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ngs of Counsel Will Begin This ning—Much Irrevelant Evidence Copped up Tending to Prolong Hearing to Great Length.

don't care what you do, Mr. " said Judge Stuart to counsel e defense yesterday, "but this has got to finish tomorrow

Denman case will be wound up row morning and the pleadings counsel on both sides begin. have been no new develop- in the last twenty-four hours. ttitude of the judge seemed to of submission to the inevitable. nt after point was brought up rgued on the most hair- ng manner.

u can argue till midnight if you said Judge Stuart when Mr. was arguing to exclude some ce in the examination for dis- " but I won't change my

necessity for the exclusion of ant evidence in court is quite nt in this case. In spite of the at the case has been up for two months, has been fully nto by counsel on both sides, oints are cropping up, new facts to light and it requires the areful attention of the court to he case from ramifying in all ons. The court, however, has up to the lawyers and if they their time in technicalities they eir chance of pleading.

Denman was in the stand all on and will be called again row for re-examination by Mr. on a new subject that arose the day.

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MANY KILLED IN TRAIN WRECKS

SIX KILLED IN NEVADA WRECK ON THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—A DOZEN INJURED

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 25—In a head-on collision yesterday at Nevada, Ohio, between west bound passenger train No. 15 and east bound express number four on the Pennsylvania railroad six persons were killed and a dozen others injured.

The dead are: Christian C. Craig, engineer on the east bound train, Fort Wayne, Clarence C. Miller, engineer on the east bound train, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dewitte, baggageman, Fort Wayne; George H. Horton, baggageman, Fort Wayne; William A. Dowles, passenger, Chicago; Froedstein, passenger, Chicago.

It is reported here that the cause of the wreck was the fact that the engineer of the east bound train disregarded the block signals and had only run three blocks before the crash came. The west bound track on which the Pullman train was running was blocked by a freight train stalled, when a draw bar was pulled out. The Pullman train crossed over to the east bound track a short distance from a signal tower and then stopped according to signals. The express train according to general orders should have halted also. It was the duty of the signal tower man to give the signal to stop but whether or not he did so is a question which officials of the railway are now investigating.

The express train was running through a snow storm at the rate of 55 miles an hour when through the driving flakes the fireman dimly saw the light of the Pullman's locomotive directly ahead. The engineers in both locomotives blew their whistles but too late to avert the crash. The huge locomotives crumbled under the impact of the collision.

In the Pullman train the first car was a wooden frame one, while those behind were of steel structure. The wooden car buckled up into spinters and so the passengers were in their berths, it is in this where two of them were killed. Mr. Miller, one of the engineers on the east bound train was an engine student and was making a trip with Engineer Craig for experience.

It is surprising that the casualties among the passengers was not much larger, as the Pullman train was filled with home-going passengers enroute home to spend Christmas. The force of the collision broke and scattered hundreds of Christmas gift parcels with which the freight cars were loaded to the roof.

Wreck on English Road.

Kirky Stephen, England, Dec. 24—Eight passengers were killed, some of them being burned to death, and 25 others injured in the wreck of a Scotch express near Hames Junction today. The express carried five hundred persons bound for their homes in Scotland to spend Christmas. It was running at the ordinary speed when near the junction when it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed. Fire broke out in the wreckage, and the whole train with the exception of the locomotive and rear baggage car being reduced to ashes It was thought at first that only two persons had been killed and that the others had had time to escape before the flames swept through the coaches. Search of the debris, however, resulted in the discovery of charred bodies, and by the time the whole wreckage had been gone through, eight bodies hed been recovered. Most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Among the dead was a little girl who perished in the flames before the eyes of her parents, who were helpless to save her. The scene of the accident is high up in the Pennine Hills, the loftiest section traversed by railway in England. The isolation of the wreck caused some delay before physicians could reach the place.

Four Mail Clerks Killed.

Roanoke, Virginia, Dec. 24—Four mail clerks and helpers were killed and several men were injured in the wreck of passenger train number 16 of the Norfolk and Western Railway in the tunnel number 6 near Williamson at 5 p.m. yesterday. The train left Columbus, Ohio, at 8 a.m. yesterday en route for Norfolk. The cause of the wreck has not been ascertained. The locomotive and tender and the baggage and mail cars were thrown from the tracks and the mail car was badly wrecked.

The clerks were at work in the mail car in the heavy Christmas mails and had no chance of escape. Four of them were killed and one seriously injured. Engineer Robinson and his fireman, whose name is not known, were both slightly injured. Baggageman Edwards of Roanoke, sustained serious injuries and mail clerk Charles Dayison, also of Columbus, was badly hurt. The wreckage choked the tunnel and it will be some time before traffic can be resumed. None of the passengers are reported injured.

Three Trainmen Killed.

Greenville, Texas, Dec. 25—Three trainmen, Thomas A. Cox, engineer, R. E. Henderson, fireman, and B. P. Smith, brakeman, were killed when a freight train on the Missouri-Kansas and Texas Railway was derailed here today.

Earl of Ancaster Dead.

London, Dec. 25.—The Earl of Ancaster died today. William Henry Heathcote Drummond-Willoughby was born Oct. 26, 1830. The Earldom of Ancaster was created in 1892. The earl was a privy councillor and joint hereditary lord great chamberlain of England.

SETTLES PLAN OF GOVERNMENT.

Provisional Cabinet Elaborates Constitution for Portuguese Republic.

Lisbon, Dec. 23—The plan of the Government fo rthe new Portuguese republic has been elaborated by the provisional cabinet. It is based upon the parliamentary system of France, with certain modifications adopted from the United States.

The president of the republic will be chosen by parliament for a terms of five years and will be ineligible for re-election until a regular term has intervened. As in France, the cabinet will be appointed by the President in accordance with the political complexion of the legislative body but the ministers of war, marine, finance and public works, being considered non-political, will continue irremovable in the event of the Government losing the confidence of parliament. Members of Parliament will be elected for three years.

ONE MAN KILLED AT DRESDEN FIRE

Business Section of the Town Ruined —Explosion During Conflagration Killed One More and Injured Several More.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 25—One man was killed and several injured in a disastrous fire at Dresden early this morning. It wiped out a large section of the business district, entailing an estimated loss of $160,000. The fire started at 2 o'clock in the millinery store of C. A. Jeffrey and soon enveloped Watson's grocery store, next door ,the Masonic hall, and the store of Robin & Sons, John Adkin's billiard parlor, the dry goods store of R. Aikens, which is the finest in Dresden, all of which were reduced to blackened ruins, together with the whole business section from the new Bank of Commerce building to the Wescott House. A special fire detachment came by special train from Chatham. While the fire was raging a terrific explosion took place in Aiken's store, blowing out the entire front, killing C. Y. Hicks, ex-mayor of Dresden, and seriously injuring Rev. G. H. Long, Methodist minister, whose hip was dislocated. Among others injured were Walter Dynes fractured thigh, Robert Aiken, scalp wounds, Charles Aiken, who was in the store at the time has dislocated ankle and a hand, a leg and his face were bruised, and several other minor injuries received. C. B. Watson owner of the stores, and R. Aikens, are the heaviest losers but are well insured. This tragedy on the eve of Christmas, has plunged the entire town into mourning. Mr. Hicks, who was killed, was 64 years old and leaves a wife and three sons and one daughter to mourn him.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Dr. Wiley will hold an inquest.

LOWER EXPRESS RATES.

Iowa Railway Commission Expected to Order Reduction Amounting to 25 Per Cent.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 25—Reduction of expresse rates in Iowa and the fixing of maximum charges for joint rates where two lines are used are in sight, and an order to that effect from the railroad commission may be expected at any time. The reduction asked is 25 per cent from the present schedule of maximum rates. The companies say that such a reduction would wipe out their profits in the state, but the shippers say it would mean a great increase in business which would add greatly to the present profits of the companies. The reports of the four big companies for last year show that they had a combined income of $102,000,000, and a net profit of more than $11,000,000 The business of the American, for instance, increased from about $22,000,000. The business of the American for 1902 to $32,000,000 in 1909. The companies pay from 40 to 57 per cent of their gross receipts to the railway companies It is estimated that the American makes 269 per cent and the Adams' 333 per cent profit on the value of equipment.

VESSEL CUT IN TWO.

Two Tugs in a Disastrous Collision—Two Drowned.

Manilla, Dec. 24—The naval tug Rapido smashed into the tug Blanco in the bay of Cavite station today. The Blanco was almost cut in two and sank quickly. Her Pillipino coxwain and engineer were drowned. The Rapido, in a sinking condition, managed to make the navy yard dock.

Christmas at the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 25—Christmas day passed off traqullly at the Vatican, where Pius X, after officiating at early mass before specially invited guests, spent the morning quietly in his private apartments, with his sisters and nieces. Later he saw some of his household and the Secretary of State, Cardinal Merry del Val.

His Holiness received messages and greetings from sovereigns, heads of states, high ecclesiastics and prominent laymen from all over the world. He personally read each of these and will himself reply to many of them.

Demonstration Farm Proposed.

Fargo, N.D., Dec. 25—Representatives of one of the largest plow manufacturing concerns in the country are looking over North Dakota to purchase a farm for the purpose of making experiments in soil culture. The work will be conducted under the auspices of one of the most widely known soil culture men in the country and is for the purpose of impressing on the farmers the great advantage of proper plowing.

EXPRESS RATES TO BE REDUCED

RAILWAY COMMISSION ORDERS COMPANIES TO FILE NEW TARIFF IN THREE MONTHS

Ottawa, Dec. 24—Judgment has been given by the Board of Railway Commissioners on the result of their inquiry into the rates of Canadian express companies. The chief result is that the companies have been ordered to fyle new tariffs within the next three months, the Board having decided that the tariffs at present in existence are too high. The Board also decided that the existing forms of contract between shippers and companies are unfair and must be replaced. Opinion is expressed by the Board that the capitalization of existing companies is too high, but as the companies are really only agencies for the railway, the judgment does not undertake to say to what extent, if any, the railways get undue profit. One point which is strongly emphasized is that the companies pay for station facilities much more than they should, the presumption being that this is a convenient way for disposing of excess profits. The judgment, which covers one hundred and fourteen typewritten pages exclusive of classification was written by Chairman J. P. Mabee, and concurred in by Assistant Chairman D'Arcy Scott, and Commissioner MacLean.

The construction of tariffs in accordance with this judgent must be proceeded with without delay and must be submitted to the Board within three months. The report says that evidently the companies are heavily over-capitalized, and adds that there is no reason for the existence of separate companies to handle this business, as it could well be handled by the railways. Evidence that in one year the Dominion Express Company had overpaid the C.P.R. $240,000 for station accommodation was quoted, and commenting on this the board states that it looks as if the express company was finding itself with an accumulation of money on hand that it retained might show very heavy dividends on even its highly inflated capital. The report notes that the Canadian Express Company when bought by the G.T.R. in 1892 for $660,000 was valued at $60,000, six hundred thousand dollars being presumably for franchise.

Centenarian Dead.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 25—Mrs. Anna Lellman, one of the oldest women in Wisconsin, died today aged 109 years and six months. She was born in Germany, June 21, 1801. Almost 100 years ago she celebrated her 100th birthday at a German picnic at which she danced a minuet and sang several German songs.

AVIATION RECORD IS AGAIN BROKEN

Hoxsey Goes Up in Air More Than Two Miles at Los Angeles—Was Given a Great Ovation by the Immense Crowds.

Los Angeles, Dec. 26—Seventy-five thousand persons saw Hoxsey break the world's rcord for altitude here today. He soared more than two miles up into the sky, his barograph registering 11,474 feet or almost a thousand feet more than the altitude of 10,499 feet recently made by LeGagneux at Pau, France. This is the second time the existing record has been broken in Los Angeles, the first time being last January,when Paulham rose a little over 4,000 feet.

Hoxsey accomplished feat in a 40-mile gale that wrecked Latham's Antoinette monoplane and kept more cautious aviators on the ground. Hoxsey sailed into the sky at one o'clock.

His barograph showed the greatest height at 2.45. Coming down, he made a series of thrilling spiral glides while thousands of feet in the air.The crowd was cheering whe nhe came lightly to earth. He was lifted from his machine by fellow aviators.

The crowds insisted on making a hero of Hoxsey. They did not give him time to doff his furs before marching him back and fourth before the grandstand.

Hoxsey said: "It blew so hard up there that my machine hardly moved and barely held its own. It was so cold that more than once I thought my carburetter was about to freeze. I made the record because I determined to keep on going up until I passed Le Gagneux's record, or until the carburetter froze."

The gale which Hoxsey and his brother aviators,Parmalee and Brookins braved, wrecked Latham's antoinette. The Frenchman was among the aviators who answered the starting gun. For two hours and fifteen minutes he fought the wind. Then an adverse current flapped his aeroplane downward, hurling it into a fence and threw the aviator into a gully he was unhurt, but his machine was a wreck.

Parmalee also dared the wind and attained an altitude of 6,525 feet. His descent was in a perilous series of whirling dips. Following Parmalee, Brookins went up. At this time, the wind had attained a velocity of 40 miles an hour, but Brookins manoeuvred his airship apparently with ease.

Archbishop Condemns Opera Co.

Quebec, Dec. 25—Archbishop Begin has put the ban on the Montreal Grand Opera Company, which tomorrow opens up an eight day season here on the ground that the stories of the opera are of an immoral nature. The tickets had already been sold for several performances.

JURY MAKES SWEEPING REPORT

Alleges Deplorable Condition of Lawlessness and Vice.

Minneapolis, Dec. 24—Unable to obtain proof of police graft in Minneapolis, but convinced that police protection has been given to resort proprietors and blind pigs, the Hennepin County grand jury adjourned today after making one of the most sweeping reports on municipal conditions ever filed by a grand jury in the country court.

Reporting a "deplorable condition of lawlessness and vice," the jury returns two indictments charging perjury on the part of witnesses before the Grand Jury, and makes several drastic recommendations toward remedying municipal conditions.

In addition to recommending that laws be passed to prevent the brewery ownership of saloons and brewery control in city politics, the Grand Jury recommends the disbandment of the so-called purity squad.

BOY FROZE TO DEATH PARENTS ARE BLAMED

Two Children Found Badly Frozen in Their Own Yard—Boy Dies and Coroner's Jury Censures Parents —Prosecution Will Follow.

Dickinson, N.D., Dec. 25—A verdict of death by freezing as the result of the neglect of his parents was returned by the Star county coroner's jury in the case of the five year old son of Mike Ott yesterday. The boy was found in the yard at the rear of the Ott home so badly frozen that his death resulted in a few hours.

The little sister who was found at the same time is in a critical condition and her life is despaired of. The children disappeared from their home at noon Friday and were not found until that evening, when a general alarm had been sent in and the whole town turned out to assist in the search.

When found both children were lying in the yard unconscious. They were in a pitiable condition, their being frozen to the knees and their arms frost bitten. Despite careful attention the boy succumbed to his injuries. As a result the coroner's investigation followed in which evidence was given that the children had been neglected by their parents. Prosecution will be the next step in the proceedings.

SIX FOUND DEAD FROM SUFFOCATION

Fumes From Gas Stove Believed to Have Caused Death of Six People Whose Bodies Were Found in Kenton, Ohio, Building.

Kenton, Ohio, Dec 24—Two women and four men were found dead today in two rooms in a building at the rear of the Opera House, where they had held a party last night. The dead are: Clark Latham, agd 34; Mrs. Clark Latham, aged 31; Pearl Kennedy, aged 24; William Kennedy, aged 53; Harry Newcomb, aged 26; Miss Elizabeth Bailey, aged 22.

The clerk of a restaurant on the first floor received no response to his repeated calls, and going to the rear of the room, the first sight that met his gaze was four bodies lying on the floor. He gave the alarm and a son of William Kennedy broke the door down with a hammer.

A fire had been burning in a gas stove which had no stove pipe and it is supposed that the fumes from this stove killed occupants of the room. The four people found by the clerk were fully dressed, while the Kennedy's, who were regular roomers there, were in a bed and were evidently overcome in their sleep. It is not known how the Lathams came to be in the room, as they lived in another part of the town.

Nothing is known of Newcombe or the Bailey girl. Up to the present Kennedy had been separated from his wife and evidently intending having a Christmas party for his grand children, for he had made preparations in the rooms and had a bundle of toys. A number of bottles were found in the adjoining room.

FOUR MINERS KILLED BY FALL FROM BUCKET

Basket in Shaft of West Virginia Mine Overturned and Occupants Fell Fve Hundred Feet to Bottom of Shaft.

Beckley, W.Va., Dec. 24—As the result of an accident in the No. 5 shaft of the New River Collieries Company at Eccles, near here, on Saturday, four men were killed. The men were employed by the Dravo Construction Company and were being brought up the shaft in the usual bucket. By some mischance, the bucket was overturned and the occupants hurled to the bottom a distance of 500 feet. Death was instantaneous.

SASKATOON COMMISSIONERS.

Council Appoints Officers to Handle Executive Business.

Saskatoon, Dec. 24—At the meeting of the city council last night Charles Curtis of Winnipeg and W. B. Nell of Montreal were appointed commissioners of the city. Mr. Curtis is to receive a salary of six thousand dollars and provide his own automobile, while Mr. Nell will be paid four thousand. These officials will commence their duties in January and during the coming year will have to deal with several large and costly projects.

THREE MILLION FAMINE STRICKEN

FLOODS DEVASTATE CHINESE PROVINCE LEAVING POPULACE DESTITUTE.

New York, Dec. 24—Private advices received here state that the famine in China already reported in news despatches from Pekin has so far affected three million persons, and that $1,000,000 is urgently needed for their aid.

Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the committee on references, representing the boards and societies of Foreign Missions in the United States and Canada made public here tonight the following cablegram from the chairman of the inter-denominational committee of foreign missions in Shanghai:

"Famine prevails to great extent over the northern part of Kiang Su and An Rui provinces. Three million people are affected and relief is badly needed. The Chinese government and people are generously contributing but according to the report of missionaries in the district affected relief is insufficient. International committees organized in Shanghai propose that missionaries co-operate with the generous Chinese to raise funds and assist in distributing. A million dollars is needed. Help must be carried on. Please communicate this to missionary societies and churches urgently requesting contributions."

The combined population of the two provinces affected named is 37,650,549.

A letter from a missionary says: "A region of 33 miles wide by nearly 67 miles long has been swept by the worst flood within the memory of man. The people lost everything. The Imperial government voted 40,000 taels for the twelve devastated counties but this is a mere drop in the bucket. Taking China as a whole, the flooded district is a small one, but there are floods in other parts of China and the Imperial government is in such financial straits that it is to be feared assistance cannot be given. At the best, it will be only temporary."

Relief Fund.

Washington, Dec. 23—For the relief of the famine stricken people of china Acting Secretary of State Huntington today cabled $5,000 to Minister Calhoun at Pekin, as the initial contribution of the American National Red Cross Society. The question of further contributions will depend upon the developments of the situation, which at present is serious. The people affected by the famine are the inhabitants of the Pihe river valley. The number of sufferers continues to grow, and according to advices received by the State Department today between two and three million are in distress.

WHOLESALE BLOCK IN WINNIPEG IS BURNED

Donald Fraser & Co.'s Block Near Grain Exchange is Prey to Flames. Fire, Thought to Have Been Under Control Breaks Out Second Time.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27—Fire broke out a second time in Donald Fraser & Co's on Rorie street, near the Grain Exchange tonight and completely gutted the four story building. The first fire was gotten under in about half an hour and the brigade leaving some men to watch retired, but about tenforty-five it was discovered that the fire had worked its way to the third floor and a general alarm concentrated the brigade on the spot.

When the leading companies arrived, however, flames were bursting from all the windows on the third floor and they evidently had a good hold on the second and fourth floors and despite numerous streams from the high pressure, flames shortly were bursting from the roof.

The flames spread to the adjoining building occupied by McAllister and Watts, wholesale stationers, but with the brigade in possession of the upper flats, the damage is likely to be confined to water and smoke.

At midnight, while the fire was not out, all danger of its spreading further seems at an end but Fraser's building and stock with upper flats which it is understood to be rented out for storage purposes is completely gutted and the contents destroyed.

It is stated that R. J. Whitla, & company, wholesale dry goods, have the goods stored on one flat and that a dealer in furs, named McDonald, had another flat rented.

The building is valued about $65,000 and stocks unknown.

A $100,000 FIRE.

Originated in Department Store and Destroyed All Business Section.

Madison Lake, Minn., Dec 24—Fire originated from some unknown cause in a department store destroyed the whole business section of the town this morning. The loss is estimated at $100,000. The town had little means of fire protection. The citizens who turned out to fight the flames were driven back by the fierce heat. A call was sent to Mankato for aid and the city responded immediately, but not before the flames had gotten in its work successfully. The combat was then out of the question. None were killed or injured, though many risked their lives.

STRATHCONA'S MESSAGE.

Canadian People Are Both Loyal and Thankful.

London, Dec. 24—The following message from Lord Strathcona will appear in tomorrow's Lloyd's Weekly: The peace and prosperity of the British Empire rests upon a solid foundation of love of liberty, veneration for justice ,and the restraining and enabling influence of Christianity. The ambition of all citizens of the Dominion of Canada is to build up a nation within the Empire whose people shall conform to the best traditions of morality and justice. For all the blessings she enjoys this Christmas morning Canada is thankful, and there will arise from her home gatherings today prayers for the King and the Queen and the Empire."

FEWER SLAIN BY MOBS IS U.S. REPORT

There Were Fifty-Seven Lynchings in 1910 a Much Smaller Number Than in Any Previous Year of the Last Sixteen.

Chicago, Dec. 26—Only 57 lynchings were recorded in the United States in 1910, a much smaller number than in almost any previous year in the last sixteen. In 1909 the total was seventy and in 1908 it was sixty-five.

All but five of the 57 cases of lynching in 1910 were of negroes, and ten of these cases were those in which the charge against the victim was assault on white women or girls. In eleven of the remaining number the charge was attempted criminal assault. In the five cases of white men, four were for murder and the other for aiding and abetting in a jail delivery. Several of the cases in which negroes were lynched were based up on the murder, or alleged murder, of white women in which the question of assault is implied.

As in previous years, nearly all the lynchings were in southern states, Florida and Georgia having ten each, Alabama and Arkansas eight each and Texas six. The only lynching in the north occurred in Ohio, the victim being Carl Etherington, an agent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, who met death at the hands of a mob in Newark, following his imprisonment in jail on a charge of having murdered a saloonkeeper, while making a raid on an alleged bling tiger.

Following is the record for 1910 by states: Alabama, one negro; Arkansas, eight negroes; Florida, ten negroes; Georgia, ten negroes; Louisiana, one white man; Mississippi, five negroes; Missouri three negroes; North Carolina, one negro; Ohio, one white man; Oklahoma ,one negro; South Carolina, one negro; Tennessee, two negroes; Texas four negroes and two whites.

Of the five whites lynched two were Italians, who were lynched in Florida. They were charged with murder and with inciting the riots during the strike of cigarmakers in Tampa. Another of the white victims was a Mexican, who was shot and burned at the stake near the Texas border, following his confession that he had murdered a white woman. Of the fifty-two negro victims, two were women.

The record of crimes for which the victims were put to death follows: Murder, seventeen; criminal assault, ten; attempted criminal assault, eleven; robbery, four; attempted murder, seven; aiding and abetting jail delivery, three; assault with intent to do bodily injury, one; insulting women, two ;threatening to commit murder, two.

In many of the cases the lynchings followed the arrest or conviction of the victims on the charges made against them. In other cases the victims met death while endeavoring to escape from pursuing posses. In two cases the negro victims were lynched by mobs composed of members of their own race. In almost every case the victim was summarily hanged or shot without burning at the stake, such as accompanied these acts of summary vengeance in former years.

What is Lynching?

In the foregoing record the word "lynching" has been held to apply only to the summary punishment inflicted by a mob or by any number of citizens on a person alleged to have committed a crime for which that person should have been tried according to law. This limitation excludes a number of cases reported during the year, such as the race war which occurred near Slocum, Texas, last August, in which eight or ten negroes were killed.

FIRE IN LATCHFORD.

Ontario Town Suffered Severely in Saturday Blaze.

North Bay, Dec. 25—The fire which broke out yesterday in the business district of Latchford, gained such headway before being discovered that all attempt to check the spread of the flames proved futile, but the main business section was, a few hours after being discovered, burnt to the ground.

The firms invoived are: A. Abdallah, P. Cartier, Paterson general store, Morrison general store, A. Murchison restaurant, Andrew Napler, pool and barber shop, Mrs. Birdwell, fancy goods. The losses aggregate $100,000, and are, it is said, only partly covered by insurance.

Fast Freights Collide.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Two fast freights on the Baltimore and Ohio collided at Salt Creek early today, killing five men whose homes are at Parkersburg.

PREMIER ASQUITH MEANS BUSINESS

O'CONNOR EXPECTS VETO BILL TO BE PASSED BEFORE THE CORONATION CEREMONY.

London, Dec. 24—(By T. P. O'Connor)—Within the last few days, the approach of Christmas, the murders of the police in the Houndsditch robbery, the gigantic coal mine disaster near Bolton and the conviction of two British officers as spies in Germany have pushed politics aside.

The Houndsditch murders created a profound impression and in the first impulse, the universal arming of police with revolvers and more severe measures against alien immigration were advocated, but although the episode was a startling reminder of the disorderly and dangerous element introduced into England by the Russian reaction ,the London Police already take a more sober view.

The gigantic coal mine disaster brings poignant grief to Irishmen as a good portion of the 350 victims were Irish, and mining is the one industry where Englishmen and Irish have lost all racial antipathies in common work and common perils.

The espionage trial was taken with perfect calmness by the English press and the trial was conducted with fairness and an absence of rancour by the Germans, according to all journals in both countries. It is expected that the imprisoned officers soon will be released and the episode leaves less bad blood than might have been expected.

British Politics.

Although for the moment submerged, politics still haunts the general imagination. Like in a neck and neck race on a horse race track, interest in the general elections was maintained to the last possible moment as the supreme question was whether the Liberal ministry would come back as strong as at the beginning of the election. As each day brought an almost mathematical equality of gains and losses to the Liberals and Tories the parties each new day watched with the same feverish eagerness. The last day of election involved the whole problem as one seat in Scotland held by the Liberals was expected to go back to the Tories.

Now that the result is finally over, the Liberals and Irish are profoundly satisfied. Some disappointment was felt at the loss of a few seats which better management might have saved, in which we lost, however, a good deal of unnilesmal majority, as in Mitcham where a Tory was returned by a majority of 1,700. But the fact remains that, contrary to all electing precedents the same Liberal ministry was returned three times in succession and the second time on the same issues. That issue was the abolition of the veto power of the House of Lords.

Premier Asquith gave an indication of the urgent importance and the close approach of the struggle on this question by his hurried visits to the King.

Beyond all question, Asquith and the other Liberal ministers mean business and will withdraw from office unless they are allowed to carry out their full program

There will be no real opposition from the King or even from the House of Lords. I regard the abolition of veto already as good as carried. The Tories already are weakening in some of their sanest journals and everybody now knows that Asquith if driven to it, will have the will and the power to create 500 Liberal peers. Even the "backwoodsmen" peers perceive that the submergence of present peers by these Liberal peers would bring down the whole House of Lords in shouts of universal laughter ,and after much spluttering and much talk the peers will yield, probably before the coronation.

The coronation then once more comes to the front as a powerful factor in the present situation.

Home Rule in Sight.

No party came out of this election with such added prestige and power according to the universal acknowledgment as the Irish. Redmond has added power to his following by a higher gain than any made by any other political party, but still more important Redmond has crushed the faction issue into one small corner of Ireland. He has beaten Healy, his most powerful opponent. More important than even all this, are the political conditions which evolve from the election. The immediate and vigorous campaign against the House of Lords and the clear decisive utterances on Home Rule by Asquith and the other Liberal leaders during the election have shown the Irish people that at last their liberation is in sight. This fact, submerging all the minor issues and closing up all small dissensions, gives Redmond a freer hand than he ever had in his career and makes the relations between him and Asquith easier, closer and safer.

Bomb Wrecks Building.

New Orleans, Dec. 26—Advices from Buenos Ayres today say that a bomb placed in the fire department building of that place exploded yesterday, wrecking the fire and police department headquarters and seriously injuring twenty persons. No details are given in the despatch.

Peaceful in Iowa City.

Iowa City, Dec. 26—Within the last year the Iowa City police have not recorded a single crime of importance committed within their jurisdiction and the fire department had run to only one fire, the damage by which exceeded $1,000.