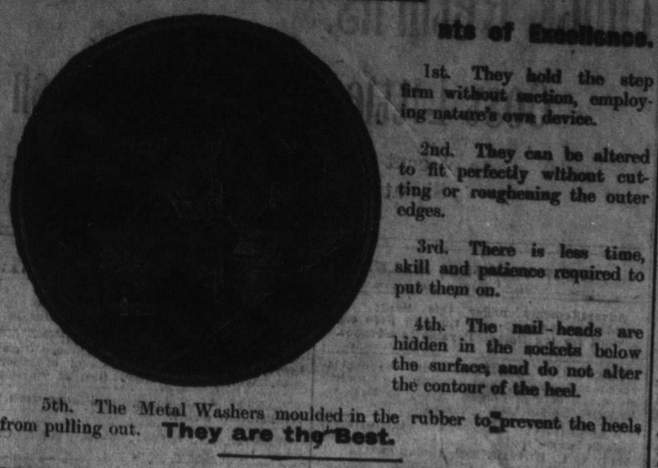


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FIERCE FIRE RAGING. Many Killed and Others Fatally Injured - Eleven Bodies Recovered. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25.-A fierce fire is raging on Market street between 12th and 14th streets, and it is feared heavy loss of life is involved. The fire started at 10.50 p. m. in the nine-story building, occupied by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., furniture and upholstering manufacturers. Although the structure was fireproof it was filled from cellar to roof with highly inflammable materials and in a few minutes flames were bursting from every window, making it impossible for the firemen to assist those in the burning building. Hundreds of men and women were employed by the firm and a great many were killed and injured. Up to 11 o'clock eleven bodies have been removed to the morgue and it is

certain that others were killed. The flames spread to the morgue and it is certain that others were killed. The flames spread so quickly that nearly everybody who could get out was compelled to jump from the fire escape in the rear, which fronts on a narrow street. When the firemen reached the scene this street was literally piled up with the bodies of people who had jumped. Some were dead; others were dying. Lying in full view of thousands of spectators was a body roasted to a cinder and other objects on the fire escape higher up were believed to be bodies. The fire is spreading eastward and has crossed Market street where several big buildings are on fire, but the fire department hopes to prevent those from being destroyed. Wanda-maker's immense store is only a few hundred feet away and the city hall is close, but the wind is blowing from a direction that will save these structures.

MISS STONE'S CAPTORS.

Members of the Macedonian Committee Involved in the Crime. NEW YORK, Oct. 25.-The fact that the brigands who kidnaped Miss Stone have permitted communication to be established is taken to mean that Miss Stone is alive and safe from harm, for the present at least, says the Sofia, Bulgaria, correspondent of the World. G. M. Dickinson, the diplomatic agent or envoy of the United States in Bulgaria, as well as a general at Constantinople, in an interview said: "I have absolute proof of the complicity in the crime of some members of the Macedonian committee. The brigands who attacked Miss Stone's party were disguised in Turkish fez and cloak. But two of them threw back their cloaks during the attack, thus revealing the uniform of the Macedonian committee. They were recognized, too, as Bulgarians. Moreover, they spoke poor Turkish, but good Bulgarian, and ate ham and bacon. The leading members of the Bulgarian government agree, I believe, that the brigands are willing to surrender to the Bulgarian troops, and that in this case there would be no danger to the captives, but if they should be attacked by Turkish troops the brigands would fight to the last and then kill the captives. The Turkish troops are under orders not to attack the brigands even if they are fired upon."

WITH A BASTING NEEDLE.

A Chicago Boy Stabs Another to Death. CHICAGO, Oct. 25.-With a large basting needle, such as is used by tailors, David Bernsteine, aged 15 years, stabbed seventeen-year-old Harry Himmelfarb to death last night. The younger brother of the boys had had a childish quarrel. When the older boys met on the street near their homes, they took up the quarrel of the little fellow. Himmelfarb, who is a coal-maker's helper, pulled from a half-finished coat he was carrying home, a big basting needle. He plunged it into young Bernsteine's thigh and ran. Bernsteine, mad with pain, pursued him and drew the needle from his leg as he overtook his adversary. He held him with one hand while with the other he drove the long needle into his heart. The boy dropped dead where he stood. Bernsteine then flew to his home, where he was shortly afterwards arrested by the police.

DESTRUCTIVE PRAIRIE FIRES.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Oct. 24.-Reports from the northwestern part of the state and some of the intervening points are to the effect that destructive prairie fires have been raging in that direction for the past few days, and thousands of dollars' worth of range hay has been destroyed, together with many ranch buildings. Many dwellings have been burned. A little boy of Louis Kraus of Minto was burned to death.

DIFFICULTY SETTLED.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct. 24.-The Venezuelan government and the German legation have satisfactorily arranged the difficulty arising from an affray between German sailors and the police of Porto Cabello, Oct. 6 last. The settlement was arrived at in the following manner: The Venezuelan government officially communicated to the German minister the information that the two individuals concerned in the attack on the German sailors had been arrested and would be tried. The German legation, therefore, notified the Venezuelan government that it would consider the incident closed, while waiting official notification of the punishment of the offenders.

BIG DEFALCATION.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.-The Post tomorrow will claim the following as the official figures of the defalcation of Smith and Swift in the Merchants' National bank case at Lowell: Cash taken prior to Oct. 17, \$115,000; cash taken Oct. 17, \$36,810; securities taken Oct. 17, \$1,208,225; total defalcation, \$1,350,035. Cash returned Oct. 21, \$92,000; securities returned Oct. 21, \$1,288,000; total amount returned, \$1,380,000. Bank's net loss, \$118,810; cash retained by defaulter, \$3,810.

WILL BECOME A DUCHESS.

PARIS, Oct. 25.-Countess Rosine de Perigord, who recently married Miss Helen Morton, daughter of Levi P. Morton, former vice-president of the United States, has purchased the chateau of Valencay for 2,718,235 francs. The owner of the domain of Valencay, as a member of the family, is entitled to assume the dukedom. The Countess expresses the belief that De Perigord will claim his rights, and the former Miss Morton will thus become Duchess of Valencay.

MORE SILVER FOR PIERPONT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.-The New York Yacht club had meeting tonight at which a committee was appointed to present a service of silver to J. Pierpont Morgan, as a mark of the appreciation in which the club holds him. The resolution which preceded this action recites Mr. Morgan's gift of the land on which the present club house is built, and the use he gave the club of the Columbia in 1899 and 1901 to defend the America's cup. Commodore Edwin D. Morgan and Captain W. Butler Dunlop were also voted silver services. Votes of thanks were tendered all members of the club who took part in building and managing the Constitution.

GEN. BULLER.

King Edward Strongly Disapproves His Utterances - No Special Session of Parliament Will Be Called.

LONDON, Oct. 25.-The leaders of the liberal organization say that any meeting of the liberal leaders may be called, as cabled to the United States by a news agency, to consider the advisability of issuing a manifesto to the effect of calling on the government to resign or call a special session of parliament to discuss the Boer war, the dismissal of General Buller and other matters. It is generally considered that the issuing of any liberal manifesto will be merely taking a leaf out of Lord Kitchener's proclamation book, and would be attended by about the same result. An appeal to the cabinet to call an extra session of parliament would merely cause amusement. Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, Mr. Asquith and Sir William Vernon Harcourt are too old parliamentarians to employ any such tactics in attempting to achieve their ends. As for stirring up an agitation on the subject of General Buller, it is undeniable that the liberal leaders, in common with the majority of the sober-minded public and most of the army officers believe that the war office acted correctly in retiring General Buller, though this does not prevent criticism of that officer's previous appointment to the command of the first army corps. The efforts made by several of the London daily newspapers to create a feeling in General Buller's favor are patently due to their desire to make party capital, as these papers, previous to the action of the war office, could scarcely say anything but enough about the general, for whom they have now taken up the cudgels. They have succeeded, however, in working up a certain amount of popular enthusiasm which finds vent in music hall demonstrations wherever General Buller's name is mentioned. A representative after delivering his speech at the luncheon given by the Queen's Westminsters Rifle Volunteers, at their headquarters in Westminster, to those of the regiment who had taken part in the war in South Africa, which resulted in his retirement, received a personal letter from King Edward, disapproving of his utterances and clearly intimating that his majesty would be glad if Gen. Buller would resign. The secretary, Mr. Brodick, summoned General Buller and point blank demanded his resignation. It was a stormy interview, ending in Gen. Buller's flat refusal to resign. It is said that the general even then did not believe that the war office would venture to resign him. After the interview Mr. Brodick went straight to King Edward in Scotland, and there the result of his visit was the action which has now so stirred up the country.

CHINESE COMPLICATIONS.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 25.-The newspapers consider that Gen. Yuan Lu's secret despatch to Li Hung Chang asserting that the Empress is anxious to enter into friendly relations with Russia and adding that Li Hung Chang must promptly conclude the Manchurian treaty, indicates Tung Lu's determination to revenge himself upon the viceroys who balked his designs, and that the time is approaching for Great Britain to carry out her promise to stand by the Yuan viceroys.

BROTHER-IN-LAW DID IT.

BROCKTON, Oct. 25.-Joseph E. Sullivan, of this city, is dying from a bullet wound, said to have been inflicted by his brother-in-law Charles W. Morse, a New York decorator, who was shooting took place last night, and is said to be due to the fact that Sullivan was giving shelter to Mrs. Morse, who came here with her child some weeks ago, refusing to live longer with her husband.

MAX O'RELL'S REVENGE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.-The Paris correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times intimates that an article by Max O'Rell in the Figaro, harshly criticizing the Duke of Cornwall and York for speaking in English instead of in French at Quebec, is due to the fact that the duke once politely refused to attend a lecture by M. O'Rell.

EARLY DATES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.-The steamer Tabaristan, from Bussorah direct, has just arrived, bringing for the importers \$9,169 boxes of new crop Persian dates. This is the earliest ever recorded.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.-Eastern states and northern New York - Fair and cold tonight; Saturday, fair, stillish north winds. TORONTO, Oct. 25.-Strong north-westerly winds, cold and misty cloudy; Saturday, fresh west and northwest winds, fair and cool.

ISTHMIAN CANAL.

LONDON, Oct. 25.-The London Times in its editorial articles, as cabled to the New York Times, says it has reason to believe that the basis of a new arrangement regarding the Isthmian Canal has been settled in principle by the British and United States governments.

THE COUNSEL OF HIS FATHER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.-It is reported from Peshawar, says a Simla despatch to the London Times and the New York Times, that Amer Habi Ullah, following the counsel of his father, consulted the mother of Umar Jan on all important state affairs. She is a royal princess, was the chief wife of Abdur Rahman, and enjoys much prestige, but she does not head any faction against Habi Ullah, as Umar Jan is only twelve years old.

LEFT FOR HOME.

Premier of Newfoundland Knighted by the Duke.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 25.-The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York started for England at daylight this morning on board the royal yacht Ophir, with the British cruisers Niobe and Diadem forming the escort. The flagship, the first class cruiser Crescent, accompanied the Ophir outside the port and fired a farewell salute. The Duchess, who has recovered from yesterday's faintness, attended the state dinner last night. Prior to the dinner, the duke conferred on Robert Bond, the premier of Newfoundland, the honor of knighthood, making him a knight commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Sir Robert Bond is the only colonial premier who has been so honored during the royal tour.

LEFT FOR HOME.

The Royal party landed at St. John's yesterday forenoon and were presented with an address by Sir William Whiteway. The Duke replied in suitable terms, testifying to the loyalty and devotion of the people of that colony. The governor, Sir Cavendish Boyle then presented to the Duke two splendidly mounted caribou heads, and to the Duchess two albatross containing native scenery. The ladies also presented the Duchess with a mink carriage rug. The Duke laid the commemorative stone of the new court house and the school children presented a Newfoundland dog, harness and cart for the use of the Royal children.

A PRETTY ROMANCE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.-Oscar Parvianian, the young son of the "Petroleum Queen" of Finland, who has come many thousand miles to claim an American bride, has just arrived here on the Deutschland. Parvianian's father was the controlling spirit of the petroleum trade in Finland. He died several years ago, and the business is now carried on by the young man's mother. Five months ago, while studying art in Paris, Parvianian met as a fellow-student Miss Kristina Stewers, daughter of Lyder Stewers, professor of a college in Iowa. Miss Kristina had been taught by her parents to speak both French and Russian. The two fell in love and became engaged after a short friendship. Miss Stewers came home from Paris two months ago to prepare for her wedding, which will take place October 20. After the ceremony the young people will go to the bridegroom's home at Helsinki, Finland.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

COLUMBIA, Miss., Oct. 24.-The negro, Bill Morris, who assaulted Mrs. John Ball, at Hattiesburg, La., was burned at the stake today. After being captured he made an effort to implicate others, but they proved their innocence. Morris was taken to the scene of his crime and chained to a well sapling. His hands and feet were strapped with coal oil and the match applied. The negro made no outcry when the flames first reached him, and only when he was partly consumed did the spectators notice any movement on the part of the wretch. He made no resistance when being bound to the stake and said that he deserved his fate. Morris beat his victim on the head with a pine knot and thought he had killed her. Going back to Ball's store he took all the change in the cash drawer. He put coal oil on his feet and also on his tracks when leaving the store. Mrs. Ball, however, recovered consciousness and crawled to her father-in-law's house. He at once gave the alarm and the neighborhood commenced a search for the negro. He was found at his home about four miles from the scene of the tragedy, and in trying to escape was shot by one of the posse and wounded in the hip.

GAS EXPLOSION.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 25.-By the explosion of gas in the dust catcher of furnace No. 1 of the furnace of the Carnegie Steel company at Rankin, Penna., early this morning, four men were badly injured. Their names: John McAllister, Harry Evey, Daniel McCarthy and John Mesartilla. They will all recover. It was first reported that several persons had been killed, but later this was proved to be untrue. Over fifty workmen were within twenty yards of the explosion when it occurred, and their escape from death is regarded as extraordinary. The property damage is about \$30,000. The furnace was wrecked, the dust catcher ruined, a big gas tank destroyed and part of the boiler demolished. The dust catcher is the apparatus that extracts the dust from the gas after it has passed through the furnace, and the explosion is said to have resulted from an insufficient blast. The furnace was known as the record breaker of the world, having been in use, up to ten weeks ago, for seven years without having to be shut down for repair. It was blown in at 11 o'clock last night, and had a capacity of four hundred tons every twenty-four hours.

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