

N FACES CABINET CRISIS

NG DISTRUST OF SAIONJI MINISTRY of Increasing Expendi- and Limiting Emigra- on Not Approved.

Jan. 14.—The resignation of a cabinet was narrowly avert- ed, Marquis Saionji, tend- ing to receive it, while the resignation of Yoshio Sa- ni, minister of finance, and of Yamagata, minister of com- merce, were accepted.

Matsura, minister of justice, and the portfolio of finance, who are minister of interior will take the cabinet without new and removes the disputans as been the disturbing factors time past.

Information about the resigna- tion of Saionji as minister of finance, announced by the Daily Press on Jan. 11th, was evi- dently, and the official denial the following day, while the resignation to tide over a period which there was a possibility of in- creasing the cabinet.

It will be remembered that Professor Carpenter was employed as an irrigation expert, to assist the government in developing an improved scheme with reference to the administration of irrigating water powers.

NEW MARRIAGE LAWS. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 13.—Cardinal Gibbons said to-day that the new laws relating to marriage in the Catholic church, which have recently been issued by the Holy See, will not change in any important particular the exist- ing laws in the church in this country.

HAWAIIAN FORTIFICATIONS. Honolulu, Jan. 13.—The award of bids for material for the fortification of Pearl Harbor has been held up for the reason that it is believed the lowest bidder is a dummy for some Japanese contractor.

COMPLIMENTS GIVEN AT COUNCIL BOARD Last Night's Meeting of Mayor and Aldermen Resulted in Little Business.

The meeting of the city council last night was more in the nature of a vaudeville than anything else. It afforded the aldermen opportunity, which they took advantage of, to clear their desks of accumulations of old papers, and leave them clean to their successors.

A MILLION FOR ROYAL MINT of Nearly \$300,000 Al- ly Expended on Canada's New Establishment.

Jan. 14.—According to a re- port brought down in the House of Commons yesterday the total cost of a royal mint up to November 30th 1906, the site cost \$21,150; the proper \$288,838, and the equip- ment \$4,267. It is estimated that a sum of \$4,000 will be required to complete the establishment, making a total of \$300,000.

NO IRRIGATION REPORT IS IN

PROF. CARPENTER HAS NOT FORWARDED ONE Government Has Not Received From Expert Result of His Investigations.

So far as can be gathered from government sources there will not be anything specially remarkable in the programme to be submitted to the approaching session of parliament. There seems to be some doubt whether the legislation affecting the question of irrigation, which the government had in mind when it started its investigations, with the assistance of Professor Carpenter, will be brought down.

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ODD FELLOWS' BANQUET.

Successful Function Held Last Night in Hall on Douglas Street.

A banquet was given by the Odd Fellows in their hall on Douglas street last evening, and it was one of the most successful functions ever attempted by the order. The attendance exceeded anticipations, but accommodation was short made for the stimulus.

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Shocking Holocaust at Boyertown, Pa.—Hundreds Hemmed in by Seething Flames—Women and Children Were Trampled to Death.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 13.—A catastrophe, terrifying in its details and sickening in its results, to-night swept one hundred and fifty souls of this borough into eternity in almost the twinkling of an eye, and injured nearly seventy-five, many of them fatally. A majority of the killed are leading members of the families of the town.

While "The Scottish Reformation" was being produced in the Rhodes Opera House by Mrs. Munroe, of Washington, a tank used in a moving-picture scene exploded. Immediately there was a wild rush for the exits of the building. Men of mature years endeavored to still the panic, but their voices could not be heard above the shrieks and screams of the terrified women and children, who composed the greater part of the audience.

Some of them were so badly injured that they died before reaching a temporary hospital. Skulls were crushed, and the faces of some of the victims were so horribly mutilated that they were barely recognizable. In one instance the skull of a child was crushed almost to a pulp.

In several cases, it is said, whole families have been wiped out. Charnel House. Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—When daylight dawned to-day the full extent of last night's horror, when the Rhodes opera house was burned, was apparent. The list of dead is placed at 150, and the injured at 75.

While he was operating the machine there was a flash and a loud report, and the people sitting in the rear of the opera house near the machine rose in fright and rushed toward the stage. Their action caused a panic in the audience, and many of the people, thinking the building was on fire, also rushed toward the stage. The young people who were taking part in the play motioned to them to go back and resume their seats, but the frightened spectators attempted to climb up on the stage to escape the fierce spluttering of the moving picture machine.

One of the young men on the stage, more excited than the others, made a motion as if to repel the audience, and in his excitement he overturned one of the coal oil lamps that were used as foot lights for the stage. It fell with a crash into the auditorium and exploded.

In an instant the stage front was ablaze and the frightened people surged toward the rear again. The youthful actors fled clothed in their stage garments. The crowd in the front of the auditorium fled to the rear as the flames from the stage edged toward them and they were met by a crowd from the rear, frantic to escape from the building.

They became panic-stricken, and strong men beat down women and children. The flames spread rapidly and many in the audience were caught and overcome before they could reach the fire escapes.

Even the men seemed to lose all control of themselves and fought with the women and children in their efforts to reach the street. In this manner many women and children who might otherwise have escaped the flames were forced back and trampled to death. Particularly was this the case with those who were caught on the stairway.

Pandemonium reigned and in the mad scramble for the exits the weaker ones were brushed aside and in many instances killed. Scores of persons on the second floor seeing the awful jam on the stairs risked their lives by jumping from the windows. Several of those were so badly injured that they died.

Boyertown is a village of about 2,500 population, and there is scarcely a home in the little town that has not been afflicted by last night's fire. Survivor's Story. Reuben W. Stover, one of those who escaped the flames, said to-day: "When the explosion occurred there were at least thirty boys and girls on the stage, while many more were behind the scenes. Without warning, there was a terrific explosion, which seemed to shake the entire building. Immediately there was a wild rush for the exits. The people on the stage jumped over the footlights into the audience. Everybody seemed to have lost control of themselves.

"The flames first consumed the filmy scenery and then swept toward the crowd like a great wave, the suffocating smoke driving men, women and children in its path. The flames did the rest. "Once the crowd began to fight its way toward the doors no power on earth could have saved all the lives, but I believe that if the men had not lost control of themselves the loss of life would have been very small."

The fire was not brought under control until early this morning, after assistance had arrived from Reading and Pottsville. Physicians and nurses from Reading aided materially in alleviating the sufferings of the injured. Early to-day about fifty members of the state constabulary arrived from Reading on a special train.

The work of removing the bodies from the debris will be unusually tedious and hazardous. When the crush was at its height the floor gave way, precipitating many persons to the basement and the bodies of these are buried beneath the charred timbers and tons of bricks from the ruined walls.

In addition to the opera house, the Farmers' National Bank, Rahm's hardware store, and the dwellings of Geo. Rahm, Harry Pennypacker and Alfred Reashard were burned. The monetary loss will amount to about \$75,000.

field, a was shot early this mo- by an officer. Brownfield was stricken district fo- walking towards th- when he made a break dashed along an alley v. in pursuit. The policeman ed a gun and brought down at the first shot. The bullet h- through his right shoulder. He cover.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—W. J. Week, a prominent labor man, and secretary of the cigarmakers' union, was shot and robbed last night while sitting in his home. He was alone in the house, and his wife returned to find him sitting at the table with his hat on and a bullet through his head from the rear. All the doors were locked, as they had been left when the family went out. His money had been taken from his pocket. The crime is considered mysterious by the police.

PROBING CALGARY POLICE METHODS Civic Investigation Concluded Without Any Startling Evidence Being Adduced.

Calgary, Alb., Jan. 14.—The civic investigation was concluded last night without startling evidence being brought in and Judge Stuart will hand in his report with the full evidence to the city council in the course of a few weeks' time. Mr. Tucker, the star witness for the prosecution, who claimed that the police arrested parties for stealing from him and then dropped the prosecution, was confronted by the man who stole the goods, who had to admit that he had accepted ten dollars from him not to prosecute. This removed the charge entirely from the police, especially as it was brought out in the evidence that members of the citizens' league who were prosecuting the chief of police, knew previous to the trial that Tucker had taken hush money.

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Paris, Jan. 14.—M. Groull, the owner of one of the finest art collections in the world, died last night. The pictures in his gallery, which are valued at \$4,000,000, include masterpieces by Turner, Constable and Gainsborough, and almost priceless examples of the French painters of the 18th century, such as Watteau.

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