TORONTO AGAIN SCORCHED

Fire Visits the Wholesale District and Works Havoc Among the Buildings.

Another Half Million Goes Up in Flames—Firms Affected by the Fire.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—Another great fire is raging in Toronto this evening, and at the present moment there is no telling what may be the extent of it. It has already far exceeded that of Sunday morning in the damage it has done. Very curiously, it started at the exact spot where the Globe fire of Sunday ended, on Melinda street. The Osgoodby building, which adjoins that of S. F. McKinnon & Co., destroyed on Sunday, and which then narrowly escaped, was the origin of to-night's fire, and from that point it spread west and southwest to Wellington street. The following are the places between Jordan and Bay streets which caught and burned within an hour: R. P. Gray & Co., whitewear; Brereton & Manning, furs; Thos. Dunnet & Co., furs; E. Boisseau & Co., clothing; Robert Darling & Co., wholesale woollens. The last named building is very high, and the hose reached only half way up. The firemen were almost powerless. The fire crossed Wellington street, and the firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., printers and wholesale booksellers, Hart & Riddle, wholesale stationers, and Bunting, Reid & Co., paper manufacturers, are burning furiously. The large wholesale dry goods house of Wyld, Grasett & Darling is separated from the fire only by a narrow lane, and may go. The large wholesale house of W. R. Brock & Co., just across on the other side of Bay street, is also in danger. A heavy rain began to fall an hour after the fire started and afforded the firemen some assitance, but this soon stopped. The sparks were flying half a mile from the scene of the fire. When the fire broke out in the Osgoodby building the caretaker and his wife, the latter prostrated from the effects of Sunday's fire, were confined in a room on the top flat. The fire escape could not be reached in time, and all had to do their best to slide down a wire rope. The sick woman slid part of the way down and then fell, turning a somersault, striking on the telegraph wires and landing in a blanket held out for her. She was terribly injured. She was clad only in a night dress. The men came down safely. No particulars can yet be obtained as to insurance.

At 10 o'clock the fire was under control and almost out. Wyld, Grasett & Darling's big building escaped. The loss will likely reach a million dollars.

It is impossible to accurately estimate the various losses of last night's fire, but an approximate estimate of the loss is placed at three quarters of a million, the insurance reaching about two-thirds of that sum. The Osgoodby building alone contained some thirty tenants, many of them manufacturers carrying stocks, of which not a vestige remains. The total loss on stocks in this building reaches $105,000, of which sum James E. Knox & Co., representing the Merchants' Manufacturing company, of Montreal, and the Yarmouth, N. S., Duck and Yarn company lost a stock valued at $44,000; insured for $25,000. W. S. Johnston, printers and blank book manufacturers, lost a stock of $18,000. The building and stock of R. Darling, dry goods, on the north side of Wellington street, is a total loss. The building was worth about $150,000 and the stock $100,000. Thomas Dunnet & Co., furriers, lost $20,000 on their building and $7000 on their stock. Brereton & Manning lost $20,000 on their building and $50,000 on their stock, of which two-thirds was insured. R. H. Gray, white cotton goods dealer, lost $30,000 on his building, and $50,000 on stock. The Corticelli Silk company, next door, escaped with a scorching. On the other side of Wellington street, Hart & Riddle, wholesale stationers, lost a stock of $35,000, two-thirds insured.

Last evening's fire started where the Globe fire of Sunday left off. After burning furiously for a few hours a fortunate downpour of rain prevented further damage. The fire broke out in the Osgoody building at 7 p.m. and an hour later every floor in the building had fallen through to the cellar. From Osgoodby's building the flames jumped to the warehouses in the rear. The Bunting, Reid & Co. building was attacked and the upper stories were soon ablaze. The firemen were much handicapped by the poor appliances and lack of water, but notwithstanding that worked hard and faithfully. The chief sufferers are: Tenants of the Osgoodby building, W. S. Johnston & Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., Simmons & Evel, undertakers' supplies; J. H. Secomb, saddlery and hardware; G. J. Gorrie, show cards. On Melinda Mrs. Elizabeth Garton, John O'Brien, Jas. Rigney are the losers. On Wellington street, north side, they are S. F. McKinnon, Jas. A. Conkling; T. D. Dunnet & Co., furs; W. P. White, manufacturers' agent; Corticelli Silk Co., S. H. Gray & Co., Brereton & Manning, furs; E. Boisseau & Co., Robert Darling & Co. Wellington street, south side, those who lost are Hart & Riddell, wholesale stationers; Hunter, Rose & Co., publishers; Bunting, Reid & Co., paper manufacturers, and Kilgour Bros., paper manufacturers. The three last named houses were damaged mostly by water. The loss will be much larger than Sunday's fire and it is estimated the insurance will aggregate about half a million.

The firemen are still playing on the fire, and for days will be busy cooling the ruins and preventing the spread of the conflagration. The cause of the fire is ascribed to a leakage of gas in the building adjoining Sunday's blaze, occasioned by the disturbance of gas mains and pipes at that time. It is thought that Osgoodby's building was filled with this inflammable substance and caught by an electric current. Street Commissioner Jones this morning said that the fire brought out the fact that many of the buildings in the wholesale portion of the city are nothing but fire traps. The underwriters to-day are discussing the question of in creasing the insurance rates. At a meeting of the underwriters it was moved that the insurance on building over four stories high be increased 50 per cent. This would have been passed only a member of the city council who was present assured the insurance people that they would purchase four steam engines, ladders and other appliances. The city is practically without telephone communication to-day.

Pure blood is absolutely necessary to enjoy perfect health. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and strengthens the system.

WASHINGTON WIRINGS.

To Adjust the Nicaragua Trouble—Agricultural Affairs.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The morning session of the National Dairymen's Association at Willard's hotel to-day was devoted principally to addresses containing suggestions pertaining to work of organization. Congressman Hainer of Nebraska urged the dairymen to organize their interests in congress. He suggested the urging of the Grouthill bill which gives several states power to enact laws regarding oleomargarine and other food adulterations. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Danby also addressed the meeting. He said that the agricultural department considered the dairy interest as the foundation stone of agriculture and argued for diversity in farming products

In the senate the house bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the South Canadian river, was placed on the calendar. The Aldrich resolution as to stationing of one or more ships of the navy at Honolulu again went over. A resolution calling on the Nicaraguan government for proper adjustment and settlement of claims of the United States citizens against it, was presented and referred. The urgent deficiency bill was then taken up the pending question being on Hill's amendment giving United States courts jurisdiction of questions of constitutionality and validity of income tax and Hill addressed the senate.

Hill denied Pefer's assertion that he (Hill) and Quay intended to filibuster against the bill. He then proceeded to attack the income tax. He asserted that the income tax was excise tax and that by terms of the constitution an excise tax must be uniform. Continuing, he said, income tax and provision tariff law were unequal and unjust. He did not, he said, ask for the repeal of the income tax law as he recognized the impossibility of having it repealed. He would simply criticize the regulations for assessment and collection of the tax.

The Democratic congressional campaign committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the room of the house committee on labor. Sixteen members, including Senator Faulkner of Virginia, chairman, and Mr. Lawrence Gardner of Washington, secretary, were present. A statement submitted by Mr. Gardner, showed that all the expenses connected with the campaign last autumn had been settled and that a fair working balance remained in the treasury. It was decided that permanent headquarters be established at the Riggs house in this city. An advisory committee of five was ordered to be appointed and to consist of chairman, secretary and three other members, whose duty it shall be to communicate with members whose seats may be contested and with candidates who purpose contesting the seats of their victorious Republican opponents in the 54th congress. This is the first meeting held by the committee since the last election.

SAN FRANCISCO NEWS.

Excitement in Stock Market Over Strike in Comstock Mine.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—The stock market in this city is excited this morning owing to news being received that the ore body of the Comstock Virginia mine is much improved and that a new strike has been made in the 1200 foot level of the Ophir mine. The largest transactions in mining shares were made this morning on the market here that have been made for several months past, and prices all round were considerably firmer. The general feeling among the operators is that a revival of the Comstock is at hand.

A dispatch to the merchants' exchange from Elk, Mendocino county, says: "A large steamer towing another steamer passed Point Arena at ten o'clock this morning going south. The steamers Walla Walla, from Puget sound, and the Columbia, from Portland ,are due to-day, and it is supposed that these are the vessels sighted.

Assistant Naval Constructor G. W. Street, the United States navy constructor in charge of the naval vessels under construction at the Union iron works in this city, died suddenly at four o'clock this morning from pleuro-pneumonia.

Two men entered the handsome residence of Julius L. Franklin, on California street, this morning at an early hour for the purpose of robbery. They were detected by F. G. Miller, the butler, who slept in a room in the basement. The burglars attacked Miller, who had tried to use a revolver, and beat him into insensibility. During the struggle Miller's revolver was discharged, alarming the household. The murderous burglars thereupon made their escape, taking with them $25 and a few pieces of jewelry.

The Eastern War.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—The Cologne Gazette advises Japan to make peace with China at once. The Gazette advises Japan that her demands may become so exaggerated that the European powers will not allow China to concede them.

London, Jan. 11.—A Pekin dispatch says at the instance of Li Hung Chang the emperor has issued an order for the arrest of the three generals who commanded the Chinese troops at Port Arthur.

A Shanghai dispatch says that the divers have patched up the Chinese warship Chen Yuen. She is now in good fighting condition.

A dispatch from Kaiping says that over two hundred Chinese were killed in a fight near that place yesterday. The number of wounded has not yet been learned.

Bibsan Frocks—This cake is awful nice, mamma. (Silence.) This cake is awful nice, mamma.

"Well, what of it?"

"Oh, nothing; only when the new minister says it you always ask him to have more."—Boston Courier.

THE FRENCH AT MADAGASCAR

Fort Farafatra Bombarded—Hovas Fight Bravely But Were Defeated.

Another Session of Parliament Before an Election Considered Certain.

London, Jan. 11.—A Port Louis dispatch says news has been received from Madagascar stating that the French bombarded Fort Farafatra, near Tamatave. The Hovas bravely defended the fort, replying to the French fire with well directed shots with several guns comprising the armament of the fort. No details of the engagement are given.

Further advices say the attack on Fort Farafatra was made on December 28th. The Hovas were defeated and retired with heavy loss.

ONDERDONK'S JOB.

Likely To Get Another Contract—Dr. Dawson's Promotion.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Haggart told your correspondent yesterday that Onderdonk promised him to employ none but Canadian laborers on the Trent Valley canal. It is just likely that Onderdonk will get another section to build. He came to the city to-day and his contract was signed.

Postmasters are notified that only newspapers sent direct from the office of publication to regular subscribers or news agents are entitled to free transmission, and that sample copies may be forwarded prepaid at the rate of one cent per pound, but subject to the requirement that each copy sent shall be distinctly marked or stamped "sample copy." Whenever newspapers showing no signs of prepayment and not marked "sample copy" are received at an office addressed to persons who are not, and do not claim to be, subscribers, the postmaster at the office of delivery will call the attention of the department to the matter, mentioning the name and place of publication of the paper.

It is as good as settled that there will be a session before an election. If not in to-morrow's Gazette a proclamation will be issued next week calling parliament to meet in February.

An order in council has been passed superannuating Dr. Selwyn and appointing Dr. G. M. Dawson his successor as director of geological surveys in Canada.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Free Institutions to be Conducted by Gen. Butler's Executors.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—N. S. Baldwin, agent for the estate of the late Gen. B. F. Butler, confirms the report that the estate will conduct a free sanitarium for consumptives at Fort Union, N. M. The estate has 820,000 acres of land known as the Mora grant around old Fort Union. Mr. Baldwin said: "Dr. W. D. Gentry, of this city, who conducts a sanitarium here, will have charge of the sanitarium at Fort Union. The estate will alter and repair all the buildings and tender them free for sanitarium purposes. Board will be charged but that is all. It is proposed to make this one of the biggest things of its kind in the country and it will be in readiness in a few months."

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Full Court Proceeding with the List of Appeals.

The full court, consisting of Justices Crease, McCreight and Walkem, are to-day hearing the plaintiff's appeal in the action of E. & C. Gurney & Company vs. John Braden, M. P. P. and J. L. Stamford.

This is an appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake of November 29, 1893, whereby judgment was entered for the defendant Braden with costs. The action is brought to recover $1081.52 for goods sold by E. & C. Gurney & Company of Hamilton, to the late firm of Braden & Stamford. Originally Braden & Stamford were liable and then they dissolved and Stamford carried on the business and subsequent to the dissolution Mr. Stamford gave the plaintiffs his notes for the amount. These notes were unpaid and then the plaintiffs sued both members of the old firm on their original indebtedness, with the result as stated above, his lordship holding that Mr. Braden had been released. The plaintiffs appeal, saying that Braden was never released and that the receipt of the notes by the plaintiffs, forwarded as they were by Stamford to them and by them forwarded for collection, was evidence insufficient to show an intention on the part of the plaintiffs to look to Stamford alone, and quite consistent with an intention on the part of the plaintiffs to look to both the defendants in case the notes should not be paid at maturity.

Mr. E. V. Bodwell and Mr. A. E. Mcphillips for the appellants, and Mr. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., for the respondent Braden J. G. McLean vs. The Inland Construction Company was down for trial to-day, but was settled by plaintiffs taking judgment for $650 against the defendants and the defendants taking judgment against the Bank of British Columbia for $750. The plaintiff sued on an account stated for work and labor done as sub-contractors under the defendants on the Nakusp & Slocan railway. The defence set up was that the account was issued in mistake as $1026.80 of the moneys said by account to be owing to plaintiff were really owing to W. C. McLean and had been attached by the Bank of British Columbia and paid to them by defendants upon their undertaking to indemnify defendants in respect of such payment. Plaintiff sued to recover this $1026.80, and defendants brought in the bank as third parties, claiming to be indemnified by them. Bodwell & Irving for plaintiff, McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard for defendants, and Davis, Marshall, Macneill & Abbott for bank.

The full court, consisting of Justices Crease, McCreight and Walkem, this morning allowed the appeal in the Vancouver Electric Lighting by-law case. The appeal was from an order of Mr Justice Drake refusing a rule nisi calling on the city of Vancouver to show cause why the said by-law No. 214 should not be quashed. The by-law is now quashed. A. J. McColl, Q. C., and E. P. Davis, Q. C., for the appeal, and A. St. George Hamersley for the corporation of the city of Vancouver.

THE PACIFIC CABLE SCHEME.

Hitt of the Foreign Affairs Committee Will Oppose Cleveland's Proposition.

He Objects to a British Company Having a Station on the Hawaiian Islands.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Representative H. R. Hitt of Illinois, ex-chairman and at present the principal Republican member of the house committee on foreign affairs, said yesterday that while he agreed with President Cleveland that Hawaii should have the benefit of telegraphic communication with the outside world, he was strongly opposed to the suggestion in the president's message of Wednesday that a British company should be permitted to construct and operate a proposed cable line from Australia to British Columbia, touching at one of the Hawaiian islands. Mr. Hitt maintained that the United States should control any cable line from Hawaii, and pointed out that if a foreign company had such a concession this country would be placed at a great disadvantage in the event of war. If there had been cable communication with Hawaii since the change of government there Mr. Hitt maintained that much of the embarrassment of the past two years over Hawaiian affairs would have been obviated. While chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the fifty-first congress Mr. Hitt offered an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriations bill providing for a survey for a cable between San Francisco and Honolulu, but it was defeated.

ANNEXATION OF SAMOA.

New Zealand's Proposition Endorsed by the Australian Colonies.

Auckland, N. Z., Jan. 11.—Premier R. J. Sedden spoke at length in Kokitita to-day concerning Samoa and New Zealand and the three interested powers. He said: "New Zealand's offer to administer Samoa is unanimously approved by all the Australian cononies. It was made in a friendly spirit, to the powers concerned, the United States, who were indifferent in the matter, being cognizant of it. The Germans have made no progress in the colonization of Samoa. Their interests are waning yearly and the Germans in Australia do not object to our proposal. The sight of the great European powers using warships to settle the trumpery disputes of the Samoan nation is a blot on civilization. All the fighting could be stopped by a few police." Premier Sedden complained of Lord Rosebery's attitude to New Zealand and his attacks on the press, which simply reported an official regular offer. "If we must be subject to ridicule," he continued, "with a view to conciliating Germany, it will not strengthen the bonds between the colonies and the mother country. New Zealand and the other colonies do not wish to interfere with imperial interests, but it is of great importance to the colonies that the Pacific islands be peopled with British colonists, and not made the dumping ground of European criminals as is New Caledonia."

American News.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Before Jake Shaefer left for Fort Wayne he remarked: "I see that there is a man in New York who wants to get up a match between myself and Fournil for $500 a side. This is ridiculous. It would cost me three hundred dollars to practice for three weeks in New York. If there is anyone willing to back Fournil for say $2500 a side, or even $2000, I'll play him any time he chooses. As to Ives and myself meeting again, that rests with Ives."

Red Hook, N. Y., Jan. 11.—F. Edda, the Japanese student who on Monday while in a delirium escaped from his room at St. Stephen's college at Annadale and disappeared, was found yesterday seated beside a haystack near Madalin. He had suffered much from exposure. He had taken with him a razor with which to fight the Chinese. His idea was to walk to Japan and join the Mikado's army there. He now shows signs of returning reason

Cable News.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—In the debate on the anti-revolution bill in the Reichstag to-day Prussian Minister of Interior Koeller appealed to the German nation beyond the walls of the Reichstag to unite in support of the bill, which would make henceforth impossible the continuation of the violation and derision of the most sacred things of the nation.

London, Jan. 11.—It has been learned that Lord Dunraven has ordered the work of construction of the new yacht to proceed. The syndicate bearing the expense of the new boat consists of Lords Dunraven, Wolverton, Lonsdale, and Mr. McCalin. Dunraven will engage two skippers of the boat. Negotiations are already pending with a view to securing Captain Sycamore, skipper of the Carina, as Captain Cranfield declines to cross the Atlantic in the yacht. He will either go over in a steamer or retire altogether. There is a rumor that Cranfield will enter the service of Gould.

Spavins, Ringbones, etc. Cured by Dick's Blister.

A REFORM ADMINISTRATION

Committee of Five Appointed to Reorganize the Police Force of New York.

Mayor Strong's Administration to be Backed Up by the State Legislature.

New York, Jan. 12.—The members of the legislature committee of the city club met last night to consider reform measures. They remained in session four hours. A resolution was adopted to appoint a committee of five to consider legislation affecting the police department. The question of the proposed plan of the committee of seventy for reorganizing the minor criminal courts was referred to a committee of three.

State Senator Edmund O'Connor, president of the senate, called on Mayor Strong yesterday. While he was with the mayor Speaker Hamilton Fish of the assembly came in. Mr. Fish had never met Col. Strong before and the senator accordingly introduced the two distinguished Republicans to each other. When they were leaving Speaker Fish said of his visit: "I called to pay my respects to the mayor and to say to him that the legislature would uphold his administration. We did not discuss any particular bills. The power of removal bill will be sent to Mayor Strong as soon as it is prepared, and I have no doubt that if he approves it, it will be passed without delay."

John J Ryan, president of the board of police justices, with corporation Counsel Clark, had a long conference with the mayor yesterday. Corporation Counsel Clark said they discussed ordinances of the care of the streets. The mayor directed Justice Ryan to notify the justices to be stringent in punishing offenders.

GRAVE CHARGES.

Straw Men Said to have Been Placed On the Sound's Customs Pay Roll.

Tacoma, Jan. 11.—The grave charge of carrying straw men on the pay rolls of the Puget sound customs department has been made against Collector J. C. Saunders. It is understood that he denies the charge, and accordingly J. Tennant Steeb, who had the handling of the men employed at the interstate fair, as far as the pay roll is concerned, was to-night asked for an explanation of the matter. The charge covers paying an inspector wages at the fair for work which, it is alleged, never was performed.

In substance, Mr. Webb not only confirms the charge, but adds to its gravity by declaring that men were placed on the pay rolls before they actually did any work, and were kept on the rolls from five days to a week before they even showed up at the fair.

"DON GIOVANNI."

The Famous Opera Enthusiastically Received by New Yorkers.

New York, Jan. 12.—Mozarts "Don Giovanni" was performed at the Metropolitan opera house last night before a large audience, which showed very plainly that it enjoyed the most famous of operas. The performance was one of the most satisfactory of the current season. The cast was the same as heretofore, and the various artists were in good form and were more at ease than they were on the first night of the week this season.

SEVERE WEATHER IN EUROPE.

Storms All Over the Continent and in Great Britain.

London, Jan. 11.—The weather in England is intensely cold. There is skating in Regent's park. Rev. Thos. Podmore, vicar of Ashton Lee Willows, was found dead in the snow.

On the continent lakes and rivers are frozen, and many deaths are reported in consequence of the snow storms which seem to have prevailed in many parts.

A terrific snow storm has swept over Vienna, leaving the city almost isolated. Railroad and vehicle traffic is reduced to a minimum. Over 3,500 men are at work clearing the streets. The supplies of vegetables, milk and meat have almost failed. There are seven feet of snow in the suburbs.

A snowstorm, accompanied by a heavy wind, destroyed four houses at Celeusa, in the province of Reggia, Italy. Sixteen persons were buried in the ruins of the houses and eight of them were dead when extricated. Snow storms at Stress, on Lake Maggiore, Ravenna and elsewhere have caused great damage.

A Madrid dispatch to the Standard says the telegraph to France has not been working for nine days owing to gales and snow storms. The severity of the weather is unprecedented.

Edinburgh, Jan. 11.—The cold weather now prevailing in Scotland is the most severe experienced for many years. Loch Lomond is frozen over. Some of the snow drifts are twenty feet high.

VANCOUVER ELECTIONS.

Very Little Interest Taken in the Mayoralty Contest.

Vancouver, Jan. 11.—Very few voters turned out yesterday to take part in the municipal contest, many not being qualified on account of not having paid their taxes. The result follows:

For the mayoralty—Henry Collins 686, Ald. McDowell 297.

Aldermen—Ward 1—J. Couplan, retired grocer, acclamation.

Ward 2—W. H. Gallagher, builder and contractor.

Ward 3—H. P. McCraney.

Ward 4—G. W. Thomas, contractor.

Ward 5—W. P. Brown, carpenter.

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