

Two Acres of Buildings

Ruined by Friday's Great Fire
in London

The Loss Estimated at Twenty-
Five Millions of Dollars.

Costly Delay of Twenty Minutes
in Getting Out the Fire
Brigade.

Fully 150 Warehouses Wrecked—No
Loss of Life.

London, Nov. 20.—Yesterday afternoon's conflagration in London was one of the most disastrous that has occurred since 1666. It started about 1 p.m., and was fanned by a strong wind, fed by highly inflammable stocks of fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all descriptions, crowding every floor of six-story buildings in the old streets, in view of the coming Christmas trade. For four hours and a half the flames had their own way, and it was only after more than 100 engines had worked an hour that the chief of the fire brigade sent out the signal that the fire was under control. This was at 5:45 p.m.

Hansell street was the scene of the outbreak of the fire, which was due to an explosion in connection with a gas engine on the premises of Walker, Brown & Co., mantle manufacturers, at No. 39 on that thoroughfare. Their large factory was crowded with girls when the fire broke out, and instantly a scene of panic ensued, the frightened operatives, with many screams, rushing to the roof of the building and crossing to other buildings, and so effecting their escape, while the flames were pouring out of the basement. In less than a quarter of an hour the flames had enveloped the adjoining warehouses, and thence they leaped across the street to an enormous paper warehouse, which was fully afire in less than ten minutes.

DIFFICULT WORK FOR THE FIREMEN.

The narrowness of the old crooked streets, which are the feature of that part of London, combined with the height of the warehouses, prevented the firemen from having a fair chance of confining the outbreak. Firemen had repeatedly to be rescued by the aid of fire escapes from buildings which had caught fire after they had mounted the roofs to fight the flames in adjoining structures.

The rescue of operatives by the firemen, the hurrying of hosts of clerks, who were trying to save books and valuable papers from the fire, and the rushing here and there of many employees, who were attempting to carry to places of safety costly merchandise or other valuables, added to the confusion. Then, again, the heat was so terrific that several firemen were obliged to direct their operations under showers of water.

EXPLOSIONS.

At a little after 2 o'clock, a dozen hoses, with a twelve-foot spread, poured water into the blaze from an opposite roof, from the street below and from the burning premises themselves, but it did not seem to have any effect. Suddenly there was an explosion of gas meters, sounding like the reports of field guns, followed by a momentary hush. After that the wild rushing here and there was resumed with increased energy. Men risked their lives in desperate efforts to save valuable papers. Firemen were almost buried in ruins, as front after front of the flaming warehouses fell, hurling tons of bricks and masonry into the streets, bursting and cutting the fire hose in all directions, while fiery material resembling molten metal was hurled in every direction, making it impossible to foresee where the conflagration would stop.

By dusk four streets were blazing on both sides.

CHECKED AT LAST.

There was no abatement of the furious blaze before 5:30 p.m. Then the check came in Jewin street, by a tremendous use of water, and in Well street, where the collapse of a wall on the right hand of that thoroughfare was the means of saving the last building in the street. The width of Red Cross street, a comparatively narrow thoroughfare, also formed a barrier there, and Commander Wells was able to breathe without anxiety, knowing that he had the upper hand of one of the greatest fires on record.

TWO ACRES BURNED OVER.

Two acres of buildings had been burned.

In spite of numberless narrow escapes, no fatalities have been thus far reported. The most serious aspect of the disaster after the question of the enormous loss incurred, is that hundreds, if not thousands of employees, have been thrown out of work, and that many of them lost all their belongings.

ST. GILES DAMAGED.

The historic church of St. Giles has been much damaged, the principal damages being to the roof of the windows, the baptismal font and Milton's statue. The Church of St. Giles was built in 1544. It is approached by an archway in Red Cross street, also within the scene of the conflagration, and contains, among other things, the tombs of John Milton, the author of "Paradise Lost," who died in 1674; the tomb of Fox, the martyrologist; that of Frobisher, the famous voyager, who died in 1584, and that of Speed, the typographer, who died in 1629. Oliver Cromwell was married in the Church of St. Giles on Aug. 22, 1629, and the

parish register contains an entry of the burial of Daniel Defoe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," who died in 1731.

FIREMEN AT WORK ALL NIGHT.
London, Nov. 20.—A very large force of firemen and about 20 engines have been working at high pressure all night. The district ravaged by the fire is bounded by Aldersgate street, Red Cross street, Maidenhead Court and Bradford avenue, and includes the intermediate streets—Jewin, Hansell, Well and Edmund and Jewin Crescent.

FATAL DELAY.
A published report of the fire says: The constable (police officer), who first detected the flames, blew his whistle loudly for assistance, but several minutes elapsed before the alarm was heard by any of his comrades. So soon as assistance reached him the officer was dispatched to summon the fire brigade. But there again was an unaccountable delay of twenty minutes before the first engine appeared. Then the fearful dimensions of the fire were apparent, and it was decided to circulate a call throughout the whole metropolitan district.

LOSS NEARLY \$25,000,000.
It is officially reported that one hundred and fifty warehouses have been gutted. A later estimate of the damage done places the amount at nearly \$25,000,000.

Nearly all the British fire insurance companies are involved. Nearly 300 telephone wires have been cut, interrupting communication with many of the big provincial towns.

HEAVY LOSS IN OSTRICH FEATHERS.

The fire will cause an enormous advance in the price of ostrich feathers, which rose 30 per cent last evening. Two feather firms alone have lost \$375,000.

The district ravaged includes parts of Australian avenue, Paul's alley, Cripple Gate churchyard, Wood street square, Monkwell street, Nicholl square and Fore street.

In Sporting Circles

Defense of 'Varsity II. in the
Football Trouble

The Game Must Be Free in the State
of Georgia

Bager Won the 2,000 Sovereigns at the
Derby—Various Sporting Events.

FOOTBALL.
Toronto World: Captain Jack Hobbs says that 'Varsity has no intention of paying the \$41, that, according to the league, they owe London.

THE PENINSULAR LEAGUE.

The meeting of the Peninsular Football League, held in the Manning House, Windsor, Thursday evening, was well attended. Representatives were present from Essex, Tilbury and Windsor. After some discussion the Chatham club was declared to have forfeited its standing in the league. Cratham has refused to play the remaining scheduled games, thus deciding to allow their percentage to remain at zero. The matter of making arrangements for breaking the tie between the remaining clubs was next dealt with. Essex drew a bye. Windsor then offered Tilbury \$8 for expenses to play there Saturday to break off the tie. The offer was accepted. Tilbury, the winner of this game will have choice of grounds for the final with Essex.

MUST BE FREE.
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 20.—Representative Coles' football bill, providing for the prohibition of the playing of exhibition games, where admission is charged, passed the Senate. The bill has already passed the lower branch of the Legislature, and there is no doubt that the governor will sign it.

THE UNION MAY GET YOU.
[M. E. W., in Montreal Herald.]
When you chase the slippery pigskin
On the cheerless, murky green
And you give a man the elbow
With a chance of being seen,
Do not rouse the field officials
But stop to think and doubt,
Or the Union'll get you.

If you don't watch out.
When you jump upon a player,
With intent to maim or kill,
And you think it not unlikely
That he's had about his fill,
Do not get too gay or saucy,
Nor the umpire's judgment flout,
Or the Union'll get you.

If you don't watch out.
When you scrag a man in scrimmage,
And you really pull his collar,
Or just yank him by the collar,
Oh, around somewhere,
You should keep the fact before you,
That there's scarcely any doubt
But the Union'll get you.

If you don't watch out.
Better be a little careful,
And perform the best you can;
Try no fancy interference,
Do not aim to kill your man;
Play on side, and rules remember,
If you know what you're about,
'Cause the Union'll get you.

If you don't watch out.
'VARSITY II.'S DEFENSE.
To the Sporting Editor of The Advertiser:
Dear Sir,—The action of the O. R. F. U. in suspending the Varsity intermediate team from the union may have created the impression that we have been guilty of a very unsportsmanlike action in this matter, and it is to eradicate this wrong impression that I write this letter.

In the first place, our secretary, or, in fact, any one of the officers of the club, did not receive any communication from the union saying that we were to pay London \$50 guarantee, and we agreed with the interpretation of the London managers, namely, that the union should pay the London team the sum in question.

In the next place, the union took the game out of our hands completely; ran up a large bill of expenses as they wished, and turned around and ordered us to pay over the money to London. Such we considered as utterly unreasonable, and we refused to do it. This is our position, and will in all probability continue to be our position.

A ST. BERNARD'S GOOD MEMORY.
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OAK HALL BARGAINS FOR TONIGHT:

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Men's Heavy Pants.
21 Pair Men's Strong Heavy Pants, regular price \$1.75, Tonight's price... **\$1.30**
20 pair All-Wool Pants, very heavy, regular price \$1.75, Tonight's price... **\$1.15**

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10 Men's Heavy D.B. Frieze Overcoats, regular price \$5, Tonight's price... **\$3.90**
8 Men's Heavy D.B. Overcoats, regular price \$5, Tonight's price... **\$2.75**
6 Men's Heavy Overcoats, regular price \$5.50, Tonight's price... **\$3.50**

Boys' 3-Piece Suits.
20 Suits, regular price \$3.50, Tonight's price... **\$2.50**
21 Suits, regular price \$3.75, Tonight's price... **\$3.00**
15 Suits, regular price \$4.50, Tonight's price... **\$3.50**
36 Child's 3-Piece Suits, regular price \$2 and \$2.50, Tonight's price... **\$1.50**
14 Suits, regular price \$3.50, Tonight's price... **\$2.50**
14 Suits, regular price \$3.75, Tonight's price... **\$2.75**
21 Sailor Suits, Tonight's price... **\$1.40**

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and we feel that we will be sustained by the people of London. "Sports" is not to be risked for the dollars and cents in dispute, but the stand we are taking is one of principle. We are in support of the O. R. F. U., and one which we intend to maintain. Yours truly,
G. W. ROSS, JUN.,
Manager of Varsity II.

COURLING.
ST. MARY'S CLUB.
St. Mary's curlers have organized for another winter's campaign, with officers as follows: President, J. D. Moore; vice-president, Kingston Waring; secretary-treasurer, G. H. McIntyre; patron, Hon. Thos. Balantyne; chaplain, Rev. T. A. Cosgrove; representatives, T. O. Robson and J. D. Moore; committee of management, J. Odly, skips, W. Somerville, J. D. Moore, J. Odly, Wm. Andrews, T. O. Robson, C. Myers, Geo. Grant and G. H. McIntyre.

HOCKEY.
LISTOWEL CLUB.
The Listowel Hockey Club has organized for the season of 1897-98, with the following officers: President, H. McLaren, M.P.; honorary president, H. B. Morphy; first honorary vice-president, Wm. Clime; second honorary vice-president, G. M. Bates; president, H. N. Orr; first vice-president, P. J. Livingston; second vice-president, F. Wilson; secretary, W. H. Clime; treasurer, J. S. Meyers; captain, G. A. Fraser. The club intends putting a team in the junior series of the O. H. A.

ORANGEVILLE LADIES' CLUB.
The young lady hockeyists of Orangeville had a meeting on Tuesday night and elected the following officers for the ensuing season: Honorary president, Mrs. L. Walsh; president, Mrs. Turner; first vice-president, Mrs. C. R. McKinnon; second vice-president, Miss E. McKinnon; president, Misses N. Moody and O. McMillan; committee, Misses Netta Marshall, Gerlie Irvine, G. Bull and L. Hughton.

THE TURF.
EAGER WON THE DERBY.
London, Nov. 20.—The race for the Derby cup was won by Mr. Fairies' 3-year-old bay colt Eager at the second day's racing of the Derby November meeting. This race is for 2,000 sovereigns. Lord Stanley's 4-year-old colt, Milanese was second.

The Lillard-Beresford stable's 3-year-old chestnut gelding Draco, ridden by Tod Sloan, won the Quaternary meeting. This race is for 100 sovereigns. Mr. W. Chatterton's Ankletier was second.

THE KENNEL.
Chatham, Nov. 20.—In the international field trials at Mitchell's Bay, there were eight starters in the all-aged stake. The favorite of the event was Dash Antonio, owned by R. Bangham, Windsor, which has twice won the event. Another win would have entitled Mr. Bangham to the cup trophy, donated by a leading Canadian for a three times winner. The competition was a great deal keener this year, however. The first series of the event was run off on Thursday, and the four dogs remaining for the finals were Dash Antonio and Lock, owned by R. Bangham, Windsor, and Cleopatra and Selkirk Tara, owned by W. B. Wells, of Chatham. The judges, E. W. Warner, Detroit, and John Davidson, of Monroe, Mich., finally made their decision as follows, each dog having been out about an hour: 1. Lock, owned by R. Bangham, Windsor; 2. Dash Antonio; 3. Cleopatra, owned by W. B. Wells, of Chatham.

The result of the Derby was given in yesterday's Advertiser.

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he was standing on the sidewalk talking to a friend, when he noticed the movements of a huge St. Bernard dog which had approached him. The dog pawed and fawned upon Mr. McMas, and endeavored in every way to impress the gentleman with his affection for him. Instantly there flashed into Mr. McMaster's mind the memory of his St. Bernard Carlo, which he had lost four years ago. When he called the dog it responded with every sign of demonstrative affection, and there could be no doubt that he was the long-lost dog. Mr. McMaster immediately went to see Mr. Groulx, the present owner of the dog and learned that that gentleman had purchased him two years ago from a gypsy. The canine was at once repurchased by his former owner, and is now on his own stamping-grounds in Montreal.

WHEEL.
A SCORCHER.
A gentleman who hails from Goderich and who wheels under the cognomen of George F. Emerson, wheeled, on a rather dewy morning, Friday last. He bore evidence of a very rapid transit, and as he alighted in front of the Review office, he required the time of day, which was then 11:41. He informed the Review that he left Goderich at 9:12, thus making the distance of 112 miles in 112 minutes, making a record of a mile in about 35 minutes. This is quick traveling, sure enough, and undoubtedly breaks the record in this district.—[Kincardine Review.]

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