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BALTIMORE FIRE AT LAST UNDER CONTROL.

Business Section in Ashes; Loss TWO NOVA SCOTIA FATALITIES More Than \$150,000,000.

it Least 50,000 People Out of Employment--Legislature Declares Ten Legal Holidays to Enable Business Men to Straighten Out Their Affairs-- United States Soldiers On Guard in the Stricken City-- Effective

Work of New York Firemen.

urance on contents.

\$150,000.

urers, \$150,000.

Dixon Bartlett Company, shoes, \$175,000 Friedman & Sons, clothing, and F. Schl

John E. Hurst & Co., storage, \$150,000 R. H. Sutton & Co., dry goods, \$1,500,

S. Halel & Co., boots and shoes, \$140,000

Strauss Bros., dry goods, \$250,000. A. C. Meyer & Co., patent medicine

Henry Oppenheimer & Co., clothing, and VanSant, Jacobs & Co., shirts, 175,000. Michael Ambach & Sons, clothing, \$250,-

Woodward, Baldwin & Co., dry goods

Edward Jenkins & Sons, coach and har-

Philip F. Cohrmann & Co., laces and mbro deries, and Phillips Bros. & Co.,

Armstrong, Cator & Co., notions and

Florence W. MacCarthy Co., notions and

The burned area is a scene of complete

nants of walls remaining. The Baltimore American building, one of the finest, is

of the front and side walls. Across Sout

building, only the pillars that marked the front remain. Entire blocks just below

there are wiped out without in some cases even a wall left standing. From Fayetto

street down Holliday street as far as Ger

what were adjoining structures, was gut-ted. In that and many other wrecked

grim tower in the ruins stands the walls of the fifteen storied continental Trust

Company building. The walls of the Bal-timore & Ohio building are also standing, but the Pennsylvania Railway building,

directly across Calvert street is razed.
Only the walls remain of the once stately.
Equitable Building. At Baltimore and
Holliday streets, only remnants of one
wall are left after what was the National

Hotel. At Holliday and Fayette streets, no buildings are left standing as far as the

eye can see down Baltimore street from this point. All along South Gay street is

T. U. building. Adjoining this is the building occupied by the Iron Ship Com-

building is a complete loss. The building used by the German consulate, on this

pany and by the British Consulate, v

Thalheimer Bros., clothing, \$150,000. Fisher Bros., liquors, wholesale, and Silberman & Todes, notions, dry goods, etc.,

nillinery, \$500,000.

L. Grief & Bros., clothing, \$150,000.

on, Boyd & Co., notions, \$200,000.

aldin Bros., notions, \$150,000.

ess supplies, \$150,000.

Splendid Structures Gone.

dry goods, \$200,000.

8125.000.

Baltimore, Feb. 8-When darkness fell John E. Hurst, dry goods, \$1,500,000 might the people of this stricken city new the worst was over and turned meward, and at midnight the streets ere deserted, save for the police and ilitia, who guarded the burned area. To ie south a red glow marks the 140 acres devastation—seventy-five squares of roperty that yesterday represented values the extent of from \$75,000,000 to \$125,-

o,000. Not even a close approximate in be made of the loss. No guess can a made of the loss. No guess can a made of the insurance.

An expert, the city building inspector, itimates the loss in buildings alone at 50,000,000. On the other hand, it is

or less, of the final total.

pt a Life Lost. Not a single life has been lost, and not human being has been even dangerous injured. The hospital lists consist of inor burns, with the excepton of Jacob elefritz, a fireman from York (Pa.) He is a fractured leg and is badly burned, is doubtful if history holds a catastroie in which so tremendous a money loss accompanied with so slight a human crifice. There is not a dangerously interest on in the hospital lists. acres Burned

furnace at Nearly seventy-five blocks, or 140 acres wells near gone, extending from Lexington street in good the north to Pratt street on the south, for sale, but Liberty street on the south, for sale. om Liberty street on the west to Jones' Samuel T dls on the east.

Insurance companies have opened tem cary offices in the Lexington Hotel, bu SA ary offices in the Lexington Hotel, but the prepresentatives decline to estimate ge loss, the answer of one is typical of estr. "It's too big. We have not figures preserved it. Make it above \$100,000,000.

25 1 No one dares to guess what would have appened if the flames had jumped Jones alls. The struggle today has been with the one end of confining the fire to the set set of the flames had jumped Jones and the one end of confining the fire to the set set of the flames had jumped Jones are not even a wall left standing. From Farstreet down Holliday street as far as man street. That building whose the set set of the flames had jumped Jones are not street down Holliday street as far as man street. te one end of confining the fire to the man street. That building whose walls lest side of the muddy little stream. towered above the crumbling debris of

hat this effort was successful is merely ie result of the fire burning itself out, Flour tree companies, aided by the powerful fire and the foundations of the category. Had the fire gained a foothold in the Regula st side lumber yards, it is conceded othing could have stopped the onslaught and the departments would have been

owerless to prevent damage as great, if ot greater than that of the Chicago fire. Nore Than 50,000 Out of Employment. Colonel J. Frank Supples, A competent uthority of factory statistics, estimates

hat the number of persons thrown out of employment will reach 50,000. Others have estimated the enforced idleness at Inspector of Buildings Preston, after the same picture of complete destruction.

A broken sign and a tottering front wall are all that is left of the Maryland W. C. T. U. building. Adjoining this is the

Tonight it is feared that aid must come from adjacent cities or a partial famine will be an added phase of the situation. Some of the Heavy Losers.

Baltimore, Feb. 8-The following is the Military in Full Control. latest list of the largest business places destroyed, with a rough estimate of the losses where obtainable. Where several itary control. All around the burned area extrateled a cordon of soldiers who was stretched a cordon of soldiers who (Continued on page 6, fourth column.) firms are grouped the loss given is the total to the building:

David Byers of New Annan Found Dead With Log on His

Thomas Lynds of North River Dropped Dead While Calling on Neighbor-T. S. Pattillo & Co. Will Combine With Another

Lynds, of North River, called at a neighoat, and, while hanging it up, fell for

ward dead, from heart disease. over \$1,000,000 insurance.

The Daniel Miller Company, dry goods \$1,500,000; carry more than \$1,000,000 in

> and was found with a log across his neck death. He leaves a wife and five children While Bert Kent, from Lower Truro ras driving through town today his horse dropped dead in the shafts,

A telegram from Springhill announce the death there of Miss Martha Delaney ughter of the late Thos. S. Delaney, Folly Village, and a sister of the late Dr Wm. Delaney, of Halifax. T. S. Pattillo & Co., one of the largest

Pattillo has joined forces with McDougai Company, Ltd., Halifax, and incorporation is being sought as Pattillo, McDougall Company, with a capital of \$100,000. The provisional directors are: T. S. Pattillo, president; A. McDougall, Captain Herbert McDougall, A. H. Stanfield, ecretary-treasurer.

Halifax, but they will likely move to Truro, as they own a \$12,000 property here and are renting in Halifax.

CANADIAN INSURANCE COMPANIES BADLY HIT IN BALTIMORE FIRE.

devastation. Numberless buildings that were the pride of Baltimore, gutted and only smouldering debris, walls, or the rem-Western Assurance Loses \$350,000 and the British American \$210,-

Toronto, Feb. 8.—(Special)—Both the Western Assurance and British America Assurance Co.'s which have been doing a profitable business in Baltimore for many years, find themselves heavily involved by boards of directors of both companies say that they are prepared to meet all claims.

GERMANY WANTS SURTAX LIFTED.

Willing to Negotiate a Trade TARTE TAKES ISSUE Treaty With Canada Now.

CIVIL SERVICE KICK.

More Than 150 Employes Haven't Been Paid for Months Because No Provision Was Made by Last Parliament for Their Salary -- New Zealand Preference Good for the

This is owing to the surtax on German

As already shown, the surtax has had a serious effect upon German's trade with Canada, and the government of that coun try are now willing to negotiate with the eavored to get Germany to withdraw its liscriminating rates against Canada, but the government, of Emperor William would not listen with any reason to the est. The surtax has evi lently brought Germany to time.

Civil Servants Months Without Pay. It is a cold day says an eveni

transferred from the temporary to the permanent list by the civil service bill nce from one grade to another really tool place in December, and since that month they have received no pay. During the last week of December they were paid up to date, and they naturally expected that on January 15, they would receive their cheques along with the other permanent clerks. They did not, however, and on vere informed that there was no appre priation set apart for their pay, and that they would have to wait until the house met and passed the necessary amount. As the house does not meet until March 10, the new permanent clerks will be "dead broke" for a month.

The auditor refuses to pay the amounts under the legislation of last session. New Zealand Preferential Tariff. The Canadian commercial agent in Aus-

tralia, J. S. Larke, sends to the department a copy of the preferential tariff schedule of New Zealand. Under the preference, Canadian goods will be admitted without any reciprocal action on the part of Canada. One of the clauses of the new act provides for the extension of treatment by negotiation. This makes Mr. Larke suggest that the the great fire. The Western's net loss is the great fire. The Western's net loss is the great fire. The Western's net loss is This makes Mr. Large Scandian government sould open negotiations with the New Zealand government tions with the New Zealand government. (Continued on page 5, fifth column.)

RUSSIA AND JAPAN'S TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

WITH PRIME MINISTER.

He Declares That Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a Poor Business Man.

That His Montreal Speech Last Saturday on the Tariff Was Not in Accordance With the Facts, and That Protection is Essential to Everybody's Welfare,

Montreal, Feb. 8 .- (Special) -- Mr. Tarte replied to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Monueeting was attended by a large number of

that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was one of the greatest English parliamentary speakers in the word but he (Mr. Tarte) when talking business with the premier had often told him that he (Tarte) was discouraged. He had very frequently known good lawyers who were poor business men

tion to ridicule and claimed that Sir Wil-frid Laurier was away off both in his facts and conclusions regarding the premier's caim that Canada had more trade than Mr. Tarte pointed out that the prer

had dealt only with exports and had omitted altogether the international trade of the United States, which was greater than any other trade in the world, and beside which the export trade was a trifle. Mr. Tarte showed how the balance of trade had been against Canada some \$400, He declared higher protection was ex sential to the welfare and prosperity of the dominion and in the interests not only of the manufacturer but the agriculturists nd the working classes.

Mr.Tarte received a most attentive hearing and was frequently applauded. Maine Ports Blocked With Ica.

Bucksport, Me., Feb. 8-The ice cond tions on the river and bay continue worse than for thirty years. Navigation is en-tirely suspended above Belfast. The daily line steamers Merryconeag and Golden Rod are tied-up, as all of the river land-ings are blocked. Castine, Eggemoggin Reach and Eastern Penobscot Bay are en-

Pneumonia Prevalent in Sussex.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 8-Pneumonia has proprietor of the Royal Hotel, who is seriously ill. Doctor McAllister is in attendance. Mrs. T. E. Arnold is also quite ill

Mikado's Forces Land in Different Parts of Korea.

Russian Vessels Reported to Have Been Captured, But Story is Not Confirmed -- Chinese Court Preparing to Flee from Pekin--Czar Negotiating a \$200,000,000 Loan -- Powers to Land Troops in China.

London, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from foreign office here also understands will not be given.

The course taken by the United States Nagasaki dated Monday, February 8, a will fight. The Russians long ago decided oon war, and their delay was due to lack In a despatch dated Nagasaki, Saturday, Feb. 6, and which was delayed by the censors, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that Rus is del berately precpliated the crisis by secretly despatch-ing a few days ago from Port Arthur, transports loaded with a full division of The understanding at the foreign office here last night was that Baron DeRosen

cuppying Northern Korea.

"Japanese patience became exhausted and today Japan moved her ships and Two other Russian verse's were seized and escorted to Sazbo, Japan." The Daily Telegraph says the foregoing

Japanese Troops Land in Korea. Berlin, Feb. 9.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur says news has been ved there that Japanese troops have The despatch says further that the Rus-

sian warships at Port Arthur frequently put to sea, and that the inhabitants of oul are uneasily expecting the arrival of Japanese troops.

London, Feb. 9.—The Che Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that 60 Japanese transports are landing troops at various ports in Korea from Masampho and Fusan on the south to Kusan, Mokpho

and Chemu po on the west.

Seoul is to be occupied and the landing is being covered by the torpedo division. The main body of the Japanese fleet, the correspondent concludes, will said in the direction of Port Arthur.

Chinese Court Preparing to Flee. In a dispatch from Tien Tsin, a corre

pondent there of the Standard says a Russian force is reported at Kalgan (In Pechili province, 110 miles northwest of Pek n and near the great wall) and that of any steps toward peaceful interpretation. To the Associated Pres the s preparations are being made for the flight of the Chinese court and the removal of the imperial treasure as it is feared that Russia will descend upon Pekin. London, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from Tokio a correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Jiji Shimpo has received a tele-gram from Fusan, Korea, declaring that

the firing of guns was heard to the east of Koje Island (about 25 miles southwest of Fusan) at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Russia Negotiating \$200,000,000 Loan. "Ruesia is negotiating with a syndicate of French, Began and Dutch bankers," cables the Brusels correspondent of the Standard, "for a loan of \$200,000,000."

Powers to Land Troops in China. London, Feb. 9.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says that France has agreed with other powers to land troops in China directly hostilities begin, in order to insure neutrality of the middle in order to insure neutrality of the middle data of the part of the p

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Lieut. Commander Marsh, the American naval attache at Tokio, announcing the departments. of a naval division from Japanese waters for Chemulpo, Korea. United States Minister to Look After Jap-

anese Subjects in Russia. London, Feb. 8.-The British foreign of-

Reports of France's intention, with Great Britain and other powers to make a supreme effort to avert war continues confirm or deny them but, this is said to be due to M. Delcasse's insistence that all official comment be withheld for the present. However, the general trend of official opinion indicates that little or no

official opinion indicates that little or no hopes are entertained of averting war. The French authorities say the only course now open is to await Japan's first beiligerent move as this will determine whether Russia will adopt offensive or defensive tactics. All is considered to be hanging on Japan's first strategic move. A strong movement has begun to develop in the chamber of deputies to the Decase to make a decaration to the effect that France has not surrendered her liberty of action, under the existing arrangement with Russia, concerning the Far East.

The papers here publish "on high authority" the report that Japanese war-ships have captured some Russian mer-chant ships in Chinese waters. The report lacks confirmation in official circles here

No information has been received here of any steps toward peaceful intervention. To the Associated Pres the statement was again made at the Japanese legation that Japan cannot accept it whatever be i.s form and by whatever nation it may

be tendered.

The British embassay says it is ignorant of any action in the direction of mediation by its government, but it is regarded as strongly probable that views are being ex-changed by several nations in order to make stronger any such representations.

The Chinese legation intimates that it will maintain an attitude of strict neutrality and is confident that whoever is the victor Manchuria will remain Chinese in consequence of the treaties by which ports were opened to the commerce of all nations. Rumor of Russian Ships Captured.

gation and it lacks confirmation No Agreement Between Britain and United

Washington, Feb. 8 .- State department

washington, Feb. 8.—State department officials deny that any agreement has been made to the effect that the United States and Great Britain would intervene after Russia has crushed Japan and insist that Manchuria remain part of China. Ever since the Turko-Russian war it has been customary of the great neutral powers to London, Feb. 8.—The British foreign of fice does not regard the Japanese note presented Feb. 5 to the Russian foreign office by M. Kurino as establishing a state of war, though it holds it would justify a hostile act without any further notification on the part of Japan, which the

800 CHILDREN ESCAPE FROM BURNING TORONTO SCHOOL.

Everyone of Them Got Out Safely in Perfect Order Within five Minutes from the Time the Alarm Gong Sounded--Weather Very Cold--Eight Rooms Badly Gutted.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—(Special)—Shortly before noon today Principal Henry of Jesse
Ketchum school, one of the largest public
school buildings in the city, discovered
school buildings in the city buildi smoke issuing from the cellar immediately under the kindergarten room.

He hastily informed all the teachers who instructed the scholars to dress immediately and the first alarm gong then sound- in western wing of the building containing eight rooms, is completely gutted.

ed.

Within five minutes 800 scholars formed into a fire drill line and marched into the yards and were dismissed, not one being \$15,000; insured for \$9,000.



Territory Where Conflict Will Rage.

MONTREAL NEWSPAPER MEN ARRESTED FOR LIBEL. Hugh Graham of the Star, and L. J. Tarte of La Patrie,

Accused by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine of Criminal Libel--Civil Actions Against Them, Also.

Montreal, Feb. 8-(Special)-As a result the Star for \$10,000, and against La of articles published in the Star and La Patrie for \$5,000. Patrie, of Saturday, warrants were taken out today by Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, for the arrest of Hugh Graham, proprietor of the was alleged that thousands had been dis-Montreal Star, and I. J. Tarte, managing

In addition to the criminal action, Mr. Prefontaine entered a civil action against and were released on personal cognizance.

The article on account of which the action was taken appeared in La Patrie Sat urday, where there was published a fac simile of a form sent out to applicants tributed in St. James and Hochelaga divi

Messrs. Graham and Tarte both pleaded not guilty to the charges of criminal libel