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A BOSTON FIRE

Sixteen Men Badly Burned by Hot Air Explosion.

They Were All Firemen and Suffered Considerably Before Being Rescued.

Names of Those Who Suffered from Bruises in the Explosion.

BOSTON, Aug. 25.—During a fire in the M. A. Kent & Co. glove factory sixteen firemen were badly burned by a hot air explosion. It is thought all will recover from their wounds, although two, Second Assistant Mullen and Simon Waggett, were fearfully burned about the head and chest.

Other firemen. The latter hastily slid to the street leaving the other four huddled at the end of the escape with the flames pouring upward within a few feet of them, and the ladder, their only means of escape, rapidly being consumed. Fortunately a stream of water was turned on just in time to save the ladder, and several more streams soon drove the flames back into the building, where they were shortly finally extinguished.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS. Carleton—William N. Hand, M. D., to be chairman of the local board of health for the town of Woodstock.

THE SPANISH WAR.

Shafter's Army Will Sail from Cuba

The Correspondence Between Admiral Sampson and Captain Taylor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The fact of Shafter's army will sail from Cuba tomorrow. The following despatch was received late this afternoon:

SANTIAGO, via Havai, Aug. 25, 1898, 3.30 p. m. Adjutant General U. S. A., Washington.

"Command all embarked this morning except 24th United States Infantry detachment of recruits for First Illinois Volunteers and part of the Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers, all of which will embark tomorrow morning on transports now here. Gen. Bull is with the First Illinois on board the company of the First Illinois, and private horses, leaves today. The Saratoga, with Lieut. Col. Freeman, and the company of the First Illinois, arrived this morning. 300 more expected on the Kulekrocker in two or three days."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Admiral Sampson has forwarded to the navy department the following letters, which have passed between himself and Captain Taylor of the battleship Indiana:

U. S. S. Indiana. GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba, Aug. 6. Admiral.—The report of Commodore Schley on the battle of July 3, as published, gives credit in the official report to four ships and mentions by name their captains, Philip, Evans, Clark and Cooke, and adds: "The dense smoke of the combat shut out from my view the Indiana, and I was unable to get closer to your flagship, so do not take part in the conflict was under your immediate observation."

2. In your report, as published, you make no slight mention of the Indiana, stating that the Iowa and Indiana, having done good work, and not having the speed of the other ships, were directed by me, etc.

3. The result of these reports is that the captains of all the vessels of the line of battle except the Indiana have received personal commendations in the official report before the department, while the two smaller vessels had distinctive mention, either from the commander-in-chief or the second in command.

4. If the official record should be referred to in future, it will appear from its general tone that the Indiana was less deserving than all of her consorts. Leaving out my personal interests in the matter, it is right that I should consider the officers and crew of the ship, and I speak for them as well as for myself when I submit to you, admiral, that the above commendation of the report will place the ship in the opinion of the department and of the country, markedly below all the other vessels of your squadron. I respectfully submit, sir, that this is an injustice to the Indiana and her officers and crew.

5. I can say, without disparaging the other vessels, that during the first hour of the battle the Indiana's gun fire contributed to the destruction of the Oquendo and the Teresa more than that of any vessel of our squadron except one, and the second in command failed to observe the Indiana during the hottest part of our hottest fight. I saw the Brooklyn quite plainly.

6. An examination of these reports with reference to the Indiana will, I believe, convince you, sir, that they do not do justice to the Indiana below all other vessels of the squadron. If it be your opinion, sir, that this is the case, and that all the vessels from the Brooklyn to the Vixen rendered service as much more valuable than the Indiana, as the published report of the commander-in-chief and the second in command taken together would indicate, then I must accept it for myself and the ship. If, on the contrary, that be not your opinion, I urge respectfully that you do not do me the injustice as may seem wise to you.

H. C. TAYLOR, Captain U. S. N., Commanding, To the Commander-in-Chief U. S. N., North Atlantic Station.

U. S. S. NEW YORK. GUANTANAMO BAY, Aug. 6. Sir—I am greatly obliged that you have called my attention to what appears to have been an injustice to your ship, officers and crew, for the part which they took in the action of July 3, and also for the very proper manner in which you have presented it. I think, however, that you will agree with me that in submitting such a report to the secretary of the navy, where so many officers are vitally interested and justly proud of their ship, it is no easy task to do so without apparently bestowing praise unjustly. It requires very careful consideration of the report from every point of view to avoid misunderstanding.

2. The position of the ships of the squadron must be carefully considered to fully appreciate what it was possible for each vessel to accomplish under the circumstances in which she was placed. Those that were to the westward of the escaping enemy were naturally better placed for stopping them, and also better placed for diverting their fire than the vessels to the eastward, which was the blockading station of the Indians.

3.—No distribution of the fleet could completely predict and provide against every variation of such a crisis, nor do I consider that any commanding officer deserved either credit or blame because the ship under his command

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

A High Handed Act on the Part of U. S. Customs Officer.

International Conference Had a Five Hours' Session at Quebec

The Dominion and Allan Lines Again Look After the Coming Year's Subsidy.

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—Archbishop Langevin said today in an interview that while in Rome he had several interviews with the sovereign pontiff on the vexed question of the Maritime schools. "The pope is exceedingly reasonable in reference to the school question," said the archbishop, "and if our authorities would only consider the attitude of his holiness they would willingly agree to concede what he asks."

OTTAWA, Aug. 23.—The members of the international conference met for the first time today in the legislative council chamber of the legislature buildings, at 12.30. There was a presentation of an address of welcome by Mayor Parant and members of the council. The answer to the address was given by the youngest Senator of the American commission, Senator Fairbanks, Lord Heresford replied on behalf of the British commissioners.

QUEBEC, Aug. 24.—The convention at this morning's session made two important changes in the constitution and by-laws. One provides for the admission of honorary members, who shall pay a fee of 25 cents a month, and shall enjoy the social privileges but not the benefits of the association. This rule is made in view of the fact that several men of great prominence who wish to join the order are too old to do so as regular members. It was also decided that in the future that the branch which has a member on the grand council shall not have any other delegate. This will mean an annual saving of \$1,000.

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Some Important Amendments Made to the Constitution.

Hon. Mr. Hackett Re-elected Grand President—Niagara Falls the Next Place of Meeting.

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NOVA SCOTIA.

A Woman With Her Neck Broken Still Alive—Fielding and Tarts.

TRURO, Aug. 25.—There has been living in Earlow's shop Tuesday a woman, with her neck possibly broken. Mrs. Paul McKay, who fell from a load of hay on August 13th, injuring her bone down between her shoulders. It is hard to ascertain for sure if her neck is really broken, but if not, it is dislocated. Mrs. McKay is now lying entirely paralyzed except her head, and is not expected to recover.

THE FORESTERS.

The Supreme Court in Session at Toronto

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—The supreme court I. O. F. began its session in the new Foresters' temple today, and representatives were present from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Norway, besides those from all parts of Canada and the United States. The corporation of the city of Toronto entertained the visitors with a moonlight excursion by steamer tonight. A band and an orchestra furnished music, and the affair was a success.

EASTPORT AND CALAIS.

EASTPORT, Me., Aug. 24.—A construction train on the Washington County road completed track laying on the Eastport branch today, and by doing this city is connected with Calais and the Canadian Pacific. The main line will be completed within a few weeks, so that Boston will be only eleven hours away, and it will obviate the necessity of crossing the Canadian border to reach there.

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