

DELAY ASKED IN BUILDING

VICTORIA WEST WANTS A NEW SCHOOL SITE

The Trustee Board Will Be Requested to Postpone Operations for Sixty Days.

There was Monday a meeting of the inhabitants of Victoria West in the rooms of the Victoria West fire hall to express dissatisfaction at the action of the school board in deciding to build the new school for Victoria West on the site of, or adjoining the present school building, in place of vacating to see if a more suitable site could not be obtained on the Indian reserve. It was resolved that the school board be petitioned to stay proceedings in the matter until the return of Hon. W. Templeman or until the expiration of 60 days from the date of the meeting last night. It was further resolved that Hon. W. Templeman should be made acquainted with the resolution and that a deputation of five members of the meeting should wait upon him on his return with a view of representing to him the feelings of the inhabitants of Victoria West as expressed at the special meeting in regard to the erection of the new school on a suitable site.

The following were present at the meeting: Messrs. O'Kelly (chairman), Maple, Mitty, Wade, Popham, Hawke, Shakespear, Steel, Barrs, Stratford, Willard, Mitchell, Beattie, Smith, (secretary), Boggs, Redding and Crowther. The secretary, Phil R. Smith, explained that the meeting was held on account of the action of the school board in determining to have plans drawn up for the immediate erection of a new school in Victoria West; whereas not long ago there was a meeting of the inhabitants of Victoria West in which there was expressed a strong feeling against the building of a new school on the old site. In consequence of this expressed wish on the part of the residents of Victoria West, the school board in attempting to rush the matter on to the completion of a new school on the old site, it was felt that another meeting should be held in which the present meeting was the outcome, to show that in the opinion of the inhabitants of Victoria West it was advisable to defer building for the present and rather to wait until such time as a site could be obtained for their new school on the lands of the Indian reserve. A site, said the speaker, had been found on the Indian reserve every way suitable for the purposes for which it was intended. Moreover, it was felt that for some time to come the drainage in and around the old school must necessarily be built. On the other hand, said Mr. Smith, it was stated that the school board had decided to build the new school on the old site because the site was the one previously expressed feeling of the residents of Victoria West was not a representative one and therefore did not really voice the feelings of the whole community on the subject. In consequence they had decided to proceed with the erection of the new school and had already called for tenders to be sent in to the board. The meeting was for the purpose of ascertaining whether the residents of Victoria West approved or disapproved of the present action of the board. It was also stated that His Worship the Mayor had been approached on the subject and that the Mayor had written to Mr. Templeman, but as yet had received no answer to his letter. Mr. Drury stated, said Mr. Smith, that Hon. Mr. Templeman will arrive in Victoria in the course of a few weeks, and therefore considered the school board ought to wait and see if a site cannot be obtained for our new school on the Indian reserve.

Trustee Riddle said he had been the prime mover in endeavoring to obtain for Victoria West a new school, because he realized the great need of the district. In fact the inhabitants of Victoria West had had one long ago. He explained that the reason for building the new school was the expense of delay. He said the longer the delay the greater the cost. One had only to consider even the rise in prices which are bound to occur in labor, building materials, etc., to see that what he had stated was true. Then it must be remembered that the school board had not the money, nor would they have it to buy a new site. They had only \$35,000, and of this \$35,000 would be required for the heating plant, leaving only \$3,000 for the new school. As to the Indian reserve, he could hold out to them no hopes. The question had been going on for sixteen years, and he expected to be the same now as it was then. Every other week brought from these constantly occurring rumors. Further, he stated that the new building could be erected without interfering with the old school during the time for building that it was a central site, and moreover the sewerage was good. That should the school board carry out their plans in the immediate future, a good two-story building will be the result; but if they waited a year the inhabitants would find that with only the same money at their disposal, they would only be able to have erected on account of the additional cost of building, a one-story school. "We can put up a good school for the amount we have at our disposal if we act at once," said Mr. Riddle. "The Indian reserve site were settled to-day, I would not vote for it, because I consider that the additional cost which would be incurred in obtaining and erecting it would not warrant the school board in choosing the site in preference to the present one, which is most central and will also give us the best value for our money."

Mr. Riddle was asked several questions, among others did he consider the old site a fit place for a playground? Was it safe? He considered it perfectly safe. There would be no rock, as it could be covered up, or removed at a comparatively small expense.

"Is there room for a basement to be constructed for the heating of the school?" was asked. Mr. Riddle explained that there was, seeing that only one third of the site would be on rock. He suggested that the school board would have to purchase some lot or lots for a playground for the children attending the school, as the adjoining lots on which the children with the habit of playing were private property and might in the near future be built upon.

Trustee Riddle considered that the old school site would more than compensate for the present vacant ground adjoining the school yard. It was moreover, stated by an inhabitant that the extent of the present ground of the school was not so large. Moreover it was stated in answer to a question that the street lines did not affect the property. Beaumont Boggs stated that at the last meeting there were many present who were now absent as the fathers of many of the children in the district were now in the North. It was pointed out that the settlement of the inhabitants that it was inadvisable to build a new school until a site could be secured on the Indian reserve. That money has been secured and that as it was not to be used for any other purpose was admitted. All were willing to wait until the Indian reserve could be obtained. He reminded the meeting that the site of the school was not everything. There was something more to be considered than the time occupied in the school itself in tuition and learning. There was the most essential point to be thought of, and that "the life of the child is on the playground." When a child had only a crowded playground through the land being limited to a small area the effect was disastrous. It was detrimental to the physical growth and life of the child. He instanced other schools with splendidly fair playgrounds around Victoria in the North, the school and the North Ward school. Mr. Boggs stated that the feeling of the inhabitants of Victoria West was decidedly against the school on the old site for \$35,000. He moreover said that the street in which the school was situated was only at the outside 33 feet wide. He did not consider that the present site was a good one, though admitting that in comparison with some points it stood high, yet on the east the land was much higher.

It was true, surrounded by houses. He, however, wanted the school put on a site which would be a credit to the district. Moreover he considered that as children at the moment would have only fifteen minutes to walk to school, therefore there was no part in Victoria West so far distant as to prevent the school being built in any part of the school district. The site selected by the inhabitants themselves was good and the speaker said he did not know of any other as good, especially as the people were strongly in favor of the Indian reserve. Mr. Hawke wanted a new school at once, he did not desire to wait on the protracted promises of the Indian reserve. The school on the Indian reserve for years past. But he did not consider that the promises held out to them of getting a portion of the Indian reserve, which had been promised, therefore, should they be compelled to wait for the reserve. They should build now. The chairman at this point suggested that a motion defining the subject would be in order. The following motion as amended was moved by T. Redding, and seconded by Mr. Mitty: "That this meeting consider the present school site is not a suitable one and therefore request the school board to withhold action committing them to build upon that site for sixty days or until it has been found impossible to secure a free site upon the Indian reserve."

The reason why a definite time of 60 days was specified in the resolution was that it enabled the inhabitants to have the opportunity of communicating with Hon. W. Templeman acquainting him with the sentiment expressed at the meeting by the inhabitants of Victoria West in reference to the matter of the new school in their district. A deputation was appointed to wait upon Hon. Mr. Templeman upon his arrival consisting of the following inhabitants of the district, Messrs. Smith, O'Kelly, Boggs, Redding and Maple. Mr. Smith said that they were all glad to see Trustee Riddle present and that there "little talk with him at the last election had not been lost." Mr. Riddle said he wished to fulfill his promise to the citizens of Victoria West. Mr. Smith, believed Mr. Riddle when he said this. They had worked a long time for a school, but they wanted a good one. He thought they might be able to assist the school board in this matter. The chairman considered that if the rock behind the school were removed, it would overcome a great objection to the present site. Mr. Smith was of a different opinion to the chairman pointing out that the ground was on low-lying ground and that the school formed the last section of the sewerage system in that locality. The children, he said, should not be placed where they were liable to a certain amount of sickness and it was not right, he said, to put the school where it was unhealthy to the children. The city engineers, he considered, would have difficulty with this section that he would not like to see the new school put there if it could possibly be avoided. He also objected to the erection of a new oil warehouse being built on the side of the septic tank on Bates street as in case of a fire the whole district would be swept away. Just previous to adjournment of the meeting, a point was raised in regard to the expenses which the inhabitants had to meet in consequence of previous years' expenditures. The chairman delineated lines of some parts of the district. They felt that it was an injustice to the inhabitants of Victoria West that the expenses of the arbitration should be levied upon them as a local improvement work. All the expenses incurred in meeting the new requirements of the law should it be felt be settled from the revenue of the city. There was no doubt cast upon the honesty of the arbitrator by the meeting. But in the opinion of members it was felt that they had been "held up."

PROTECTION OF THE FORESTS

WARDENS NAMED IN ALBERNI DISTRICT

Redcliffe Lumber Company Takes Steps to Protect Interests-- News From West Coast

Alberni, July 15.—More attention than usual is being paid this summer to the protection of the forests by the province. C. Ferris has been appointed a deputy game and fire warden under W. H. Heald, chief game and fire warden for the Esquimalt and Nanaimo land grant, now owned by the C. P. R. Mr. Ferris has charge of the district around Englishman's river and in Alberni valley, and has been carrying out his duties here lately. Apart from the officials, who are only concerned with the E. & N. land grant, the Redcliffe Lumber Co., who own extensive timber limits in this neighborhood, has considered the preservation of their timber of sufficient importance to appoint a man whose sole duties will be to prevent the starting, or check the spreading of bush fires within their limits. Taylor of Alberni will act as warden for the company. Notices have been posted throughout the district informing settlers, prospectors, tourists and others of the provisions of the Bush Fire Act, and warning them against any infraction of its rules.

The annual school meetings to elect trustees for the vacancies caused by the statutory retirement of one trustee took place on Saturday in the various school centres. In Alberni the retiring trustee, Mrs. F. Watson, was re-elected without opposition and E. Riddell appointed auditor in place of J. F. Bledsoe. In the Gill school Peter Nicolas was reappointed. A special meeting of the license commission called for the 20th inst. to consider the application of J. A. Rodgers for a liquor license for the Alberni hotel. There is no opposition to the application. J. Redford returned on the 14th inst. from a trip to Anderson lake and Howchuckleset harbor, where, in his capacity as fishery guardian, he has been investigating complaints of illegal angling on the Indian reserve. The garden party and fruit social held in the grounds of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on the 12th inst. was well attended and resulted in a net of \$40, clear of expenses, accruing to the funds of the Ladies' Aid Society, under whose auspices it was conducted. That might have been a repetition of the success which occurred last year when two children lost their lives in the bush, happened here this week. The three-year-old son of H. Woodhouse, of Maple Grove farm, wandered away from home and his father was not noticed for a little time, and as there are several roads near by, it might have been taken for granted that he had escaped, but it was a difficult matter for him. After some hours' anxiety he was discovered by a neighbor some two and a half miles away, none the worse for his escapade, but it is an illustration of how far an infant can wander in a comparatively short time.

WRECK SURVIVORS COMING TO CITY Captain Johnson and Members of Crew of Mount Royal en-route Here. (From Wednesday's Daily.) The steamer Camosun, with Captain Johnson and the crew of the wrecked steamer Mount Royal, which went to her destruction in Kitsulas Canyon last Saturday week, is expected to arrive in port to-morrow night. No further advice has been received from Kitsulas and it is presumed that up to the present no additional bodies of the victims of the disaster have been recovered. The hull of the vessel, as far as can be gathered has been swept down the canyon and now lies submerged on a sand bar opposite the telegraphic operator's station at the mouth of the canyon. It is thought that the boilers have fallen out and that all the deck work has been carried away. Owing to the nature of the waters in the canyon saving operations will be impossible. As yet the hull has not been dynamited as it now belongs to the underwriters in England. Red, although they have been notified of the wreck no communication has been received from them by the Hudson's Bay Company. As it is said to constitute a menace to navigation it is anticipated that it will be removed in the near future. The difficulties which attend the search for the bodies are manifold. In circles the globe, on the banks of the Skeena, large quantities of drift wood have accumulated. These are in many cases held in position by circling eddies and the theory of the disintegration of the bodies of the victims is that the bodies of the victims were carried by the current to the mouth of the Skeena, where they were deposited by the current. The bodies of the victims were carried by the current to the mouth of the Skeena, where they were deposited by the current. The bodies of the victims were carried by the current to the mouth of the Skeena, where they were deposited by the current.

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WILL JOIN NATIONALS. New York, July 17.—Tommy McCarthy, Newark's heavy hitting pitcher, has been sold to the New York Nationals. He will play out the season in Newark and join the New York for the closing game in the big league. Besides getting a money consideration, Newark becomes the owner of Mullen, who has been playing second base for the astor league team.

TO MEET THE PREMIER. Several Ministers Will Leave Ottawa For Quebec on Thursday. Ottawa, July 17.—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Hon. W. Paterson, Hon. F. Oliver and Hon. W. Templeman will leave for Quebec to-morrow. There they will join Hon. R. Lemieux and the party will board the government cruiser Lady Grey, which will leave Quebec on Friday morning to meet the Empress of Britain with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on board at Gross Island quarantine station, 25 miles below Quebec. Hon. R. W. Scott will remain at the capital to attend any government business during the absence of the others.

THE STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS. Report That a Settlement Will Be Reached Shortly. San Francisco, July 17.—As a result of a conference yesterday between W. H. Heald, commissioner Neill and President S. J. Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, the end of the telegraphers' strike has, it is said, been brought in sight. It was hinted yesterday about the telegraphers' headquarters in Oakland that some friction had been allayed, and it is said that the small and three members of the executive committee of the national union, who came west with Commissioner Neill, and one of the telegraphers, and that there would be no extension of the strike in other cities, whatever might be the outcome here. It is believed that strong influence will be brought to persuade the operators to accept the terms offered by the companies.

QUIDA COMPLAINS. The Novelist Says the Reports Regarding Her Health and Circumstances Are Exaggerated. Rome, July 17.—The Tribune says the condition of Louis De La Ramme (Quida), the English novelist, is much improved. She has been reviewed, and is greatly engaged at what she terms exaggeration of the British newspapers concerning her health and circumstances.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S CLAIM RECOGNIZED

WITH REGARD TO FISHERY LEGISLATION

Washington State Department Un-easy Because No Arrangements Have Yet Been Made

Washington, July 16.—The approach of August 1st marking the beginning of the new herring fishing season on the coast of Newfoundland is a matter of great concern to the state department, for it finds the fisheries controversy between America and Great Britain in a most confused and unsatisfactory shape. The modus vivendi entered into last year, by the terms of which, against the wishes of the Newfoundlanders, American fishermen were permitted to ply their vocation unmolested off the shores of that island, expired with the close of the fishing season. It was the expectation of both the American and British government that before the opening of next season some permanent arrangement could be reached that would relieve all future friction on the coast of Newfoundland, however, they were not permitted to do so. The Newfoundlanders, however, were insistent upon their right to legislate locally for the fisheries so long as they did not in terms, discriminate against Americans, claiming that in so doing they were not infringing the treaty rights of Americans. The British government is apparently being driven finally to concede the soundness of this contention, or at least it has been negotiating through Ambassador Reid on that basis. It is difficult to reach any kind of permanent settlement of the trouble and the whole effort of the negotiators is apparently concentrated for the moment on the drafting of some form of modus vivendi to guard against a development of friction on the fishing shores that might in the future have serious results. The fact is that the occasion is one that calls for much mutual concession if there is to be a new modus vivendi and the Newfoundlanders are not anxious that there should be until they have a sufficient assurance that they can have a satisfactory permanent arrangement to that end. They suggested a reference of the whole subject to conflicting treaty and legislative rights to permanent Hague tribunal.

KOREAN EMPEROR LEAVES CAPITAL

PANIC IN COURT AND CABINET CIRCLES

Viscount Hapashi, Japanese Foreign Minister, Will Endeavor to Restore Order for Chaos.

Seoul via Tokyo, July 17.—The crisis in Korean affairs and the consequent panic in court circles is gaining pace since it has been learned that Viscount Hapashi, foreign minister of Japan, has come to Seoul to untangle the knot caused by the sending of a deputation to The Hague to protest against Japan's attitude towards Korea. This latest intrigue, following years of hostile obstruction to the work of Marquis Ito, the Japanese resident general, has weakened the Korean throne more than anything that has occurred since the murder of the Queen.

The silence of Marquis Ito pending the action of the Tokyo government has demoralized and caused a panic in the court and cabinet. The latter thought that the Emperor would send representatives to Tokyo for the purpose of denying the Emperor's responsibility for the delegation at The Hague, but on July 8th, the Emperor stopped all communications to himself and retired to a secluded country palace, there he remains quiet and unaware of the nation's predicament. The Japanese Prince Kun Ho, who was brought back to Korea from the Prince Yiehing, another young exile, who has been waiting at Fusan, is pretender to the throne, which has now four candidates. The intention of the Korean throne is described here as a hidden bomb. The crown prince, while Prince Eung is considered to be a protégé of the Japanese.

FRENCH PAINTER DEAD. Paris, July 17.—Theobald Chartrann, the painter, is dead. He was 53 years and made nine visits to America. His work was almost as well known in America as in France.

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ACCUSED OF THEFT. Four Employees of C. P. R. Arrested on Charge of Stealing From Freight Cars. Winnipeg, July 16.—The police now have four Canadian Pacific Railway employees in cells on a charge preferred by the company of stealing freight from cars standing in the yards. Runyan and Erickson were arrested Saturday, and Orr and Hicks, two of their fellow employees, were taken yesterday.

WILL MEET IN OLD COUNTRY. Inter-Parliamentary Union Unable to Accept Invitation to Hold Conference at Ottawa. London, July 16.—At a meeting held in the House of Commons to-day of representatives of the various groups of the inter-parliamentary union it was decided that next year's conference should take place in Britain, the representatives considering it impossible to accept the invitation of Ottawa. Representative Richard Barthold, of Missouri, president of the American group, presented the British group with an elaborately worked British flag with a white border. Lord Wensdale, accepted the flag in a happy speech.

MORGAN'S LATEST PURCHASE. Paris, July 17.—J. Pierpont Morgan has acquired most valuable sixteenth century manuscripts, comprising stories of Queen Margaret of Navarre.

BOMB OUTRAGE. Constantinople, July 17.—A young merchant has been arrested in connection with the bomb explosion on Sunday night in front of summer quarters of the American embassy at Therapia, a suburb of this city.

MINERS CELEBRATE

WILL PREPARE A STATED CASE

STREET LINES TO BE SUBJECT FOR COURTS

Arbitrator in Victoria West Adjustment of Street Lines Will Prepare a Basis.

Rossland, July 16.—The twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Rossland Miners' Union was celebrated today. Over four hundred took part in the procession held this forenoon, with two bands. The literary exercises and sports were held at Baseball park, where 2,500 people were present. Mayor P. R. McDonald, Roy Stevens, president of the union; George Casey, ex-delegate to the convention of the Western Federation of Miners, and others, spoke. Mr. Casey said that the Western Federation was not alone in the defence of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, but all of the unions and union men on the continent. They said to the Denver convention: "The lid is off the treasure and we are with you to a man. We know that these men are innocent and are standing with you heart and soul. Every member of every labor organization is with you and will not let up till these men are free."

The football game between the Centre Star and Le Roi teams was won by the former by a score of three to nil after a most exciting game. The lacrosse match between Nelson and Rossland junior teams was won by Rossland by a score of 6 to 2. The celebration closed with a ball, which was largely attended at the Miners' Union hall this evening.

THAW'S CONDITION. Physician Advises Him to Cut Down Amount of Smoking and to Regulate Diet. New York, July 17.—The Times to-day says: "So many varying reports have of late been printed concerning the physical condition of Harry K. Thaw that Dr. Frank McGuire, of Tombs physician, has made an official statement. He said Thaw's condition did not differ from that of any man confined as Thaw is, who lives on rich food and spends much time smoking a black briar pipe. He added: 'I have advised Thaw to cut down the amount of smoking and regulate his diet. I intend to inspect the food sent in to him from outside the prison, and will advise what portions of it to eat and what portion to reject. I have written a prescription for him which he takes it, ought to regulate his stomach. I have also prescribed a mild tonic stimulant for him. I have advised his talking less exercise in the prison, and told him to take more than he does when he is out of doors in the afternoons.'

ARCTIC EXPEDITION. Press Agent Expects to Meet Walter Wellman at Point Barrow. (From Wednesday's Daily.) George L. Hastings, formerly of the staff of Reuter's News Agency, of London, England, is on the coast on his way north, and expects to be the first man to meet Walter Wellman at Point Barrow, when he returns from his remarkable trip to the North Pole by airship. Wellman expects to leave a week from next Saturday, Spitzbergen being his base, and according to present plans will come out by way of Point Barrow and there Mr. Hastings anticipates meeting him. Hastings will sit on a schooner for the voyage to the Alaskan coast.

EXHIBIT AT WINNIPEG. Victoria District Display is Attracting Great Attention. (From Wednesday's Daily.) This morning Mayor Morley received the following telegram from Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, who is in charge of the Victoria and Vancouver Island exhibit at the Winnipeg exhibition: "Free Press to-day gives Victoria exhibit the best notice of all. Require all fresh fruit except tomatoes." "Fruit to replenish the exhibit was dispatched Wednesday by Mayor and further supplies will be sent as Mr. Cuthbert calls for them. The interest which is being awakened by the local exhibit at the exposition is plainly shown in the following press dispatch from Winnipeg: "The exhibit of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association has earned most favorable comment from all visitors to the Winnipeg exhibition. It occupies the central position in the building devoted to fruit culture, and in comparison with the exhibit of the Ontario government, has proved the superiority of western fruit culture by comparison of the specimens shown. Vancouver Island has received an advertisement from a typing class for the exhibit which has a most notable effect. The exhibit is in all respects a credit to Victoria."

MARK TWAIN TELLS OF COLLISION Sends Report of Barque Losing Bow-sprit by Striking the Steamer Minnetonka. London, July 17.—The following wireless dispatch by way of Crookhaven, from the Atlantic transport line steamer Minnetonka, and signed "Mark Twain," has been received by the Associated Press: "Left the channel on Sunday at 1.30 in doubtful weather and sighted the Scilly Islands ten miles off. At 6 o'clock ran into a dense fog which broke into patches during the night. At 5 a.m. Monday the fog had thickened and the ship crawled along slowly. At 6.35 a barque suddenly loomed up from the starboard side, and struck along our side. We received very slight damage. The barque was coming for our broadside, but prompt action on both sides prevented a direct collision. The barque disappeared in the fog. We saw her twice during a three hours' hunt, but she was so quickly enveloped in the fog that we could not speak to her, so we resumed our trail. All well. (Signed) MARK TWAIN."

DOCTOR USED PENKNIFE. Accomplished Successful Operation With Crude Surgical Instrument. Fort William, July 15.—J. Pinkerton had his foot badly mangled last night by a train and was taken to hospital immediately by a doctor, who cut it off with his penknife. Mr. Pinkerton is employed in a store here. He was returning from a fishing trip and boarded the Imperial Limited a few miles east of here. He dropped part of his tackle and jumped off the train moving train to recover it. He picked it up and made a flying leap for the train but missed his grip, stumbled, fell and the front wheel of the first truck passed over his foot, crushing it below the ankle. The accident was noticed by one of the passengers, and the train stopped as quickly as possible, and run back to where the injured man was. A doctor on the train volunteered his services. Lying there on the cinders beside the track, a great crowd gathered. He fell, Mr. Pinkerton had his foot amputated by the doctor, who, for lack of better instruments, hacked it off with his penknife. Mr. Pinkerton was administered, but he recovered consciousness before the operation was over. Passengers on the train say that the operation was very skilfully and speedily performed, however, and gave great credit to the doctor. The injured man's ankle was bound up in a handkerchief and he was carried aboard the train, which took him to Fort William. An ambulance met him at the station and he was conveyed to a hospital, where he is now doing as well as could be expected.

MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED. Fire at La Conner, Wash., Did Damage Estimated at Forty Thousand Dollars. La Conner, Wash., July 16.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed property of La Conner to-day to the value of \$40,000. The greater part of it is covered by insurance, and while the remains are yet unsmoldering plans are being prepared to restore what has been destroyed. The fire was discovered in the general merchandise store of James Gaches at 2 o'clock. An alarm was sent in and apparatus was promptly arrived. The engine was out of order, and it was 5 o'clock before it would draw water. In the meantime bucket brigades did heroic work service in checking the progress of the flames. As near as can be determined the fire started from crossed electric wires. At one time it looked as if the greater part of La Conner might be wiped out.

RUSSIAN

Former Governor Wife of Gen

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off, former governor, General Madama Gleboff, wife of Gleboff, and the coachman driving their carriage, were pieces by bombs thrown at veyance at half-past 2 o'clock morning. A son of General Alkha daughter of General Gleboff serious injuries. The party were returning club of General Alkhanoff. The bombs were hurled about street. General Alkhanoff was a "The Wild Bear" by name lower house of parliament referred to his cruelties in strict, where he led a numerous petitions to stamp out rigorous methods to this end down upon him the emity of the nihilists. Gen. Alkhanoff was serious.

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