

## MANY CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

### Rochester the Scene of Another Horror This Morning, When Orphans' Asylum Was Destroyed.

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### A Number of Those Rescued Will Probably Die From Their Injuries—Explosion Followed Outbreak of Fire.

(Associated Press.)  
Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Not since the great lantern works fire of 1888, in which many persons met their deaths and many more were injured, has such a awful catastrophe visited Rochester as the fire at the Rochester Orphan Asylum, a three story structure on the corner of Hubbel park and Exchange streets, early this morning. Of the 165 to 185 inmates, between 20 and 30 lives were lost and many more of the children and women taken from the building will die from the terrible burns and injuries received.

It was but a few minutes after one o'clock this morning when a nurse in the hospital, Miss Cline, smelled smoke. She immediately notified another nurse and the latter reported the matter to the matron, Miss Dienhart. The smoke was speedily located in the boiler room and word was sent to police headquarters. All the fire apparatus was rushed to the burning building, but before the first engine arrived the neighbors for blocks around had arrived and were doing their best to rescue the inmates.

Shortly after the fire was located in the boiler room, a terrific explosion took place near the west end of the connected wing, completely blowing out the lower part, thereby cutting off the escape of the children in the east end of the building. It was later ascertained that the cause of the explosion was that the boiler had blown up, from what cause is likely to remain a mystery.

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## CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

Charles Marcell, M.P.-elect, Will Second Adoption of Speech From the Throne.

(Associated Press.)  
Montreal, Jan. 8.—Chas. Marcell, M.P.-elect, Bonaventure county, and a well-known journalist of this city, will second the adoption of the speech from the throne at the opening of the House of Commons. It is understood G. S. Hymar, M.P.-elect, London, Ont., will move its adoption.

Woodstock, Jan. 8.—Woodstock ratepayers, by a majority of 482, have declared themselves in favor of incorporating the town as a city.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The Ontario government has granted the use of the legislative building to the ladies of Toronto for entertaining the recurring members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

In view of the apparent popularity of O. A. Howland, who was yesterday elected mayor of this city, the Globe this morning half seriously suggests him as leader of the Conservative party in the House of Commons.

Conveyed returns give O. A. Howland a majority of 4,230 over Spence in the mayoralty contest yesterday.

Halifax, Jan. 8.—At 1.30 there was no sign of the Roslyn Castle from South Africa.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—A bulletin by the inland revenue department contains the analysis of 156 samples of baking powders bought of dealers and manufacturers in the Dominion. Out of this number eighty-five per cent. are alum mixtures.

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## Chinese Lost Heavily

### Germans Routed a Large Force of Natives Northeast of the Capital.

### Village Captured at Point of the Bayonet After Severe Fighting.

(Associated Press.)  
Pekin, Jan. 7.—Von Roque, a nephew of Count von Waldersee, rode seventy miles yesterday, bringing the news of a battle between the Chinese and the German troops to the northeast of Peking. Three companies of infantry and one troop of Uhlans met 2,000 Chinese. An engagement ensued in which 200 Chinese were killed and 300 wounded. Three German soldiers were killed and one officer and several men were wounded. The remainder of the Chinese fled.

A German expedition in the northern district encountered at Sze Hai Kong, twenty miles northwest of the junction of the great wall, three thousand Chinese. The Germans retired towards Lui Fu, where they were reinforced. The country is exceedingly mountainous and the village is in an enclosed valley with a walled entrance. The Germans advanced to attack the wall, whereon the Chinese had mounted ten cannon, including four old Krupps. A mountain battery bombarded the place for an hour and the position was then taken at the point of the bayonet. Three hours' further fighting occurred before the enemy were driven out of the valley. The Chinese loss is estimated at 300, and the Germans lost one killed and four wounded. The Germans, after destroying all the dwellings, retired to Yon Kong.

The objections of the southern viceroys are precisely the same, as those which the court originally telegraphed to Prince Ching and concerning which, on the representations of Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, the court eventually agreed to endeavor to make better terms after the signing of the note.

The court doubtless was influenced by the protest from the south, because it was generally felt that the dynasty had less influence there than in the north. Chang Tung has strongly urged the court not to return to Peking but to establish a capital in the Yangtze valley. He says that the south will strengthen the south towards the Chinese cause; also that the signing of the agreement as it exists at the present would be a most serious menace to the dynasty as the state of the country is doubtful.

The note will be signed if China is very sincere in carrying out the provisions of the agreement.

Li Hung Chang is invisible to the public. His attendants claim that he is suffering from a serious relapse, though many persons think his relapse is made a convenience so that the signing of the note can be delayed until the court can be heard from again.

Opposed by Empress Dowager.  
Washington, Jan. 8.—Minister Conger cables the state department that there is ground for the belief that the Empress Dowager is opposing the acceptance by China, of the demands of the powers.

United States Proposal.  
Washington, Jan. 8.—The United States has proposed that the question of indemnity and of framing new commercial treaties with China shall be considered by an international commission either at Washington or at the capital of one of the other powers concerned, thus removing these two phases of the negotiations from Peking.

London, Jan. 7.—A Sister of Charity, writing from the Maison de Jean Eufant at Ning Po, November 26th, describes the massacre at Nankin of 100 little boys. Some of them, she says, were roasted alive in the church. Others, led by a brother, escaped to the orphanage outside the city, but all were killed and the place was burned. "Deaths of torture and the frequency of most painful deaths," declares the Sister, "apostasy was wonderfully rare."

"The United States government has opposed the powers," says the Washington correspondent of the Daily Mail, "to transfer the Chinese negotiations from Peking to Washington."

The British foreign office considers the reported agreement between Russia and China regarding the Manchurian province of Feng Tien as probably referring to a military measure of a temporary nature, and that nothing in the possession of the foreign office to show that any such agreement has the sanction of Russia and China.

Commercial Treaty.  
Shanghai, Jan. 7.—Sir Ernest Satow, British minister to China, has proposed to the other foreign envoys the draft of a commercial treaty which China based upon the following conditions: First—Freedom for all consular vessels. Second—Freedom for all vessels

## Lawyers in Parliament

### Sir Wilfrid Laurier Regrets So Few Find Their Way to Ottawa.

(Associated Press.)  
Toronto, Jan. 9.—The annual bar dinner given by the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society here last night was the most successful event of the kind ever held in this city. It was attended by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick and other leading legal authorities of Ontario. Responding to the toast, "Dominion and Provincial Parliaments," Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick paid a tribute to the high standing and noble character of the judges of the Dominion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier responded to the toast, "Canada and Empire," and referred to the important position the legal profession occupied in public life, and regretted so few of that profession found their way to parliament, reminding his hearers that the best place to work for Canada and the Empire was in parliament. Sir John Boyd, in the course of a speech, advocated teaching the Bible in public schools.

The Canadian Canner's Association is holding meetings here to-day and to-morrow. Representatives are present from all over the Dominion.

The executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association want the Dominion government to appoint a trade commissioner in London, and will probably memorialize them at the coming session of parliament.

At a meeting of the Ontario cabinet yesterday afternoon, 1,400,000 acres of land surrounding Lake Temagami and Lake Evelyn in northern Ontario were set apart as a forest reserve.

After deliberations extending over a day, the grand jury this morning returned a true bill against Jos. Hazelton, druggist, on the charge of the murder of Mrs. Margaret Milne, by performing a criminal operation. Hazelton was placed on trial and pleaded not guilty. The trial has been fixed for Monday next.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—A. A. Young, auditor, Ottawa-Hull fire relief committee, has reported to G. H. Perley, chairman. The report shows that the total amount of cash subscriptions entered in the subscription book kept at the Bank of Ottawa was \$952,182.40. The interest credited by the bank was \$4,780.57, so that the total fund to be disbursed was \$956,962.97. The expenses of the fund, including office salaries and wages of employees engaged in the distribution of food and clothing at the drill shed and Rideau rink was \$14,986.31. The remainder of the fund—\$941,976.66—has been expended for the relief of sufferers.

Hamilton, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Jno. Higginson, Dundas, widow, and mother of corporal Jos. Higginson, who is on board the Roslyn Castle, which reached Halifax last evening, died on Monday evening, as a result of a shock received about a week ago by an idle story going the rounds that her son was dead.

Quebec, Jan. 9.—An incorrigible boy attending St. Joseph de Levis Academy here yesterday attempted to set fire and burn down the institution. He was sent to the reformatory.

Dartmouth, N.S., Jan. 9.—J. S. Leadley, postmaster of this place, died this morning, aged 64.

Aulay Morrison, M. P.-elect, New Westminster, has been made a Q.C.

Explosion in Mine.  
Superintendent A. Fauds and His Fifteen Year Old Son Seriously Injured This Morning.

Nanaimo, Jan. 9.—Alex. Fauds, superintendent of Alexandria mines, South Wellington, with his fifteen-year-old son, were seriously, perhaps fatally, burned by an explosion of gas in the mine at 10 o'clock this morning. (The two went down inspect, carrying an ordinary lantern. Fire-damp, which had been collecting in the mine for a fortnight, ignited, inflicting terrible burns about Fauds's face, hands and body, also shockingly burning young Fauds. Both were immediately conveyed home, and attended by the mine physician, Dr. Walkem. It is doubtful if they will survive the injuries received.)

CLOSING PORTS.  
Action of Military Government of Philippines to Prevent Communication Between Insurgents.

Manila, Jan. 9.—The military government is considering the question of closing certain ports in the Southern islands in order to prevent more effectually communication between the insurgents. The port of Ubay, on Dohol island, has already been ordered closed as the garrison has been withdrawn.

The act for the organization of the metropolis police of Manila has been passed by the Philippine commission. The force will consist of three companies selected from the volunteer soldiery.

In the opinion of the foreign office, there is likely to be a great deal more discussion before the Chinese Imperial personages finally agree to the penalties insisted upon by the powers.

## Storm in California

### Seventy-two Inches of Snow Has Fallen at Eureka Since Yesterday.

### Railway Traffic Interrupted and Excursionists Are Unable to Leave San Francisco.

(Associated Press.)  
Eureka, Cal., Jan. 4.—Snow to the depth of 72 inches has fallen since Thursday evening, and the storm has not ceased. Buildings have collapsed under the tremendous weight. South-bound trains, engines and snow plows are snowed in at different points in the country on the line of railroad.

The Fort Jones and Etna stage has been out since yesterday morning trying to cover a distance of 18 miles. It is feared that the passengers and drivers are helpless in Prescott valley mountains.

Two hundred and twenty-five excursionists from this county and as many from Southern Oregon and other points are in San Francisco unable to return on account of the blockade.

Gale on Coast.  
San Francisco, Jan. 4.—From reports received here the gale which struck this city last night seems to be raging not only on the southern coast but all along the lines from Santa Cruz to Cape Flattery.

The waves are rolling mountains high at Fort Ross. Old-timers report by telephone that it is the worst storm ever known in that locality.

The bay on the Oakland side was so rough that the ferry steamer Newark was withdrawn from service, and the freight boat Mount Eden turned back to port. Craft on the water front had numerous narrow escapes.

At the Cliff house the wind blew at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and the waves broke over the roadway. A number of windows in the Cliff house were broken, and the entire structure seemed threatened with collapse. Trees and advertising fences were torn down by the wind and several pedestrians were injured. One young woman was rendered unconscious by being blown against trees and telephone poles.

Train Hurlled From Rails.  
Reno, Nev., Jan. 4.—Much damage was done here and in this vicinity by last night's terrific wind storm. A south-bound passenger train on the Nevada, California & Oregon railway was struck by the gale and was hurled from the rails. Four passengers and three trainmen were hurt.

R. W. Perry's livery stable, a three-story brick building, and one of the largest in town, was demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Perry and their three children were buried in the debris, but almost miraculously escaped serious injury.

CREW SAVED.  
Men From Wrecked Steamer Iyden Suffered Severely.

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 2.—The British steamer Iyden, Capt. Mineburn, from Hantsburg, December 13th, for Wilmington, N. C., went ashore during a snow storm last night at La Manche and is likely to become a total loss. The crew were saved, but they met with frightful experience in the open boats. No details of the disaster have yet been learned.

TEN GERMANS KILLED.  
Cartridge Exploded During the Firing of a Salute.

Ten Tein, Jan. 2.—Ten Germans were killed and nine wounded at Lei Wang yesterday, through the firing of a salute with a defective cartridge.

NO SETTLEMENT.  
London, Jan. 4.—The stories in the Paris newspapers to the effect that the Newfoundland shore dispute has been settled by the exchange of Gambia for French interests in Newfoundland are quite unfounded. Beyond conversations expressive of a mutual desire for a settlement, nothing has occurred, and no details whatever have been discussed.

LOADING AT NANAIMO.  
(Special to the Times.)  
Nanaimo, Jan. 4.—Stamer Tullis, of Dunsmuir's Ladsyminth-San Francisco line, is here loading coal for California. A large number of the recently imported Scotch coal miners, lately working at Etna mines, quit yesterday and went in a body to Seattle to seek employment.

CHARGE AGAINST NURSES.  
New York, Jan. 8.—The grand jury reported to-day to Judge Cowing, handing up indictments against Clinton Marshall, J. R. Dean and Eugene Davis, Bellevue hospital nurses, manslaughter in the first degree in the killing of Louis Hilliard, a patient in the alcoholic ward of the hospital.

BURIED IN THE SNOW.  
Ten Thousand Laborers Sent to Clear the Tracks.  
(Associated Press.)  
Odessa, Jan. 7.—Dozens of trains are snowed up in the Southern railways, and some are completely buried. Ten thousand laborers have been dispatched to clear the tracks. Several Russian steamers are missing. Sebastopol is full of vessels which have taken shelter in the harbor from the gales.

The snowfall in the last three days has been so heavy that no mails have arrived here.