

# Fire in Weller's Furniture Factory Empire of Sheba in South Arabia

### Flames Broke Out in Wooden Part of Establishment Doing Damage.

### Valuable Machinery on Ground Floor Escaped Without Much Injury.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Damage to the extent probably of \$2,000 or \$3,000 was done by fire last night in the wooden portion of Weller Brothers' furniture factory, Humboldt street. On the ground floor in this building is situated the boiler and a large quantity of reliable machinery, and the second floor was occupied with a large quantity of furniture. The damage done by the fire to the machinery is practically unimportant, as the fire, although starting in the wooden portion of the building, was confined to the upper story where it cleared away nearly everything in sight and destroyed a large portion of the roof and walls.

It is believed that the fire had been smouldering for some time and when it burst into flames had acquired a considerable head. Much of the stuff in the building was of a highly inflammable character and in the course of a strong wind blowing the result might have been very serious. As it was, when the fire broke out, it was confined to the upper story where it cleared away nearly everything in sight and destroyed a large portion of the roof and walls.

Mr. Weller said that the fire had not been detected. The cause of the fire had not been determined. The fire attracted a big crowd of citizens and made for a time quite a brilliant display as viewed from the causeway.

### BRITANNIA MINES.

### Copper Syndicate Now Seeking to Increase Its Capital.

Notice of an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Britannia Copper Syndicate on Tuesday next has just been received. The meeting is called for the purpose of increasing the capital of the syndicate from \$250,000 to \$500,000, largely in order to enable the work of development now proceeding to be carried to a successful conclusion.

### British Vessels in Collision

### Crown of Germany and Blythwood Clash Together at Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The British ship *Crown of Germany* and the Blythwood, a German vessel, collided in the harbor here at 6 o'clock to-day, causing considerable damage to both vessels.

### SEASONS SEALING ESTIMATES.

Yesterday the Victoria Sealing Company gave to the press the details available up to date for the sealing business.

### WEST COAST IRON ORES.

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TEMPLE OF ISIS AT PHILOE. The temple was built by the Ptolemies and dedicated to Isis. It is one of the best preserved of the ancient Egyptian temples. The drawings show the temple's facade with its papyrus columns and the hieroglyphs that cover its walls.

By degree the historical truth of the Bible narrative is being confirmed by the archaeological discoveries of the East. The temple at Philae is a fine example of the architecture of the Ptolemies. It is situated on an island in the Nile, and is one of the most beautiful of the ancient Egyptian temples.

Other articles of prehistoric character found by Mr. Hall were soapstone bowls, a large number of passages, and a large number of small objects. The temple is a fine example of the architecture of the Ptolemies.

After spending some weeks here, during which she was thoroughly overhauled, the Victoria Machinery Depot decided to make them a year. It was found that the machinery was in such a state of repair that it was necessary to make them a year.

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### Shearwater In With New Crew

### Commander Kirwan Taken Ill on Journey—Lieut. Hodgson in Charge.

### Had a Fine Voyage Across the Atlantic—Incidents of the Trip.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

H. M. S. Shearwater arrived at Esquimaux on Saturday last, after a night with her new officers and crew, who arrived at Vancouver from England yesterday evening. The new ship's company number 100 officers, artificers, blackjacks, marines and stokers, under the command of Lieutenant E. Mallard Kirwan, R.N., were met by the commanding officer, Lieutenant E. Mallard Kirwan, R.N., who had been in charge of the ship during the voyage.

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### Michigan Lumbermen Purchase Limits and Propose to Erect Mill.

### Probably That the New Concern Will Operate Own Line of Carriers.

### "Are You a Mason" a Question That Agitated Police Court.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 14.—Daniel P. Allard represents the Michigan interests that have bought up the timber of the Toke line which is about 100 miles of thickly timbered country. Twenty-five miles of this timber was held up for sale by Messrs. Martin and Shannon.

In August last Mr. Allard appeared in Vancouver, B. C., and was taken to the limits. A steam launch made the trip to the mill site at Toke river to the very center of the limits.

On October 25th the transfer was advertised and the moment the government announced the license granted in the name of the Michigan interests, the purchase was deposited in the bank. The Michigan interests have now purchased the timber and will operate their own line of carriers.

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