

HOUSTON, TEXAS, SWEEP BY FIRE

Loss May Reach \$8,000,000
—Thousands Are Home-
less, But Suffering Is
Not Great.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 21.—(Can. Press.)—Fire, which started about 1 a.m., in a one-story building adjoining the Southern Pacific tracks, swept the populated section of the fifth ward of Houston early this morning. Thousands of persons are homeless and the property loss will run from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

At least twenty-five squares in the residence district have been destroyed. There have been no casualties, so far as is known. The weather is cool and there is little suffering.

Most of the burned homes, however, are not of great value, as the fire burned thru a large district that comprised cottages of workmen. Many manufacturing plants have been destroyed.

Heavy Loss of Cotton.
The heaviest single classification of loss is involved in cotton. The estimate of the loss on cotton compressed and the stored staple reaches two million dollars.

The total loss, which is in excess of \$5,000,000, is uncovered by insurance. There is no lack of food or shelter for the homeless.

Among the mills, factories and plants either totally destroyed or seriously damaged by the fire are: McFadden Southern Compress and Warehouse Company, Dew Bros., syrup mill; Houston and Liggett Lumber Company, Magnolia Compress, Hudson's Pencil Factory, Houston Packing Company, Edward H. Farrell lumber yards, Standard Compress, the Co-operative Manufacturing Company, Acme Mills.

Huge Fire Zone.
The burned area is at least a mile and a half long and at points a quarter of a mile wide. It was swept clean by the flames. Nothing was saved. One of the first of the more pretentious buildings attacked was the brick Star and Crescent Hotel. Inmates had been warned of the oncoming flames and all escaped without injury. The flames' roar gave warning of their coming. Hundreds of persons, giving no heed to their night attire, rushed from their homes as they heard the roar of the fire.

Women, carrying babes: women at whose skirts small children clung, gathered in homes of nearby neighbors for refuge, only to be driven out a few minutes later by the fire. Homes were quickly provided for these people in other residential sections of the city. Clothing and food was prepared by a relief committee.

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INSTITUTE IN VIENNA FOR TREATMENT WITH RADIUM
It is claimed that treatment with inhalation of radium emanation—a gas generated by radium—constitutes the best form of application of emanation therapy. This new method of treatment is intended to be applied in an institute specially adapted to the purpose and known to medical men by the name "radium" emanatorium. There has now been established in Vienna, Austria, the first institute of this kind, which is superintended by well-known physicians of Bad Gastein, noted for the radio activity of its baths. Inhalation treatment is administered in spacious rooms specially arranged for the purpose.

As the treatment consists merely in breathing in the air of the room, which is saturated with radium emanation, no inconvenience whatever is caused to the patient. It is claimed that the quality of air inhaled for two hours daily cannot fall of effect on the entire organism, in support of which claim is urged the fact that many places are resorted to by invalids merely for the quality of the air, that is climatic cure, and that the climate of a place depends on the peculiar composition of its atmosphere. Mountain air is particularly beneficial, and the "emanatorium" is intended to afford such climatic cure in a certain sense by the creation of an artificial climate.

As stated climate has a certain stated effect, and thus the radium emanatorium has its stated indications. It is supposed to comprise the radioactive thermal influence of Gastein and is hence particularly indicated in chronic muscular and inflammatory rheumatism, neuritis, neuralgia, conditions during convalescence, and is said to be particularly conducive in promoting sleep.

HOSTELY FOR DOGS
When one goes to call upon Daniel P. Ritchey, proprietor of the Hotel Gregorian, it is about an even chance whether he will be in his office or up on the roof playing with his pedigree dogs. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey expect to show in various classes of the Westminster Kennel Club bench show to be held in Madison Square Garden, and they have if dogs of all kinds and ages, including Maltese pointers, toy bulldogs, Pekinese dogs and ruby spaniels.

Mr. Ritchey keeps 10 of his pets in the hotel at a time, he built a kennel on the roof, and it is now also used for dogs of persons who stop in

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Fifth Annual Exhibition Now Open
From 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Art Museum, Public Library Bldg., College and St. George Sts.
Actor Ruff Dead.
GALT, Feb. 21.—Word was received here of the death yesterday at Newcastle, Pa., of Fred A. Ruff, a Galt boy, who made good on the stage.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS — IN THE
Matter of the Estate of Louis Deson, late of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Married Woman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the late Louis Deson, who died on or about the twenty-third day of December, 1911, are required on or before the tenth day of March, 1912, to send by post prepaid, to the undersigned, their claims, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly verified.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have received notice, and the said executors will not be liable for the said assets of any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated this seventh day of February, 1912.

COATSWORTH, RICHARDSON & COATSWORTH,
Solicitors for the National Trust Company, Limited, Executors of the Estate of the late Louis Deson. edit

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
of **Chris Tomes, Late of the City of Toronto, Deceased.**

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late Chris Tomes, who died on or about the 22nd June, 1911, at Toronto, are required by post, prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, administrators of his estate, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims.

And take notice that after the 1st of March, 1912, the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have received notice, and the said executors will not be liable for the said assets of any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Toronto this 15th February, 1912.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. — IN THE
Matter of the Estate of Cecil H. Elliott, late of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Real Estate Broker, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Cecil H. Elliott, who died on or about the 31st day of August, 1911, in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, one of the executors under the will of the said Cecil H. Elliott, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the 15th day of March, 1912, the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have received notice, and the said executors will not be liable for the said assets of any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

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NO MOURNING FOR AVIATOR.
LONDON, Feb. 21.—In accordance with a wish expressed in a letter to a friend, the funeral of Graham Gilmour, the aviator, who was killed in a fall last week, was held today without any evidence of mourning. The casket was taken to the cemetery in a motor car, and white flowers were barred.

Prof. Alexander's Lectures.
When Professor Alexander, the noted New York phonologist, gives his initial lecture next Friday evening at Guild Hall, he will undoubtedly face one of the largest audiences ever gathered there.

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