well were firing, apparently, at "That moment and for the next 15

minutes were the most serious of the com-bat," he said, and he told how jets of water were seen on all hands and how deafening was the noise of the guns. "The roar of the projectiles," he said, "was such as can only be heard once, and once such as can only be heard once, and once heard can never be forgotten. All four of the Spanish vessels were firing on the Brooklyn and none of the Spanish vessels at that time showed any injury."

Telling of the coming up of the Oregon during the chase, Admiral Schley said he had never before realized that such rapid fire was possible as was emitted from these two vessels. Both looked to him, he said, like sheets of flame.

As the battle proceeded, the witness said he was very anxious about the range, as he did not want the Teresa and the Vizcaya to get beyond range.

INVITATION FROM KING,

Newfoundland's Knighted Premier Asked to Coronation Ceremonies -- The Ophir Away.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 25.-The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall started for England at daylight this morning on the Ophir, with the cruisers Niobe and Diadem forming the escort. The flagship Crescent accompanied the Ophir outside the port and fired a farewell salute.

The duchess attended the state dinner

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New French Loan Causes Talk.

Ocamo to Carry Troops.

Halifax, Oct. 27.—(Special)—Steamer

The sole topic for discussion on the bound of 250,000,000 to o'clock this morning. She will leave on in the starboard side of the turn of the bound of the bo Ocamo to Carry Troops. 280,000,000 francs, secured by the Chinese Tuesday on a special trip to Bermude

annuities, is ideal with troops.