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## Exhibition's Famous and in Ashes Historic "Crystal Palace" Also in Ruins

### \$225,000 DAMAGE BY FIRE AT FAIR GROUNDS LAST NIGHT SOLDIERS HELP FIGHT FLAMES

City Will Stand Two-Thirds  
of Loss—Whole Fire De-  
partment Called Upon—  
Fire Started in East End of  
Grand Stand Where Regu-  
lar Artillery Are Quartered  
—Five Stables Burned.

A tornado of fire swept the exhibition grounds last night for two hours, around midnight, and left in ruins the grand stand, the transportation building and four or five stables that lay between.

The fire started in the southeast corner of the grand stand, in what is known as Darling's Restaurant, where some officers of the garrison were quartered, with a number of horses and artillery equipment, including ammunition, all of which was rescued. The strong southeasterly wind blowing at the time, which afterwards veered to a more easterly direction, forced the flames thru the grand stand, whose inflammable wooden structure ignited with great rapidity. Vast billows of flame carried sparks and firebrands across the open spaces. Several of the stables immediately north of the back of the stand, caught fire, and were speedily roaring furnaces.

This all occurred between 10:45 and 11:30.

About midnight some sparks entered the southeast corner of the transportation building (the old main building, or Crystal Palace), thru paper around the broken panes, which gave entrance to the cinders. In five minutes the whole upper structure was alight. By this time the grand stand had burned itself to embers, and the stables were controlled.

By 12:30 the transportation building was in ruins, and further danger completely averted.

Losses and Insurance.

The insurance on the buildings was only renewed on Wednesday, for one month, pending a readjustment of the amounts. A blanket policy covers all the buildings on the grounds, but the amount is only one-third of their actual value. This was placed by Dr. Orr last night at \$100,000, the cost of the grand stand, \$100,000, the value of the transportation building, which used to stand, as the Crystal Palace, in the rear of the Queen's Hotel, and was moved in 1878 to the present site, where Lord Dufferin performed the inaugural ceremonies in that year, and about \$25,000 for the stables, four of which—Nos. 1 and 2 and 8 and 9—were utterly consumed, and No. 3 badly damaged.

Slight damages were also sustained by some other adjoining stables, straw being lighted by sparks thru open doors, but the permanent buildings were quite uninjured. Electric service poles and wires were badly damaged on the immediate scene of the conflagration, and wooden sidewalks were charred to ashes. An estimate of \$225,000 is, therefore, a conservative one, and two-thirds of this will fall directly on the city.

The partial insurance policy purchased certainly makes the city council look like 30 cents in the dollar in this matter.

In detail on the transportation building (old main building) there is \$40,000 insurance with \$13,400 on the annex (uninjured).

On the grand stand, kitchen, lunch rooms, ticket boxes, entrances and fences there is \$44,000.

There is \$1000 insurance on each of the cattle sheds.

The insurance was distributed among 86 companies, practically all in the business, on a percentage basis.

Charles McNaught, of Reed, Shaw and McNaught, who have possibly the largest liability, was early on the scene.

Had the process building been burned, there would have been an additional insurance of \$25,000 to be collected. It was placed by the Mystic Shrine to cover their use of the building Wednesday night, and was good until to-day. It covered \$21,000 on the building and \$4,000 on contents.

Story of the Fire.

Chief Thompson told The World that the first alarm came from the box at Queen and Lisgar-streets about 10:45, the flames being then so violent people in that vicinity thought they were close at hand. It was some time before he got information from Lombard-street, which was to the effect that some pig-pens were on fire, but were under control. A subsequence of the glare seemed to corroborate this, and he returned to the house, but stopping at the door saw the glare revive.

"The horse knows how I got there," he remarked of the long journey up West King-street.

There was a general alarm from box 342 (exhibition grounds) at 11:30. The telephone was also used by Operator Harry Saunders at fire headquarters to send out reinforcements. Every hose wagon in the city (excepting Kew Beach—or 16 in all—was sent, and every engine.

Soldiers Help Firemen.

The military forces, horse, foot and artillery, were specially on the ground from the Stanley Barracks. And there was just a minute between the time the military arrived and the fire department hose was going.

"The finest help I ever saw since the day God made me," was Chief Thompson's tribute to the soldier lads. "They were so many they could take hold of a hose and just run away with it, and they were fine and able and willing."

"We got two hydrants last exhibition, one at each end of the grandstand, but the heat was so great the men could not get within 50 feet of them."

"I got a 12-inch main put in a short time ago, so we had two 12-inch mains and a fine supply of water. The pressure was very good, but when you get so many hose on it it reduces it. But we got the engines on them and everything was all right."

The stables were under control at 12:05, but nothing could be done with the grandstand or the transportation building but let them burn, and keep the flames from spreading. Very fine work was done by the department among the stables, where the risk was greatest of the fire spreading.

Here, as everywhere, the military, who were in charge of Col. Hemming, Capt. Straubenzel, Lieut. Denison and Lieut. Ying, gave the most capable and orderly assistance.

Inspector Cuddy of the district was in charge of the police force, and Inspector Davis had a squad up from No. 1. A very large force of constables was on the grounds, but the crowd was good-natured and the late hour and the inclement weather thinned them out.

Mayor Coatsworth was up at the grounds early and stayed till the excitement was past. He thought the fire would raise the question of building the grand stand in another location.

Dr. Orr, who suffering from a bad cold, came up about 11, when the fire was past. He thought the fire would raise the question of building the grand stand in another location.

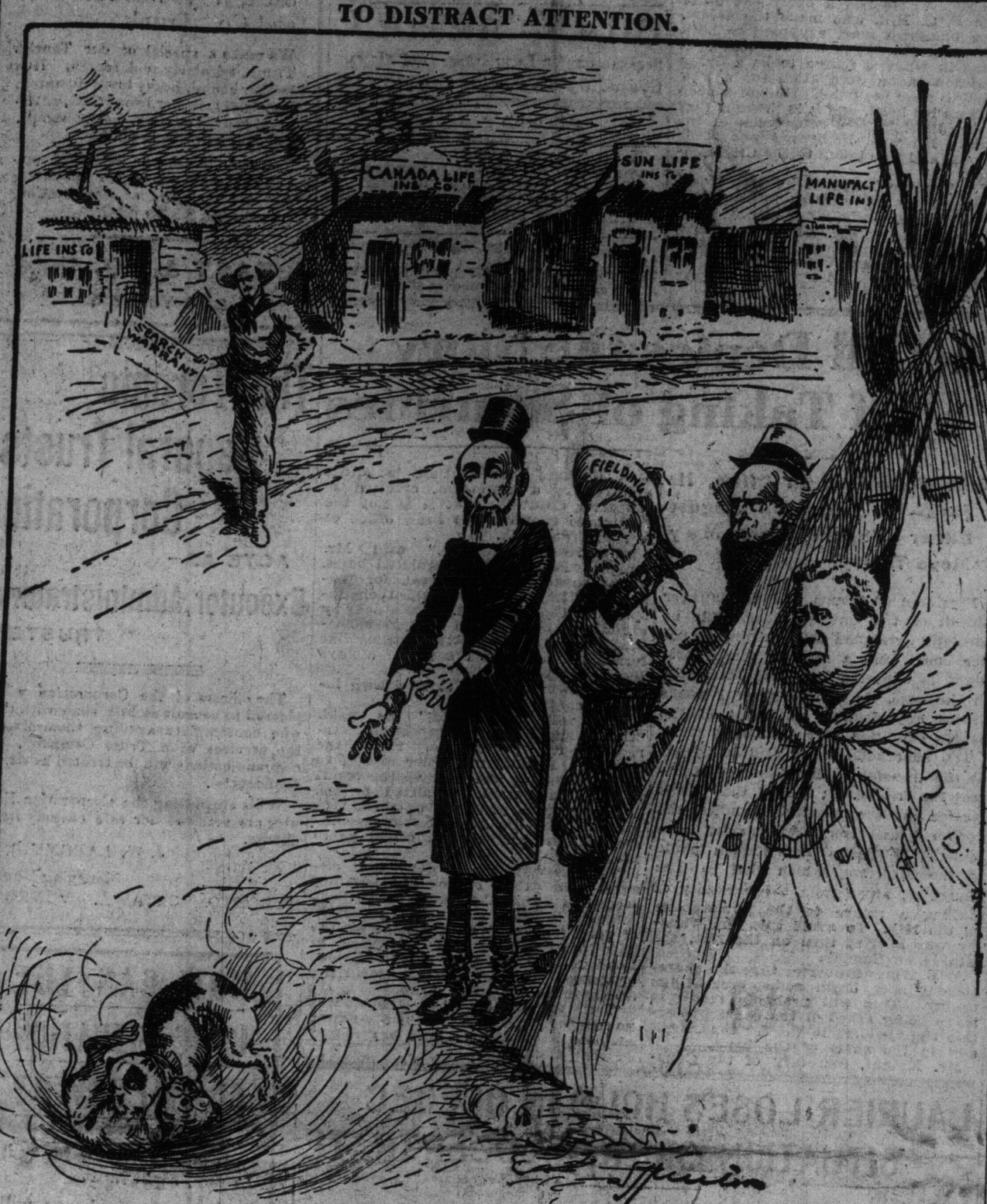
Dr. Orr took the matter as philosophically as a man can who sees his trouble, and as a result of the neglect to provide precautions which he and the exhibition directors have requested year after year.

There are \$1,500,000 worth of buildings here, nearly as valuable as the city hall, where there are watchmen tramping round all right," he said. "Here we had one old man, who could not be found to-night to turn in an alarm."

Changes All Plans.

Dr. Orr said that the fire meant an entire reconstitution of the plans for the development of the exhibition grounds. "We will need \$250,000 at once, and can be ready for next year all right."

"If it had occurred a week before the exhibition it would have ruined us."



STARTING A DOG FIGHT IN FRONT OF THE INDIAN DOCTOR'S TEEPEE.

## ITALIANS AND HEBREWS IN A RIOT JOE GUROFSKY SHOTS ASSAILANT

FINANCIALLY STRONG.

Transvaal Compared Favorably  
With Any Portion of the Empire

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, Oct. 18.—At the monthly meeting of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, the president strongly repudiated the statement of the Canadian department of trade and commerce, warning Canadian exporters to observe strict caution in credit transactions with South Africa, and declared that the financial stability of the Transvaal compared favorably with any other portion of the empire. Owing, however, to the threatened interference of labor, capital was nervous, development restricted, and purchasing limited.

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PROSPEROUS FARMER SUICIDES.

Chatham, Oct. 18.—Worried by financial trouble, L. K. Silverthorne, aged 54 years, a prosperous farmer of Raleigh, committed suicide by hanging himself to a beam in his barn. He was found by his wife and a niece.

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Warm Hall Hour on Chestnut St.

During Which Knives, Broomsticks and Revolvers Are Used  
—Started by Three Drunken Italians—One Man in Hospital and One in Cells.

For half an hour yesterday afternoon a fracas waged in "the ward," which approached the indignity of a race riot between Hebrews and Italians. As a result of it, Joseph Gurofsky is locked up in No. 2 police station for having put a bullet into the leg of Dominico Trivari, 226 Teraulay-street, an Italian who was one of a trio who started the trouble. Other casualties include some painful wounds on the head to Louis Gurofsky, a severe beating and shock to Miss Ray Gurofsky; knife wounds, bruises and shock to David Gurofsky. Then, too, all the residents within three or four blocks radius of Agnes and Chestnut-streets were put in a state of nervous excitement for several hours.

The trouble started about 3.30. It lasted about 30 minutes. The locality is two blocks away from Agnes-street police station, but while a street full of people were more or less involved in the melee, knives were flashing and revolvers flourished and used, there wasn't a policeman to interfere. Frantic telephone messages to No. 2 police station were met with the response that there was no one there to send out to the rescue.

Finally some one, to stop the row, turned in a fire alarm from the corner of Agnes and Elizabeth-streets and the arrival of the apparatus helped to change the subject.

How it started.

According to Miss Ray Gurofsky, the trouble began when three Italians, all intoxicated, came lounging along the Chestnut-street. Gurofsky, father of the others, was removing some goods from a wagon. Two of the Italians jostled the third into him. He remonstrated, asking if the street wasn't big enough for all. The fellow lunged at him and he hit back with a small whip he had in his hand. Then, it is said, the man drew a knife and slashed at Mr. Gurofsky, but failed in his attack; the knife cutting the coat, however, at the shoulder and making a slight wound.

Miss Gurofsky then bravely went to the rescue of her father and got between him and his assailants, both in the meantime retreating up the steps amid a rain of blows. They managed to get inside the house and locked the door.

In the meantime a boy had hurried down two blocks to the branch post-office and bank at Agnes and Chestnut-streets.

ANOTHER GULF STORM.

East Coast of Florida Shut Off From Communication.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 18.—A severe storm raged to-day on the east coast of Florida, but the wires went down early in the day, and it was impossible to obtain details. Just before the wires failed the operator at Miami reported an unusual high tide with water 2 feet deep in the telephone office and the low streets flooded.

At St. Augustine the tide was high in ten years, and streets along the bay front were inundated.

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DEATHS.

FORD—Suddenly, at Detroit, of pneumonia, on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, Kenneth, dearly beloved and only son of T. J. and A. L. Ford, aged 8 years and 10 months. Funeral Friday morning at 8.30, from 37 Dufferin-avenue, to the Church of the Holy Family.

MONAHAN—In this city, Oct. 17, Mrs. Margaret Monahan, mother of John and James P. Monahan.

The funeral will leave the residence of her son, 87 Gore Vale-avenue, on Saturday, the 20th inst. to St. Mary's Church, thence to Mount Hope Cemetery.

HINKLEY—On Oct. 18, 1906, John Hinkley, aged 62 years, dearly beloved husband of Ellen Hinkley.

Funeral from 60 Grant-street, Saturday, Oct. 20, to St. John's Cemetery, Norway, P.I., and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

ROUTLIFFE—At the residence of her son, C. H. Routliffe, 401 Broadview-avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, Oct. 18, 1906, Margaret, widow of the late George Routliffe of Newmarket, Ont., in her 80th year.

Funeral from above address on Saturday, the 20th, at 1 o'clock. Services at Methodist Church, Willowdale, at 3.30 o'clock.

WILLIAMS—At his late residence, 181 Front-street East, on Thursday, Oct. 18, Daniel Williams, in his 63rd year.

Funeral from the above address on Monday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Charlton Depot. Mourners, papers please copy.

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## STRATEGY OF COL. DAVIDSON PROVES TOO BEWILDERING FOR REDOUTABLE GIBSON

### ECONOMY MUST NOT CLASH WITH NAVY'S EFFICIENCY

Baron Tweedmouth Justifies Policy  
of Reasonable Economy—  
Navy Still Efficient.

Sheffield, Eng., Oct. 18.—Baron Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, delivered a speech here to-night, which, on account of recent attacks on the government for alleged cheese paring in the navy had been anticipated with considerable interest.

After a brief reference to the great success attending the battleship Dreadnought's gunnery trials, he justified the government in its policy of reasonable economy, but ridiculed the idea that the admiralty board would consent to proposals endangering the efficiency of the navy when its members knew such a course would imperil their reputations.

On the contrary, the admiralty thoroughly accepted the axiom that economy must not clash with the fighting efficiency of the fleet.

The prophets who were denouncing the reductions on the navy assumed, continued Baron Tweedmouth, that the extended programs of foreign rivals would inevitably be carried into effect. These extended programs, however, had not been realized in the past, and the policy of the British admiralty was not to make a long-drawn program, but year by year to form a program in accordance with the necessities of the year, and also in accordance with the exact amount of work carried out by foreign rivals.

Great Britain's naval strength at the present moment, the speaker concluded, was greater than any combination that could be brought against her.

POWER COMPANIES BEHIND.

General Green Sees War Secretary For Extension of Time.

Washington, Oct. 18.—General Francis V. Green called upon Secretary Taft to-day in the interest of some American corporations using for power purposes the waters of Niagara River.

These companies, according to the report made by Capt. Kutz, corps of Engineers, have failed to meet the requirements of the order respecting the consumption of water, notwithstanding that the time allowed by Secretary Taft for that purpose expired a month and a half ago.

Practically Defeated.

"I have to decide that the force under my friend Col. Gibson was practically defeated," he said.

Brigadier-General Otter made an announcement that was received by the officers present with signs of relief. He stated that tactical societies would be instituted, with branches in Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, Catharines and other sections, to study campaign tactics and military history.

Neither the cavalry nor the artillery were especially prominent in the fray, although a detachment of Dragoons, under Capt. Douglas Young, distinguished themselves at the outset by destroying, theoretically of course, a large iron bridge crossing the Credit at Brimley. The first shots were exchanged about 11:40 a.m., when the detachment had a brush with a scouting party of Body Guards at the bridge.

The troops engaged numbered close on to 400. On the "red" side the Q. O. R. had a strength of about 500; Grenadiers 375, Highlanders 400; St. Albans' Cadets 100, squadron of Body Guards 40, 4th Field Brigade 30, Royal Engineers 20. The number of the "greys" was approximately as follows: 15th Battalion 400, 38th 200, 1st 380, 19th 200, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery 60, and Field Ambulance 20.

Major-General Phin, Inspector-General of the Militia, was present.

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UNSETTLED.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong southeasterly, shifting to westerly wind; unsettled, with occasional rain; about the same temperature.

THE BAROMETER.

	Time.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	52	29.80	14	E.
11 a.m.	54	29.75	14	E.
2 p.m.	56	29.74	14	E.
4 p.m.	57	29.74	14	E.
8 p.m.	57	29.61	16	E.
10 p.m.	56	29.50	16	E.
Mean of day, 53; difference from average 8 above; highest, 57; lowest, 49.				

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