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BUSINESS SECTION OF TOWN BURNED

DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT OVER HALF A MILLION

Big Blaze at New Milford, Connecticut—Many Stores, Banks and Hotels Destroyed.

Danbury, Conn., May 6.—Between $500,000 and $600,000 is the latest estimate of the loss by fire which destroyed the business section of New Milford, 16 miles north of here, last night. Nearly fifty buildings, including most of the stores, ten banks and three hotels were burned. The fire started in the stables of the New Milford house. The village fire department was unable to get sufficient water from the six inch main which supplies the place to combat the fire, and the flames spread quickly to the Mygatt block and then west along Bank street, where the principal business places were, and leaped from building to building unchecked. Twenty different buildings were on fire at once.

A message asking for aid from this city was received here at 9 o'clock, but soon afterward all communication with New Milford was cut off. A fire engine and 1,000 feet of hose were placed aboard a special train, and fifty firemen started for New Milford with this apparatus. When the train reached New Milford many frantic citizens dragged the engine from the car and through the streets without waiting for horses. At that time the fire had spread from one end of Bank street to the other and had leaped across Bank street. Every building but one on the street was in flames, and the New England hotel on Main street was on fire. A line of handsome residences which faced the green on Main street were in imminent danger, and the Danbury firemen labored to save them.

At the opposite end of Bank street the fire was spreading towards the north end of Railroad avenue, where the New Milford Gazette building and several other large establishments were located. The stream from the fire engine cut the fire off at both of these points after two hours' work.

The fire spread to the post office and the Y. M. C. A. building on Main street, destroying both. The fire was under control at 4 o'clock this morning, but still burning in many places. The New Milford leading bank, the last building to take fire, was in ruins at daybreak.

MAILS FOR NORTH.

Letters, Etc., Will Be Accepted For Transmission By White Pass Road at Once.

Ottawa, May 6.—The postmaster-general will notify to-morrow all post offices in Canada that all mail matter will be accepted for Dawson and places along the route by the White Pass railway at once. Mail matter will be forwarded to that road the same as to other railways. There will be a daily mail service to White Horse all the year round. Parcels, etc., will be accepted under a new contract which has been entered into between the railway and post office department.

Good progress was made with supplementaries to-day, but it is not likely that prorogation can be reached on Saturday, although efforts are being made to do so. On the item of $2,000 for the salary to Prof. Daley, geologist from Harvard University, who enters the geological survey and goes to work on the international boundary between British Columbia and the United States, U. Wilson, Lennoxville, congratulated Hon. Clifford Sifton on appointing Canadians to such offices. Prof. Daley was a Napanee boy and a good man.

Honorable Doctor Borden, on militia items, said that the cavalry and artillery would be drilled this year the same as usual, also the city corps, but all June camps might not be held.

REVOLUTION BREWING.

Critical Condition of Affairs in Portugal—Regiment of Infantry Disbanded.

London, May 6.—A dispatch to a news agency from Madrid says that advices received there from Portugal indicate that there is danger of an actual revolution in that country. Considerable apprehension is felt in official quarters as to the attitude of Portuguese troops. The 6th Infantry, stationed at Oporto, has been disbanded in consequence of fears that it would join the rioters.

The military and naval officers are advocating that King Charles establish a dictatorship.

CONGRESS POSTPONED.

New York, May 6.—The officers of the Medico Society announced to-day that the American congress of tuberculosis has been postponed to June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The postponement will enable the members of the Medico Legal Society and delegates to the congress to attend the following meetings to be held at Saratega Springs in June: The American Academy of Medicine, June 7th. American Association of Life Insurance Surgeons, June 9th, and the American Medical Association June 10th to 13th.

BACK FROM OTTAWA.

Mr. Yarwood Returns to Nanaimo After Interviewing the Dominion Government.

Nanaimo, May 6.—Mr. Yarwood, one of the delegation sent to Ottawa to interest the Dominion government in granting a bonus to a railway from Nanaimo to the north end of Vancouver Island by way of Alberni, has returned. He is somewhat doubtful of a bonus being granted owing to the estimates having all been made before the delegation got there. The government showed a strong disposition to grant this, however, especially to the first part of it from this city to Alberni. If this part should be immediately undertaken it is quite probable that a bonus might be granted this year for a line from Nanaimo to Englishman's river, and thence to Alberni.

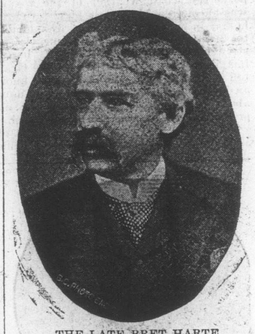
The captain of the steamer New England, which has arrived from the north, where she is engaged in halibut fishing off Queen Charlotte islands, reports that he saw nothing of the over-due Thurston on his last trip. He, however, entertains little fear of any mishap. From the report he brings it is highly probable the Thurston has not got a load of fish yet. While there was plenty of halibut there they have been generally too small for salting purposes. Considerable rough weather would also interfere with their work.

F. BRET HARTE DIES SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT

The Well-Known Writer, Author of "The Luck of Roaring Camp," Passes Away.

London, May 6.—F. Bret Harte, the American author, died suddenly last night at the Red House, Camberley, near Aldershot, from hemorrhage, caused by an affection of the throat.

He was born at Albany, N. Y., on August 25th, 1839. Mr. Harte had been living quietly in England for years. Most of his time was spent in the country and when in London he was almost equally secluded, having few visitors at his rooms at Lancaster gate, and only going to the houses of a limited number of very intimate friends.



THE LATE BRET HARTE.

Several months ago when a false report of his death was circulated in America, a reporter of the Associated Press called at his rooms. Mr. Harte then appeared to be perfectly well. He laughed heartily and quoted Mark Twain's old saying about the report being grossly exaggerated.

"Except for a little cold," said Mr. Harte, "I have no ailments or complaints. While I am getting to be a pretty old man (pointing to his snow white hair), there is life in the old dog yet," and thereupon he lit a cigar so large that it would have done credit to any of his poker flat friends. He was hoping, he also said, to do some more work, but he confessed he was growing lazy.

Mr. Harte had been suffering from a swollen tonsil since December last, but he did not consider the attack to be serious. A week ago he went to visit friends at Camberley and was present at lunch as usual yesterday, but he suddenly became ill in the afternoon, went to bed and died in a few hours. His end was peaceful.

Among Mr. Harte's best known works were the Poems, the Luck of Roaring Camp and other sketches.

TERRIBLE FATALITY.

Eight Men Caught in a Torrent of Molten Metal.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 6.—Four men were killed, two were fatally injured and two others were terribly burned by being in a torrent of molten metal last night in an open hearth pit at the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Steelton, near here. All of the men were Austrians, and of the three who died this morning at the Harrisburg hospital, where they were taken during the night, two have not yet been identified.

ARCHBISHOP'S DEATH.

Rome, May 6.—The Pope was greatly distressed when informed of the death of Archbishop Corrigan, of New York. His Holiness had been a constant inquirer for news throughout the archbishop's illness, sending daily to the American college for information regarding the sick prelate's condition.

OVER ONE HUNDRED TAKEN LAST WEEK

MILITARY OPERATIONS STILL IN PROGRESS

The Boer Leaders Are Free to Visit the Various Commands—Lord Kitchener's Report.

London, May 6.—Lord Kitchener's weekly report dated from Pretoria yesterday shows that the peace movement is not allowed to interfere with military operations except so far as to permit of unrestrained meetings between leaders and Boer force commands.

The week's Boer casualties were 10 men killed and 122 made prisoners. Gen. Bruce Hamilton's column captured 87 men on the Heilbron-Orange River Colony line.

Col. Colenbrander has resumed operations in the northern part of the Transvaal against Commandant Beyers, whose forces have been considerably reduced and General Ian Hamilton has cleared a large era west of Klerksdorp, Southwestern Transvaal.

Boers Lost Heavily.

Capetown, May 6.—The Ookiep, Western Cape Colony, relief column has occupied Steinkopf to the north of Ookiep, which was strongly held by the Boers, after fighting on April 27th and April 28th. The British lost six men killed and eight wounded. The Boer losses are said to have been heavy. The Boers asked for British medical assistance.

NEW YORK FAILURES.

Petition Filed Asking For Receiver For Offenbach & Moore.

New York, May 6.—There was not much evidence in Wall street this morning of the disturbed conditions of yesterday. There was steady general conviction that the worst was known of the losses of the Webb-Meyer exchange houses which suspended yesterday. At the offices of Offenbach & Moore the doors were not opened this morning, but some of the employees reported that question of a formal assignment by the firm was being considered and nothing would be done until advice was had. At the offices of Lockwood, Hurd & Co. the assignee was in charge, and was pushing an investigation.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed to-day in the United States district court against Offenbach & Moore, the stock brokers who suspended yesterday. The petition was filed by Epstein Bros., of 320 Broadway, representing claims for $45,000. The petition alleges that the firm has been insolvent for the last four months and has made certain creditors preferred. The appointment of a receiver is requested.

WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Collector of Customs Instructs Officers to Show More Consideration to Passengers.

New York, May 6.—Collector of Customs Straban, in an address to the entire force of customs inspectors, who assembled at the barge office to meet him, has told the inspectors that trans-Atlantic voyagers must in future be treated with more consideration. Difficulties in passing baggage, which have exasperated passengers on incoming vessels are, he said, to be done away with and new regulations soon will be promulgated which will minimize all of the evils which have aroused complaint. The collector reminded the men who meet steamships and search baggage on piers that they are servants of the public, and urged them to perform their duty in such a manner as to merit public approval.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON

Had a Violent Hemorrhage This Morning and Is in Critical Condition.

Washington, May 6.—Admiral Sampson to-day had a violent hemorrhage. His condition is critical.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Admiral Sampson was unconscious and breathing laboriously. His physician states that he is failing rapidly, and that the end may come at any moment. For several days past the admiral has been growing weaker, and the hemorrhage this morning brought on the sinking spell.

The hemorrhage from which Admiral Sampson suffered this morning was from the brain. At 2.45 p.m. his unconsciousness was very profound.

FRANCE SHOCKED.

Several Towns Felt Brief Earthquake This Morning.

Paris, May 6.—Violent earthquake shocks, which occurred at 3 o'clock this morning, are reported from Bordeaux, Bayonne, Pau, and other places in the same region. They lasted fifteen seconds. The reports do not mention any damage.

FREIGHT ON FLOUR.

Rate From St. Paul to Minneapolis Has Been Reduced.

Chicago, May 6.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has placed export flour on a level with wheat in the matter of transportation charges. This action, according to the Record-Herald which makes the announcement, will be followed by all western lines with similar rates, and means a saving of millions yearly to the millers of the Northwest. For years the millers have vigorously contended that if the rates were made the same on wheat and flour, grain would not be taken from the United States, but would be made into flour here and then shipped for export. Strong appeals for relief have recently been made to President Roosevelt, direct to congressional committees, and to the interstate commerce commission. The rate from St. Paul to Minneapolis on both flour and export grain is now 20½ cents. Formerly it was 23½ cents on flour. The rate of 20½ cents applies to part lake and rail shipments. From St. Paul the rate on flour for export by all rail is 25 cents and on grain 17½ cents.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

To-Day's Bulletin Shys Her Condition Is Fairly Satisfactory.

The Hague, May 6.—Queen Wilhelmina's physicians in their morning bulletin issued at Castle Loo say: "After a slight rise in her temperature yesterday evening the Queen had a quiet night and slept most of the time. Her temperature this morning is normal, and her condition at the present moment is fairly satisfactory, although the patient still requires great care and attention."

Those who are in attendance on the Queen are by no means fully reassured by the medical bulletins, which seem to indicate that the physicians themselves are uncertain as to the course her illness may take. Her Majesty remains extremely weak. Two doctors were at her bedside almost all night long. Telegrams of inquiry and sympathy continue to arrive in large numbers at Castle Loo.

Afternoon Bulletin.

The Hague, May 6.—A bulletin posted at Castle Loo at 2 p.m. to-day announced that Queen Wilhelmina's temperature "had continued normal up to the present," and said that Her Majesty's other symptoms do not call for special remarks.

ICE IS BREAKING.

Bridge Nearly Carried Away—Man Caught in Torrent and Drowned.

Dawson, May 7.—Last night, the big ice jams in the Yukon river opposite Dawson began to break. It is expected by the end of the week the breakup will be complete.

O'Brien bridge, leading to Klondike city, was nearly carried away by the ice jam. One pier was destroyed. While crossing, Frank Leblanc, of Stanicte, Que., Huntington county, fell from a plank placed across the timbers, into the river below. After an heroic attempt to stem the torrent, he sank, re-appearing several times, but failed to make a landing, and was swept under the ice. The body was not recovered. He only arrived about three months ago from Butte, Mont. He was known as Frank White by many who knew him outside. A woman also escaped and the bridge is now closed.

The Yukon has been breaking up for several days in its upper stretches. The Klondike, White river and Pelly are open. Steamboats, which have been wintering up river, are ready to leave La Barge on the down trip, and barges have already started from the upper river, following the ice down. It is feared the water will be low in the Yukon this year on account of the small snowfall in the mountains.

NORTHERN NAVIGATION.

Vancouver, May 6.—The White Pass Railway Company will issue through bills of landing from local ports to Dawson on the 12th instead of the 15th on account of the promise of the early opening of the Yukon river.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Morristown, N. J., May 6.—Representative J. Salmon, of the fourth district of New Jersey, died suddenly to-day of apoplexy at his home in Boonton. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive him.

MINERS' CONFERENCE.

Delegates Will Decide on the Question of a Strike.

Scranton, Pa., May 7.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, for the three districts comprising the anthracite coal region, met here at 10 o'clock this morning to consider a report of the special committee which had been in conference with the National Civic Federation and the presidents of the coal carrying railroads. The meetings will be secret, and the news of the proceedings of the board will be given out through President Mitchell, who is presiding officer. Thirty-four representatives of the mine workers are present, and they will decide whether the men are to remain at work or go on strike for increased pay, a shorter day's work, and recognition of their unions.

President Mitchell, before the meeting, stated that he had received no word of reported concessions on the part of the operators.

FIRST STAGE OF JOURNEY COMPLETED

THE WESTERN MEN ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Steel Rails Turned Out at the Clergue Mills—A Miser Murdered at St. John.

Halifax, May 6.—The special train containing British Columbia and Northwest men of the fourth contingent arrived here last night. The men were sent to camp at Willow Park, and the officers are at the Queen's Hotel.

A Dispute.

Schooner Jennie Michael arrived from the fishing banks yesterday with a case of smallpox on board, and now lies in the harbor, no one preventing the crew from coming ashore or visitors from going aboard owing to a dispute as to the responsibility between the civic and provincial health authorities.

Miser Murdered.

St. John, N. B., May 6.—The coroner's jury have brought in a verdict that Isaac Oulton, an aged miser, found dead last week, was murdered by some person or persons unknown. No arrests have been made.

Steel Rails.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., May 6.—The first steel rails ever made in Canada were made yesterday in the Clergue Mills here. The run off was very successful. The plant is arranged to handle a thirty or sixty-foot rail, carrying 85 pounds to the yard.

Daughters of the Empire.

Toronto, May 6.—The Daughters of Empire, in the first annual session here yesterday afternoon, passed a resolution deploring the increased foreign importations in Canada, and pledging themselves to purchase only Canadian or British made goods.

Trade Commissioner.

A deputation on Tuesday waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa on behalf of the Board of Trade and Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to urge upon the Premier the necessity for the establishment of a Canadian office in London, and also the appointment of a Canadian trade commissioner there.

Mayor Howland's Plan.

Mayor Howland is preparing to submit to the executive of the Union of Canadian Municipalities the outline of a scheme for funding the municipal debts of the Dominion.

Principal Grant.

Kingston, Ont., May 6.—An operation was performed to-day on Rev. Dr. Grant. Though he secured relief, and is now resting easily, danger is by no means over, and his friends are very apprehensive as to the outcome.

Population of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 6.—According to Winnipeg's assessment commissioner, the city's realty assessment totals $23,912,060, with $6,558,210 exemptions. The population is placed at 48,397.

Northwest Nominations.

Nominations for the Northwest legislature take place on Saturday next. Indications point to the return of Haultain government by a large majority.

The Carnegie Library.

Winnipeg city council passed a resolution purchasing a site on Princess street for the site of the Carnegie library. The citizens are indignant at the action of the council owing to the unsuitable location for such a building.

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP.

Masses for Repose of His Soul at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

New York, May 7.—Masses for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Corrigan were said to-day at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and were largely attended. The six o'clock masses were celebrated by Rev. Father Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral, and Rev. Father Daly. At 7 o'clock the Rev. Geo. W. Corrigan, a brother of the dead Archbishop, and Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, officiated, and at 8 o'clock the Right Rev. Ignatius Sanche de Oca, Bishop of San Luis Potosi, and Rev. Father McAleer, of the Cathedral clergy, were the celebrants.

FAVORABLE BULLETINS.

Condition of Queen Wilhelmina Satisfactory Up to Present.

The Hague, May 7.—Queen Wilhelmina's physicians issued this morning the following bulletin from Castle Loo:

"Yesterday evening there was a very slight increase in the temperature of Her Majesty, but she had a good night, and this morning there is a complete absence of the fever. The patient's general condition is satisfactory."

The 2 p. m. bulletin from Castle Loo announced that the condition of Her Majesty was "satisfactory up to the present."

OOKIEP RELIEVED.

Boers Have Retreated South—Meyers Says Peace is Probable.

London, May 7.—The town of Ookiep, Western Cape Colony, which has been besieged since April 4th by a Transvaal force, under Commandant Smuts, has been relieved by a British force under Col. Cooper. The garrison was in good health, and only a few of the troops were wounded. The Boers retreated south.

The wife of Gen. Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces, who is in this country, received a cable message from her husband yesterday saying that peace in South Africa was probable.

More Captures.

London, May 7.—Further advices received here to-day from South Africa announced that 208 Boers had been captured, and that ten Burghers were killed in the neighborhood of Lindley, Orange River Colony, yesterday.

COURT HOUSE AT NELSON CONDEMNED

Strong Remarks by Mr. Justice Martin—Sheriff Instructed to Provide Suitable Quarters for Grand Jury.

Nelson, May 6.—The Court of Assize opened to-day before Mr. Justice Martin was one the people of Nelson will have cause to remember. Interest in the proceedings centered in the address of His Lordship to the grand jury. He condemned the court house, and said it behoved the citizens to stir themselves to get a new court house or cease to be the judical centre. Every grand jury for a number of years had condemned the present court house, and there was no question about the lack of accommodation. Witnesses had to sit on the sidewalk and steps of the court house.

The grand jury notified the sheriff today that they would not sit to-morrow until suitable quarters were provided, and the judge instructed him to obtain same.

The atmosphere of the court house today approached a pest house.

When the present Attorney-General was here with the late Chief Justice Davie he claimed the present court house was a disgrace to the government, and promised a new one.

ARRIVED FROM NORTH.

Captain of Seattle Schooner Chilco Lands at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 7.—Steamers Dolphin and City of Seattle completed the round trip race this morning, arriving from Skagway, the latter at 6 o'clock and her rival four hours later. The Dolphin won by five minutes into Skagway, but the Seattle distanced the Dolphin on the way down.

The captain of the Seattle schooner Chilco was brought down, having been marooned by the crew. The latter claimed his bad management of the schooner, bound for Lincoln rock lighthouse, nearly caused the wreck of this vessel. One scow and all the lumber being towed north for the United States government were lost.

The Seattle and Dolphin resumed the race at 1 o'clock this afternoon to the Sound, leaving within one minute of each other.

SALISBURY'S SPEECH

At Annual Grand Habitation of the Primrose League.

London, May 7.—The Premier, Lord Salisbury, as president of the annual Grand Habitation of the Primrose League, at Albert Hall this afternoon, spoke to an immense audience in a much less pessimistic vein than when he was last time heard in public. He congratulated the league on the staunch support given to the Conservative government, one result of which was that Great Britain was now supreme in Egypt, while with regard to Ireland the country need no longer fear the "insane suicidal projects of Imperial disruption supported by many of the opposition statesmen."

COMING FIGHT.

San Francisco, May 7.—A fight to a finish has been arranged in this city between Jack Root and George Gardner, the middleweight boxers. The men are to meet in Nevada on a day between the second and sixth of July. A $5,000 purse is to be divided, 75 per cent. to the winner and 25 per cent. to the loser.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Columbus, Ohio, May 7.—Governor Nash decided last night, upon the request of the Cincinnati authorities, to issue a warrant for the extradition of Clara Taylor from Italy, where she has been located with her little niece, Margaret Taylor. She will be charged with kidnapping.

THE FORESTERS.

San Francisco, May 7.—The supreme court of the Independent Order of Foresters formally closed its session, begun in Los Angeles, by installing the officers-elect in this city. The report of the committee on "state of the order" showed it to be in a very prosperous condition.

DO YOU WISH TO SEE PROCESSION?

SEATS ON SALE AT TEN SHILLINGS EACH

Applications Should Be Made at Once—Subsidies for Steamship Services.

Ottawa, May 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received the following cable from Lord Strathcona:

"The colonial office have placed six hundred seats at my disposal for the coronation and Royal procession on June 26th and 27th. The price of tickets is about ten shillings each day. Please give publicity to the statement so persons wishing to have their names recorded may write me at once giving particulars and stating whether tickets are desired for one day or both. If the applications exceed the number of seats I must resort to ballot and no definite promises are yet possible. Seats will be allotted at the end of the month, and any not taken up and paid for by June 20th will be re-allotted. Reply. (Signed) "Strathcona."

The Supplementaries.

The supplementary estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1903, were presented to parliament to-day. They total $5,739,301, of which $3,386,201 is charged to the consolidated fund and $2,353,100 to capital. This makes the main estimates $59,100,939 for the year, which begins in July next. Among the items are defence at Esquimalt, $50,000; arms and ammunition $300,000; purchase of rifles, $150,000; William's Head quarantine improvements $15,000; British Columbia harbors, Anderson and Kennedy lakes, clearing outlets, $3,500; Columbia river, above Revelstoke, removal of obstructions $5,000; Columbia river, improvements above Golden, $7,500; Columbia river, improvements, below Golden, $2,000; Hardy Bay wharf, $2,000; Salmon river, removal of drift [illegible] 2,500; Victoria harbor, removal of Trial rock, $1,500; mail subsidies, steamship service between Victoria, Vancouver and Skagway, $12,500; between Victoria and West Coast of Vancouver Island, $2,500; customs vessel now building in British Columbia, $15,000; Yukon telegraph, $33,500.

Mackenzie & Mann's Claim.

Mackenzie & Mann gets $328,508 in their claim against the Dominion government.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Will Be Concluded To-Morrow—Subjects Before the Applicants To-Day.

At yesterday's meeting of the Medical Council of the Board of Health the following were appointed examiners to conduct the examination of medical men desirous of taking out licenses to practice in the province. In anatomy, Dr. J. M. Lefevre; materia medica and therapeutics, Dr. W. J. McGuigan; chemistry and public health, Dr. C. J. Fagan; physiology, Dr. A. P. Proctor; practice of medicine, Dr. R. E. Walker; surgery, Dr. J. C. Davie; diseases of women and children, Dr. O. M. Jones; clinical surgery, Drs. Davie and Lefevre.

Yesterday, from 2 to 4.30 p.m., examinations were conducted in anatomy, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., theory and practice of surgery and surgical pathology.

The examination to-day is on the theory and practice of medical pathology, obstetrics and diseases of women and children, and chemistry and public health.

To-morrow's examinations are as follows: 10 to 12 a.m., materia medica and therapeutics; 2 to 4 p.m., physiology; 4 to 6 p.m., medical jurisprudence.

The examinations will be concluded to-morrow.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.—The nomination committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs' convention has decided to place only one ticket before the confederation as follows: Mrs. Dennison, New York, president; Mrs. Robert Burdette, Pasadena, first vice-president; Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit, second vice-president; Mrs. W. Coad, South Dakota, recording secretary.

BOTTLE FACTORY BURNED.

Bridgton, N. J., May 7.—The largest bottle factory of the Cumberland Glass Company was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss, $40,000, is partially insured. Nearly 300 men and boys are thrown out of employment.

THE CHESTER CUP.

London, May 7.—Carabine won the Chester Cup handicap of 2,500 sovereigns for 3-year-olds and upwards at the Chester meeting to-day. St. Aldegonde was second, and Sweet Sounds third. Sixteen horses ran.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A Schenectady, N. Y., dispatch says the General Electric stockholders have voted to increase the capital stock to $45,000,000.