

WILLIAMS PIANOS

EIGHTEENTH YEAR
SLAVES TO RED TAPE
Firemen Who Could Not Recognize a Hydrant.
ENGINES RAN OUT OF FUEL
And It Took a Lot of Persuasion to Get Engineers to Accept Coal.

Some of the ridiculous developments that came out in the official investigation of the causes of the Great Fire in London several weeks ago—the troubles in the hinterland of Africa—General News by Cable.

London, Dec. 8.—The official inquiry into the causes and circumstances of the great fire in this city on Nov. 19 begins to develop points of inefficiency on the part of the fire brigade which would be causing if they were not so serious. One witness testified that at 22 minutes after the alarm was given, another witness told how some of the firemen failed to recognize the hydrants when they saw them, because they were not marked with the letter "H" as in their district in the south of London. They thought the hydrants were electric light boxes.

It was also shown that the supply of coal was extremely scanty. Some of the engines stopped work because they had no coal, and many others were short of fuel that their efficiency was greatly impaired. The engines of the fire brigades were such slaves to red tape that they refused to accept the supply of coal maintained by the City Council, which was two miles away from the fire, and the engineers had no idea of obtaining fuel from any other source. Eventually, however, three engines were supplied with coal by citizens.

THE TROUBLE IN AFRICA.
French Troops Had Not Fought With the Natives at Nikki.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 8.—Additional advice just received from the interior say the French troops had five engagements with the natives before effectively occupying Nikki, the capital of Borgu. The king of that country fled to the bush.

BRITAIN EXPECTS NO FURTHER TROUBLE.
The first best sugar company in Michigan has been organized in Bay City, with capital stock of \$300,000.

London, Dec. 8.—The distinguished American chemist, died in London, England, yesterday, in his 73rd year. He was a member of the Royal Society and the American Chemical Society. He was a resident of the United States and had spent much of his life in this country.

BRITISH TROOPS NOT ORDERED TO MASSACHUSETTS.
London, Dec. 8.—A report from Cairo that strong forces of British troops had been ordered to proceed to Massachusetts, the Italian headquarters in the Nile, was denied at the Foreign Office today.

FRENCH CRUISERS FOR CHINA.
Four War Vessels Ordered to Prepare for Immediate Despatch.

London, Dec. 8.—According to a special despatch just received from Paris, the French cruiser Jean Bart, Isly, Alger and Pascal have been ordered to be prepared for immediate despatch to China.

APPOINTMENT OF QUEEN'S COUNSEL.
The Imperial Privy Council sustains the contention of the Ontario Government.

London, Dec. 8.—(Telegram Cable.)—The Privy Council today gave judgment dismissing the appeal of the Attorney General of Ontario against the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal, which was in favor of the Attorney General of Ontario, in the case of the Attorney General of Ontario v. The Attorney General of Canada.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S CAPTURES
Regarded With Deep Interest by Board of Trade and Transport.

New York, Dec. 8.—At the meeting of the Board of Trade and Transport in this city today the Commission on Ocean Transportation presented a report in favor of the deepening of the channels of New York harbor. The report was adopted.

The Commission on Canal Transportation was instructed to examine and report upon the proposed legislation permitting an increase in capital of companies navigating the State canals.

A resolution regarding Canada was presented in response to a request from the Merchants' Association of Boston and read in full as follows: "Resolved, that the New York Board of Trade and Transport regard with deep interest the overtures made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Government of Canada, looking to better relations between that country and the United States. The spirit of comity, equity and good feeling which pervades the proposals of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the progress of the American continent, and the common welfare of these people, demand that such overtures, offered in good faith, shall be received with good will."

WHAT KILLED MR. FINK?
A Post-Mortem Revealed No Traces of Poison, But the Contents of the Stomach Will Be Analyzed.

Waterloo, Dec. 8.—The post-mortem held this morning by Coroner Webb and Doctors Armitage and Bauman on the body of the late Paul Fink, who is reported to have been poisoned yesterday, resulted in not a trace of poison being found, but the contents of the stomach will be sent to Toronto for analysis.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.
The old cruiser Yantic has arrived at New York.

RECRUITING OFFICER GOLDWIN SMITH: What's the meaning of that report? PRIVATE CHARLTON (saluting): Private Ross, sir. He has not only deserted, but is now firing upon us.

'A METHODIST CATECHISM.
One Has Been Officially Prepared for Sunday School and General Use.

In 1894, when the general conference of the Methodist Church of Canada was held in London, it decided to have a catechism for Sunday schools and general use. The committee, which was composed of Rev. J. H. Allen, president, and other members, has now completed the work.

C. O. F. Banquet Last Night.
The annual dinner of the Central District Council of Ontario of the Canadian Order of Foresters was held last night in Webb's parlors, at which J. H. Allen presided.

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NET ANOTHER MURDER
Riot Among Laborers on the Soulanges Canal.

COTEAU DU LAC THE SCENE
An Italian Was the Victim and Two Frenchmen are Under Arrest.

The Sons of King Humbert's Land are Very Much Excited—About 100 of Them Patrolling the Town Looking for the Murderers—People Much Alarmed, Fearing Further Trouble—Police Sent Out From Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—A serious riot broke out to-night between the French Canadian and Italian laborers employed on the Soulanges Canal at Coteau du Lac, about 25 miles from Montreal. Alexis Greco, an Italian, was killed and several were badly injured. The Italians are up in arms and threatening trouble. Police have been sent from Montreal to the scene, and several arrests have been made.

Two Frenchmen Arrested.
Coteau du Lac, Que., Dec. 8.—A horrible murder took place here to-night, when an Italian named Alexis Greco lost his life. Yesterday was a little light snow, and at 3 o'clock, the quarrel was resumed to-night about 6 o'clock.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.
A Young Canadian Girl Attempts Suicide in Buffalo—Looks Like a Hysterical Case.

Susie Archer, a good-looking young woman, 23 years of age, swallowed carbolic acid in Black Rock, Buffalo, on Tuesday night, apparently with suicidal intent. She is a Canadian and it was reported that her home was in Toronto, but enquiries of various families of that name showed she is not known here.

Elite Fur Qualities at Dineen's.
The morning hours are the best of the year for a leisurely inspection of the vast display of new fur fashions in Dineen's new store, 140 Yonge-street, where the day is in the evening, when the lights are on, and when fur qualities, new effects, in the latest styles, are shown in all the full splendor of the brilliant illumination.

THE PROVINCE WINS AGAIN.
Premier Hardy received a cablegram yesterday, announcing that the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council had decided the Ontario case in favor of the Province. The Dominion Government denied the right of the Lieutenant-Governor to exercise the authority conferred upon him by the Legislature to appoint Queen's counsel, and carried the case to the Privy Council, with the result as stated.

Art sale this afternoon at 2.30. Paintings by W. H. Townsend, W. E. Atkinson and A. C. Williamson. C. J. Townsend & Co., Auctioneers.

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DEATHS.
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Steam Ship Movements.
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Loring, New York, 10
Parr, New York, 10
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 10
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