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ELEVENTH YEAR.

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THE BRITISH SHIP SHANGHAI TAKES FIRE AT SEA

And is Destroyed With Her Crew, Consisting of 60 Natives and Several European Officers. The Disaster Occurred on the Yangtze River, Near the Southern Capital of China.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—According to advice received here the steamship Shanghai recently caught fire at sea and was supposed to have become a total loss. The disaster is understood to have occurred near Wee Hu, a treaty port of the Chinese province of Kiangsu, on the Yangtze, 40 miles above Nanking. The crew, consisting of about 60 natives with several European officers, are supposed to have perished.

Another Steamship on Fire.
CALCUTTA, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Yolanda from London is at a Diamond Harbour on the Hooghly River, 24 miles below this city.

THE STRIKING SCOTS.
One Company Wins the Fight—Others Will Probably Arbitrate.

GLASGOW, Dec. 26.—The railroad strikers continue to keep business almost at a standstill and to cause inconvenience and annoyance to many thousands. The statement having been made that the families of the strikers are beginning to feel the effects of the strike is denied by the men who are out. The latter claim they are in a position to hold out for a fortnight without any other way causing distress to their families or themselves. Up to the present, with the exception of shooting and occasionally stoning an onlooker, the strikers have remained loyal to the railway companies, there has been no act of violence.

This, to a great degree, is due to the admirable precautions taken by the police. Freight traffic has not yet been resumed on the railways, but there is a slight improvement in amount of passenger traffic. The Caledonian Railway officials say they anticipate an early collapse of the strike. They state that many locomotive engineers and firemen among the strikers will resume work Monday and that others have privately agreed to be reinstated.

The strikers generally express confidence in the success of the strike. The Caledonian Company yesterday engaged 30 English engine drivers. The Glasgow way companies express a willingness to meet directly with the men, but decline to allow officers of the union to be present at any interview.

A Settlement Looked For.
EDINBURGH, Dec. 26.—As the result of a conference here today of representatives of the strikers and delegates representing the railway directors, it is stated that there are prospects of settling the strike. At Dundee to an unsuccessful attempt was made to derail a train.

One Company Wins.
GLASGOW, Dec. 26.—The Glasgow Railway Co., which had steadfastly refused to yield to the strikers, has practically won the struggle with its employes. The success of this company is the result of the efforts of its management.

Stays Thousands Laborers Out of Work.
BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 26.—Trustworthy statistics are available for the alarming statement that 10,000 laborers of both sexes are out of employment. Remembering that many of them have aged relatives and young children dependent on them, it will be seen that the number verging upon actual starvation is very great.

A Desperate Duel that Was Not Fought.
PARIS, Dec. 26.—The proposed duel between M. Broisse and M. Dumay has been abandoned. M. Broisse has formally apologized for his assault upon the deputy and the affair has been settled to the satisfaction of both sides.

A Cure for Leprosy Also.
MADRID, Dec. 26.—Two persons suffering from leprosy have been cured by the method of Dr. Koch. The doctors of the hospital where the lepers are being treated report that the patients have been cured by the method of Dr. Koch since the remedy was applied.

Cable Flashes.
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THE TRAVELERS' NEW HOME.

THEY WILL PURCHASE THE OLD CENTRAL BANK BUILDING

At a Cost of Forty Thousand Dollars—It Will be Turned Into a Permanent Home for the Travelers' Association.

The Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada held its 18th annual meeting in the Auditorium yesterday. The president, Mr. A. A. Allan, occupied the chair, and on the platform with him were: Warrington Kennedy, James Patterson, H. Blain, Capt. McMaster, J. C. Black, past president. About 300 travelers were in attendance.

The report of the Board of Management read by Secretary James Sargent, showed the association to be progressing favorably. The financial statement showed the total assets to be \$190,000, of which \$100,000 was contributed by Dominion Government and the Dominion Bank, and the liabilities to be \$71,000, leaving a surplus of \$119,000, which is an increase of \$10,000 over last year's total.

The receipts amounted to \$48,974, being \$1,841 over certificates and the balance for interest. The disbursements were \$38,987 for salaries, \$1,500 for secretary's salary, \$887 for general and \$1,041 for special expenses.

In explaining the expenditure accounts Secretary Sargent said that the association was run for 35 per cent. less than any other association on the continent and for less than the military secretary of the Methodist Church.

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MRS. AGNES THOMSON'S TOUR

GREENED WITH LAUDS AND FULL HOUSES EVERYWHERE.

Her Continued Success—More Press Comments—Critics Enthusiastic—Sentiment Belags Wherever She Appears—A Great Success.

The enthusiasm which greeted Mrs. Agnes Thomson at the beginning of her tour has but increased as her journey progressed. Her later appearances have been the signal for audiences which taxed the capacity of the hall in every instance. The company is taking a short rest during the holidays and will again start on their tour during the latter part of the year.

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ONE KILLED, MANY INJURED.

Disastrous Bear Collision on the Michigan Central.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 26.—About 10 o'clock last night a rear collision took place between two freight trains upon the M. C. R. about 3 1/2 miles west of Iona, resulting in the death of Drakeman, conductor of the rear train, and serious injury of several other employes. The rear train, drawn by two engines under the direction of Drakeman and W. J. Vin, ran into the caboose of the forward train.

The rear train was led by a rear brakeman and a driver, and was carrying a load of lumber. The forward train was led by a driver and was carrying a load of coal.

The collision occurred at a crossing where the two tracks crossed at right angles. The rear train was moving north and the forward train was moving south.

The rear train was stopped by the collision and the forward train was derailed. The rear train was led by a rear brakeman and a driver, and was carrying a load of lumber.

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AUDITING THE ACCOUNTS.

A. & S. TRUSTEES HAVE A LIVELY FINANCIAL TALK.

A Brief Adjournment Out of Respect for the Memory of Vice-General Laurent—A Resolution of Condolence and a Committee to Present it to His Grace the Archbishop.

The separate Board held a special meeting last night to receive the financial report. Hon. T. W. Anglin, in absence of Father O'Reilly, Charles Burns, John O'Connor, M. O'Connor, P. O'Connor, G. H. Boulter, C. Flanagan, M. Fraser, D. A. Carey, John Herbert, Walsh, James Ryan, J. M. Hennessey, M. Kelly, Oswald Papp, M. Ryan.

Some discussion took place relative to adjourning over of respect to the memory of late Vice-General Laurent.

Trustee Burns: "A number of you will go out from this meeting, but many more will stay here. I think, therefore, an opportunity should be given us all of showing our respect to the memory of the late Vice-General Laurent. I move that we adjourn for ten minutes."

Trustee Ryan: "I think it would be better to adjourn for ten minutes and then to adjourn for ten minutes more."

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