A Bad Fire At Halifax

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Halifax, N. S., Sept. 15.—Fanned by a gale blowing 52 miles per hour, a fire which broke out in the middle of a block on Water street, bounded by Sackville and Prince streets, did \$250,000 damage before it was extinguished two and a half hours later. Good fortune only saved the city from a great F. Harrod.

Accompanying Rear Admiral Walker are Commissioners Frank Hecker, W. H. Burr, Charles E. Grunsky and Benjamin F. Harrod. calamity, the wind dying down and

calamity, the wind dying down and changing so as to carry the flames away from the city.

The district burned over was largely composed of wooden buildings. The military and naval forces supplied 300 men and their fire engines.

The buildings destroyed and the firms burned out include: A. C. Jones & Co., Wm. Robertson & Son (damaged only), G. P. Mitchell & Sons, N. M. Smith, Dominion Coal Co., Hon. Wm. Ross, J. A. Neville, R. R. Kelnedy, T. J. Egan and the warehouse and office of the Canadian Atlantic and Plant Steamship Company.

The insurance will reach \$175,000, half of it being in local companies, Acadia, Halifax and Nova Scotia.

APPOINTED MANAGER.

TALKS OF ISTHMUS.

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ports of entry.

"The unfortunate part of the affair," he said, "is that it has got into local politics. Of course the outs have to protest against what has been done by the its. I do not think that the establishing of the free ports will mean that the Panama government will have to patrol both sides of the canal strip with customs officials. I think an agreement will be made with them so that we will help them out. Goods brought into the strip will not be allowed to enter Panama atterritory."

Price of Salmon

ACCIDENT AT FIRE. on Burning Bridge Precipitated Lena Is

Does Damage Estimated at Quarter of a Million in Block on Water Street.

Stillwater, Minn., Sept. 15.—The bridge across Lake Sterrix, which is a half mile long, extending to the Wisconsin side, caught fire late this afternoon. The fire common side, caught fire late this afternoon. The fire common in the made by the Panama government. He added that he did not anticly and cristobol, near Colon, free City From a Great Calamity.

Upon Two Open Ports.

New York, Sept. 15.—Rear Admiral Walker, the head of the Panama commission, declared today, on his arrival tended to keep two open ports in the canal zone in spite of any protests which might be made by the Panama government. He added that he did not anticly and or persons. The fire had so weakened one of the spans of the rather ancient structure that when the fire apparatus and the crowd attempted to cross it, it fell into the water, twenty feet below. About twenty persons were precipitated with the wreckage into the water Adolph Boo, aged 22, and George McGrath, aged 16, were killed, and five others were seriously injured. The financial loss is small.

SEVEN THOUSAND IDLE.

Immense Pullman Car Works Close Down and Employees Discharged. Chicago, Sept. 15.—The immense Pullman car works at Pullman are shut down today and practically every one of the company's 7,000 employees are idle. The workmen were ordered to take their tools with them when they left the works. The closing came when the 1,500 workers in the repair department were laid off. That had been the only branch of the plant in operation for some time. Compaint was made by the company, it is said, of high wages, which brought about the closing of the works.

Furious Gale On the Atlantic

To Disarm

Washington Naval Authorities Give Decision Respecting Russian Vessel.

Will Be Taken in the Custody of the United States Officials.

Commander of the Ship Made Request That Such Action Be Taken.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Acting United States Secretary of State Adee tonight gave out the following statement regarding the Russian ship Lena now at San Francisco:

"The President has issued an order, through the acting secretary of state, directing that the Russian transport Lena, now at San Francisco, be taken in custody by the naval authorities of the United States and disarm.

"The main features of the conditions prescribed are that the Lena be taken to the Mare island navy yard and there disarmed by the removal of small guns, breach locks, large guns, small arms, ammunition and ordunace stores, and such other dismantlement as may be

AFFAIRS AT LADYSMITH. -

Ladysmith, Sept. 15.—The Board of Commissioners met last night in the city clerk's office, the mayor presiding, when a retail license was granted Mr. Geo. Hannay, of the Pilot hotel, and a wholesale liquor license was granted to Mr. Peter Meikle and also to Mrs. Alex. Hogan. The license was granted to Mr. Peter Meikle and also to Mrs. Alex. Hogan. The license for the Klondyke hotel (Mr. John Barra) was not granted, neither was the wholesale license to the Union Brewery Co. until further investigations.

A poll of the business men of Ladysmith was taken yesterday on the question of the appointment of a night watchman, those subscribing towards his maintenance only being eligible to vote.

Mr. Tom O'Connell was elected unanimously, the two other candidates, McGregor and Clarke, not receiving a single vote.

A man named Barclay, while coming

A man named Barclay, while coming out of the Extension mines last night, struck his head against some sharp coal and got a nasty cut.

The Quadra arrived in Ladysmith last night

night.
The steamer Selkirk left for Bellingham with a cargo of coal last night. She returns to Ladysmith for a load of Tyee matte for Tacoma.

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DEATH OF MONTREALER. Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 15.—John M. Douglas, a merchant of Montreal, died in a hotel here today. His age was about 70.

Posse of Citizens Deal Out Speedy Justice in an Ohio Town.

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Cochocten, O., Sept. 15.—Alvin Rivers is in jail here mortally wounded. He was shot by a posse of citizens while he was trying to rob the bank at Warsaw, Ohio, ten miles from here. His brother, Verne, was captured later after a desperate hand-to-hand fight. The officers arranged for the robbery with Wm. King, who was taken into the confidence of the Rivers brothers. Six citizens were on guard at Warsaw and when Alvin Rivers broke into the bank they fired shotguns at him. There were 56 shot holes in his body. He says he is not going to die and swears vengeance on King for leading him into the trap.

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From Our Owa Correspondent. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 15.—At meeting of the cabinet an orde cil was passed fixing Thanksg for Thursday, November 17. It is stated that the Canadr alivay will be taken over by shot holes in his body. He says he is not going to die and swears vengeance on King for leading him into the trap.

Thanksgiving Day Fixed

Order-in-Council Makes the Date of Celebration as November Seventeenth.

ntercolonial to Take Over the Canada Eastern Railway on Monday Next.

Difficulty With Capt. Bernier-The Proposed Mexican

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GOV. BLACK NOMINATED.

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 15.—Charles J. Black was unanimously nominated for skeep of the Rivers brother. Six clients and Alvin Rivers broke into the bank sprased fixer of the Rivers brothers. Six client of the cannot be confidence of the Rivers brothers. Six client of the cannot be confidence of the Rivers brothers. Six client of the cannot be confidence of the Rivers brother into the bank sprased fixer always was down and Alvin Rivers broke into the bank sprased fixer. It is stated that Cannot alvin Rivers broke in the bank sprased fixer of the cannot be confidence of the Rivers brother. Six client to the bank sprased fixer of the cannot be confidence of the Rivers brother. Six client of the cannot be confidence of the Rivers brother into the bank sprased fixer of the cannot be confidence of the chiner an order-in-council was passed fixer. It is stated that Cannot be confidence of the confidence of the chiner an order-in-council was passed fixer. It is stated that Cannot be confidence of the chiner an order-in-council was passed fixer. It is stated that Eastern The Cannot Bastern Tailway will be taken of Thursday, November 17. It is stated that Cannot be confidence of the c

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What Russia Has To

A Sketch of the Outlaws ern Asla-A Great Or ization.

Almost Certain Now Open War-Japan's E tive Allies.

"One Who Knows Them" scribes the brigands of northe in the Daily Graphic. The si comes intensely interesting now Russian army is in full retreat,

sands of stragglers will be cut o brigands:
Mongolia and Manchuria have been the happy hunting ground fuge for outlaws and brigand mountains form a safe refuge, vast fertile plains make the rich and worth looting. As in dle ages in Europe, so also in outlaws fled from justice to that tains, and, banding together, g became a power in the land. It themselves more feared, these grew beards and dyed them red. they are known to the Chinese ang Houtzes" or "Redbeards," of former name "Chunchuses" is a tion. In North China it is a custom to frighten children intence by saying "the Huang H coming," as we at home talk bogey man.

A GREAT BAND OF BRIGATH The "Huang Houtzes" are not but an enormous secret society of brigands, and used to be so cruited from outlaws and others from justice. Since 1900, however the Boxer rising took place, the been joined by thousands of some because they dared not rentheir homes, having taken advanthe rising to loot all the rich in their village; others because, one ingit asted the joys of a lawless lift could not go back to settled occup. The Russian invasion of Manchuria added largely to their numbers. In habitants of Manchuria were armed and formed into a kind of A GREAT BAND OF BRIGA habitants of Manchuria were armed and formed into a kind of armed and formed into a kind of militia for protection against thes brigands. The Russians, looking haps rightly, on all Chinese as the mies, disarmed large numbers of Manchus, and in return did no them adequate, if any, police prot Consequently the wretched Ma farmers, half ruined by Russian mandeering" and exactions, and deless against the brigands, were ruined, and, having nothing left took to brigandage themselves, wiresult that the Huang Houtzes hat the last five years trebled in nun At the present time there must be nearly 180,000 of them scattered Manchuria. The ideas of the ou have undergone considerable cl Manchuria. The ideas of the ou have undergone considerable cl and, instead of being brigands pur simple, they are now a large and p ful society, bound to each other n by their hatred of the Russians their longing for revenge. Nearl have some real or imaginary wro avenge. One may have had his burnt; another his women folk outr a third, perhaps, has been wrong beaten a fourth has had his cattle ed. Others lost their all in the days' sack of Mukden ordered by a sian general because the local Man sian general because the local Man caused a Cossack (who was caug the act of outrage) to be crucified.

THEIR ORGANIZATION. THEIR ORGANIZATION.

In this sacking of Mukden, Tu Li
the most powerful chief of the inl
tants, was caught by the Russians,
unfortunately for them, managed to
cape the day before his execution wa
have taken place, and has since n
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simply wonderful. Each band con
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minor chiefs, who number about fift minor chiefs, who number about fift each detachment, is followed by seen to twenty brigands—all picked In this way the gang with each c numbers from 1,000 to 1,200 men. The relations of these men, their frie and others living in the villages in headquarters and in the neighborhare all on the books of the secret ciety. In the event of a large raid in attack on the Russians or on anot gang being contemplated by the chares outside men are called in, and original band easily swells in a day two to 5,000 to 6,000 men. Every his chief employs a staff of one or molerks. These men keep the rolls of band and the account books. Every hards a mane is entered, with the pay receives and all details connected whim. All moneys received and lotaken are also carefully entered up, a the whole concern is run on strick the strings in the stream in a raid of the primers in a real to the stream and in the whole concern is run on strick the stream and the stream and the stream are a strick the stream and the stream and the whole concern is run on strick the stream and the stream are a stream as a s taken are also carefully entered up, a the whole concern is run on stric business lines. Every man is paid a c tain fixed salary, and has a portion loot according to the work he do Those actually present at headquart get their food, etc., free; the others; the outlying villages, forage for the selves.

PIRACY.

The Huang Houtzes do not confi themselves to simple brigandage, b go in for piracy as well and also rai on a large scale. They either put sea in peaceful merchant Junks as mechants, being joined afterwards alot the coast by other members of the gar or go to sea crowded in small boa and capture trading junks. From 18 to the present year pirates have be plentiful in the Gulf of Pechili and the coasts of North China. In 1901 happened to have business on the coabetween Taken and Shanhaikwa Everywhere I heard dreadful tales pirates, and when within eight or nimiles of the coast saw traces of the handiwork—houses burnt, villages: most deserted, shot-marks on walls an roofs, and lamentation everywher tales of men killed, valuables loote and young girls abducted. A Britisman-of-war was searching for them, an in the early morning I saw nearly eigh large junks sailing along the coast as eventually coming to anchor in the rive These eighty junks had on board least 4,500, if not 5,000 men. Junidraw very little water, and the rive was very low, so that the British should not possibly follow them, and the Chinese were powerless to drive the off. I heard afterwards that a Janane. could not possibly follow them, and the Chinese were powerless to drive the off. I heard afterwards that a Japanes runboat captured two of these junks an took 250,000 taels of silver (£30,000) or of them.

In 1902 the junk trade at New In 1902 the junk trade at Nev Chwang was completely stopped for nearly two months, as. owing to Huan Houtzes, hardly a junk came down the River Liao. Finally the Russians sen a gunboat up the river, and within two days 3,000 junks came into New Chwang. They had all been held up by the brigands. Some couldn't pay the toll demanded, others wouldn't and a large number had remained at the various towns, not daring to leave for fee.

CRUEL BUT BRAVE. The Huang Houtzes are Chinese, and therefore by nature cruel. They are probably more cruel than the ordinary chinese, as the hard life they lead is bound to make them, but they are brave and care nothing for death, though they fear physical pain and being wounded. This is natural enough, as, having no skilled doctors or surgeons, anything worse than a very slight wound. This is natural enough, as, having no skilled doctors or surgeons, anything worse than a very slight wound means a slow and lingering death. They are hard fighters and can shoot straight; and, if they really combine, the Russiens will have another formidable foe to reckon with, as the following story will show: In the spring of 1901 a band of about 1,400 Huang Hou'zes broken through the great wall and advanced ough the great wall and advanced