

JAPAN'S CHIEF COMMERCIAL CENTRE IS PARTLY DESTROYED

Osaka Swept by a Disastrous Conflagration Saturday Which Devastated an Area of Four Square Miles and Has Left Thousands Homeless--Largest Bhuddist Temple in World Goes With the Flowery Kingdom's Most Important Stock Exchange--20,000 Buildings Destroyed.

Osaka, Japan, Aug. 1.—Confusion prevailed as the result of a disastrous fire during Saturday. Thousands of persons are homeless and hunger is staring many of them in the face. A system of relief has been organized by the municipal authorities, but it is inadequate. The number of casualties has not yet been determined, but hundreds of injured persons are crowding the hospitals. The last estimates are that 20,000 buildings were destroyed, these including banks, the stock exchange, the museum, Government edifices and factories. While at present it is impossible to state accurately the losses, these are given roughly at several million yen. It is feared that some of the insurance companies will fail as a result of the heavy losses they will have to pay. The conflagration lasted more than twenty-five hours and today the burned section presents a deplorable sight. The streets of the city are very narrow and the houses mostly of wood construction. Under a strong breeze, the buildings were easy prey for the flames. Once hope was almost abandoned that the conflagration could be arrested. The firemen fought vainly against the odds of lack of

water and wind, and many of them fell unconscious at their posts. Had not the water supply been curtailed by the existing drought, it is believed the fire would have been checked without great damage. During the fire the greatest confusion prevailed among the spinning girls in the factory quarter, but fortunately no serious loss of life occurred there. The belongings of the people who were able to save anything from their burning homes are piled in great heaps along the railroad tracks from Osaka to Kobe, where they were removed early Saturday morning when the fire broke out. The able-bodied members of families returned to the city to assist in fighting the flames, leaving the old people to guard their effects from thieves. An area over four miles square, containing some of the city's handsomest structures, including the Bhuddist temple, the largest in the world, was entirely burned over before the fire was brought under control. The stock exchange, which was one of the most important in this country, was entirely destroyed. This loss, it is believed, will tend considerably to dislocate the business of Osaka, which with its manufacturing concerns, is one of the chief commercial cities of Japan.

NORTH STARS TAKE FOUR OARED RACE

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 1.—The annual regatta of the Lorne A. A. C. was held over the harbor course yesterday afternoon under sanction of the newly organized rowing association and the M. P. A. A. The water was very rough. The most interesting event was the senior four oared race, which was won by the North Star, last year's intermediate champions. Summary: Junior four oared shell—Northwest Arm Club, 1st; Woodside, 2nd. Time, 10.38. Intermediate four oared shell—Lorne Club, 1st; St. Josephs Club, 2nd. Time, 10.12. Special single scull—Ed. Hartien, St. Joseph, 1st; George James, Lorne, 2nd; William Montague, St. Josephs, 3rd. Time, 12.12. Junior single scull—Ald. Scallion, St. Josephs, 1st; R. Westaver, St. Josephs, 2nd; Frank O'Neill, St. Marys, 3rd. Time, 12.12. Senior four oared shell—North Star Club, 1st; Lorne Club, 2nd; St. Marys Club, 3rd; Northwest Arm Club, 4th. Time, 10 minutes.

TURRET BELL IS RESCUED FROM THE SEA

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, N. S., Aug. 1.—The freight steamer Turret Bell, stranded three years ago on the north side of the island, during the big gale which wrecked several other vessels, was towed into this port this evening. The Turret Bell was employed by the Inverness Coal Co. She is 2200 tons and 250 feet long. At the time her insurance was paid and the underwriters took charge of her and contracted for floating her. S. M. Brookfield undertook the work but failed. Then Jan. Reid, Cardia, Ont., took the contract. His son, Capt. H. R. Reid, with a powerful tug worked last year using powerful pumps and compressed air. Additional work this year and the high tide of Saturday morning gave him the chance he had been waiting for. She is in the harbor and used her own steam in steering her.

2,500 ATTEND RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE

East Northfield, Mass., Aug. 1.—More than 2,500 people attended the meetings of the General Conference for Christian Workers here today. This conference is believed to be the first religious conference in the world, and was founded by the late Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist in 1879. Today's meeting consisted of 12 separate and distinct sessions, opening with a sunrise prayer service and continuing until nearly midnight. More than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country participated in the conference today, the remainder of the attendance being made up of people of this and surrounding towns. The principal speakers today were: E. J. Egan, Charles T. Studd, of Cambridge, England, for many years a missionary in China, conducted the morning prayer meeting for men at Camp Northfield, while Mrs. Studd led a meeting for women in the new Russell Sage memorial chapel. The speaker at the Auditorium meeting was Dr. John H. Jewett, of Birmingham, England, who spoke on "Prayer." A sunset meeting was held at Camp Roundtop opposite the grave of Dwight L. Moody, and at which Alberto Clot, of Italy, spoke on the work of the Waldensian Church in his own country.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE JOHN R. ANDERSON

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 1.—Between 1,500 and 2,000 people this afternoon enjoyed the services and eulogies at the Fredericton Brass Band at Wilmot Park between 4.30 and 6 o'clock. All the numbers were of a sacred nature and were well rendered under the direction of Bandmaster George H. Offen. This was the first Sunday concert this season and all creeds and classes were represented in the large audience. The remains of the late John R. Anderson, blacksmith, who died suddenly on Friday afternoon were buried at the Rural Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral being held under the auspices of Graham Lodge of Orangemen. Members of other local Orange Lodges and of Gibson's Prentice Boys marched ahead of the hearse and the Fredericton Brass Band led the procession. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. H. McDonald.

FRANCE AND AVIATION

Paris, Aug. 1.—It is reported here that France intends to call an international conference to discuss the question of aviation. Sommer today made a flight of one hour, fifty minutes and thirty seconds duration in his biplane, beating the record of all of the French aviators.

THREE WRITS ENOUGH FOR THIS PAPER

Special to The Standard. Montreal, August 1.—After three weeks of life La Semaine, a French Canadian weekly paper, suspended publication on Saturday. Today a mandament signed by Archbishop Bruchesi was read in all the Roman Catholic churches of the city forbidding the faithful to read the paper in question. La Semaine made violent attacks upon the church.

NEW ENGLAND HAS BAD FIRE.

Bourne, Mass., Aug. 1.—A triangle of blazing woodland, the points of

Conference Report on Payne Tariff Is Adopted By House

Republicans Shriek With Delight When Measure is Carried 195 to 183.

Into The Climax of Eleven Hours of Vigorous and Fiery Debate.

Mann, of Illinois, Declares that Canada Will Not Be satisfied With Amendments.

Washington D. C., July 31.—The House tonight adopted the conference report of the tariff bill, 195 to 183. The Republicans shrieked in their delight over the final outcome and Chairman Payne was the central figure of an admiring and congratulating crowd of colleagues. Twenty Republicans voted against the report and two Democrats for it. The vote was the climax of an 11 hour session, conducted through most oppressive heat, but enlivened by a dozen or more speeches of more or less fiery nature. The temperature did not deter a vast throng from going to the capitol to witness the closing scenes. The day opened with what appeared to be part of an organized filibuster against the conference report, when Mr. Mondell, Wyoming, demanded the reading of the lengthy document. This reading proceeded for about an hour and a half when, upon Mr. Mondell's remaining to be read, Mr. Mondell permitted the debate to go on. Chairman Payne defended the report and appealed to his Republican colleagues to support it, prophesying at the same time that when the bill was enacted into law it would meet with the approval of the country. Mr. Clark, of Michigan, and many of his colleagues denounced the bill, and chastised the Republicans for failing, as they alleged, to revise the tariff downward and thus keep their party pledges. Continued on Page Two.

AUSTIN'S YEGG ROUNDED UP THINK POLICE

In The Arrest of Thos. Wright a Colored Porter, Mystery is Regarded As solved.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 1.—The mystery of the series of robberies on the steamer Calvin Austin of the Eastern S. S. Company, plying between this port and St. John, N. B., which for the past two years the boat and its passengers have lost thousands of dollars, is believed by the police of this city to have been cleared up with the arrest today of Thomas W. Wright, aged 21, a colored porter on the steamer. During the past two seasons the steamship company has used many devices to ferret out the thief. Canadian police officers traveling on the boat and private detectives being employed, but all efforts have proved fruitless. When the Austin left Boston last week, however, on the trip just ended today, Inspector Patrick Gattolis, of the bank squad of the Boston police, sailed aboard, having given up one week of his vacation for the purpose of solving the mystery. On the return trip suspicion was fastened on Wright, with the result that when the boat arrived today he was arrested. Upon being searched he was found to have two watches which had been reported stolen, one of which was valued at \$75 and the other at \$50. The police claim they recovered more than \$600 worth of booty in the man's room in Roxbury. On his person was also found a bankbook, showing that in the last thirty-five days he had deposited in a Boston bank about \$250. He is held by the police on the specific charge of larceny of two watches. He will be given a hearing tomorrow.

LOCAL TOMMY BREAKS LEG AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Bombardier Ellis of the Third Field Battery, St. John, N. B., who came to Montreal with other members of his regiment Saturday morning, broke his leg while in one of the side shows at Dominion Park Saturday afternoon. He was removed to Notre Dame Hospital and it will be some weeks before he is able to be about again.

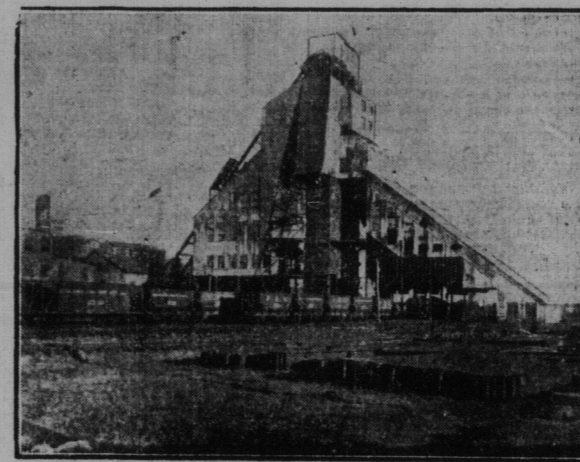
N. Y. FEELS QUAKE.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 1.—The seismographs at the state museum recorded the passage of an earthquake yesterday, which began about 2.30 p. m. and continued about 45 minutes. Mrs. J. D. H. and Mrs. James Stratton, Hon. J. D. H. and Dr. A. F. McAvaney, who were in the city yesterday, picked up, one of the men having

3,000 STRIKERS IN PROCESSION HALTED BY MILITIA WITH GUNS

U. M. W. Hold Picnic As Planned But Are Made to Turn Back at the Instance of Coal Company--Indignation Meeting Held at Which Authorities Are Roundly Criticised.

Glouce Bay, Aug. 1.—The great procession and picnic by strikers, planned by the U. M. W. took place Saturday. On Friday action was taken at Dominion and Glouce Bay to prevent the procession from being pulled off. The fact that Saturday being pay day and that a large public gathering on that day would be dangerous to the place, was used as an excuse for such action. The United Mine Workers were at first inclined to consider the objection and make a modification of their plans, but later they alleged that it had been discovered that the draft of



Bankhead at Dominion, the Largest Colliery in the World--Surrounded by an Eighteen-foot Fence and Made Impregnable by Live Electric Wires.

the by-laws passed at the emergency meeting of the Dominion town council and the requisition sent to Mayor Douglas, were both prepared in the office of the Dominion Coal Co so they decided to proceed with the programme as announced. Proceedings were commenced by speeches by the leaders of the U. M. W. The men were expected to behave in a gentlemanly manner, to respect law and order and to respect the officers of the law, all of which the men carried out to the letter. After the speeches the men formed up and marched up Commercial street to Seneca corner, then turned up the street leading over Chapel Hill and before Bridgeport and Dominion. The procession as it moved along carrying Union

A MASONIC FUNERAL FOR WONG CHUNG

New York, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Wong Bow Chung, as he has been identified, was the best meeting of the year on the Metropolitan Circuit and in spite of many drawbacks it had a big crowd every day. The feature of the card today was the Mount Vernon handicap at one mile, which resulted in a splendid victory for August Belmont's filly, Half Sovereign, who was nicely ridden by Dugan. Jack Atkin, the even money favorite, went out to make the pace and led to the stretch where Half Sovereign moved up strong and catching him, bring in the last sixteenth, won by a half length. Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which the late vice-consul was a member. Members of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons to which he belonged will take part. Dr. Luk Wing was the only Chinese in the State of New York holding membership in a regular Masonic lodge. On Wednesday the body will be taken to Washington, Conn., and will be interred in the burial plot of the late Mrs. Julia L. Richards, a wealthy and philanthropic woman who became interested in the Chinese diplomat when he first came to this country as a child. She willed him half of her burial plot.

SOVEREIGN A WINNER IN CLOSING DAY

Empire City, N. Y., July 31.—The Empire City meeting came to a close today. It was the best meeting of the year on the Metropolitan Circuit and in spite of many drawbacks it had a big crowd every day. The feature of the card today was the Mount Vernon handicap at one mile, which resulted in a splendid victory for August Belmont's filly, Half Sovereign, who was nicely ridden by Dugan. Jack Atkin, the even money favorite, went out to make the pace and led to the stretch where Half Sovereign moved up strong and catching him, bring in the last sixteenth, won by a half length. Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which the late vice-consul was a member. Members of the chapter of the Royal Arch Masons to which he belonged will take part. Dr. Luk Wing was the only Chinese in the State of New York holding membership in a regular Masonic lodge. On Wednesday the body will be taken to Washington, Conn., and will be interred in the burial plot of the late Mrs. Julia L. Richards, a wealthy and philanthropic woman who became interested in the Chinese diplomat when he first came to this country as a child. She willed him half of her burial plot.

FORTY-EIGHT HOURS IN DORY WITHOUT FOOD

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 1.—Two fishermen, Frank Bremmen, of Woods Harbor, Shelburne, and Guy Murphy, of Clarks Harbor, were lund at Sambro this morning by the Dominion Coal Company's steamer Hermod. Captain Gabriell, on a voyage from Portland to Louisburg, in ballast. She picked up the two fishermen in a dory early yesterday morning eleven miles off Little Hope Light. The fishermen were in an exhausted state when picked up, one of the men having

FRONTIER REPORTS DIFFER WITH THOSE EMANATING FROM MADRID

Official Spain Advises That the Revolt in Barcelona is Crushed, But Well Informed Circles State That There Has Come Merely a Lull in the Fighting--It is Certain That the Unrest in Spain is General, While From the More Affected Districts Come Reports of Depredations.

Paris, Aug. 1.—Although official Spain minimizes the Catalan insurrection and insists that the revolt has been crushed, a far different story emanates from the frontier. Refugees and travelers declare that the revolt is still rampant and that desperate combats continue at Barcelona, where fifty revolutionists are reported to have been wounded in a conflict which occurred as late as Saturday night. Information concerning the actual situation in Barcelona and the rest of the province is rarer tonight than ever before. Although some of the news from the frontier is from revolutionary sources, and therefore open to suspicion, more reliable intelligence leads to the belief that, although Barcelona is calmer, the insurrectionists have taken to the suburbs and the outlying country, where they are sowing the seeds of revolt and inflaming the populace to maintain the struggle to the bitter end. Barcelona province is in the hands of prowling bands of workmen, heavily armed, who occupy the railroads and highways to prevent communication and who refuse entrance to newcomers. Cassandre la Selva is in the hands of the revolutionaries and at Palamos, where the monastery was fired upon, and the monks tortured, the situation is described as alarming and the lives of foreigners endangered. The opinion in semi-official circles here concerning Spain's internal situation is pessimistic, and the belief is expressed that the trouble is not yet over. Official Madrid announces that Barcelona is tranquil, but qualifies this statement with the words "this is especially so in the centre of the city." From Melilla come the news of another Spanish convoy being ambushed and several of its officers being wounded before the troops succeeded in extracting themselves from the attack of the tribesmen. Rumors are afloat that a general strike will be launched tomorrow at

Madrid and that a strike is being organized in the Biscayan region. All persons subject to military duty are forbidden to leave Spain under penalty, and elaborate measures have been adopted to forestall all possible outbreaks in the other provinces of the country. Official denial is given to the report that the temper of the Madrid garrison is hostile. Another official statement says that the number of victims of the fighting at Barcelona is unknown, but frontier reports, one of them authoritative, declare that the killed or wounded will aggregate three thousand men and that the number of insurrectionists summarily shot was between 40 and 120. Cerbere, France, Aug. 1.—The latest news from Cerbere is to the effect that combats between the troops and the revolutionists continue fiercely. It is reported that forty of the latter have been shot without trial at the fort of Cerbere, among them being Emiliano Igrasias, editor of Progreso, the organ of the Republicans in Barcelona. The situation in Palamos is reported to be alarming, and fears are expressed for the safety of foreigners there. London, Aug. 1.—A despatch from Cerbere, France, reports that the revolutionaries have proclaimed a republic in Barcelona and that the fortress Montjuich is constantly firing upon the districts occupied by them. London, Aug. 2.—The Daily Telegraph's Madrid correspondent, in a story dated Friday night and quoted by Biarritz declared that, though the military is now in control at Barcelona the situation is still more difficult, inasmuch as the troops and revolutionaries have fled to the mountains and nearby villages, where they will form innumerable centres of disaffection, and it is preferable to fight sedition at one point than at a hundred points. Continued on Page Two.

SHOE MEN TO QUELL STRIKE BY NEW MEANS

Profess'nal Strike Breakers To Be Imported and Children Employed to Overcome Difficulty.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 1.—With the first week of the strike of union employes of the Hart Boot and Shoe Company over the fight between the company and the men is virtually no more than commenced. There have been no developments of importance and the shop is practically tied up. The strikers include the entire staff of the cutting room. Saturday was pay day at the factory and the strikers went to shop in a body during the afternoon and received their pay envelopes, but there was no disorder. On Saturday evening John Palmer, managing director of a company, left for Montreal and Superintendent Ross is reported to have boarded the train at a flag station just outside the city. Their trip is being made, it is said, in an endeavor to secure strike breakers in Montreal. Two men were imported from Massachusetts, but public reference to the fact that the alien labor law was broken caused the change to a Canadian source. There is work for the factory inspector of the province here. Children under the age prescribed in the factory act are being put to work during the strike pressure. The union men of the city at a mass meeting on Saturday evening passed a resolution calling upon the city council to see that the citizens employed at the factory, which is a combined industry, receive fair pay and condemning the company's actions. Stockholders of the company who do not stand with those in control are expressing themselves strongly against the management's action in causing the strike and there is talk of action being taken.

GERMANY AND U. S. ENTER PATENT PACT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—A reciprocal patent treaty between the United States and Germany, which is of far-reaching importance to the commercial world was simultaneously promulgated at noon today by President Taft and the Emperor of Germany. The agreement is immediately effective and requires twelve months notice in case of either country's desire to terminate it. American manufacturers will be relieved of the existing requirement that in order to sell their products in Germany they must manufacture them upon the basis of patents in Germany which called for investments of large sums of money in maintaining duplicate plants. Inventors will greatly benefit from the fact that the treaty relieves them from the German restriction under which their patents have hitherto been forfeited if not actually worked in Germany within three years. Miss Thorne, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Morris Robinson, and Mr. Arthur Thorne spent the week end on the Dream cruising on the river.