

SUSSEX HOTEL BURNED; GUESTS LEAP TO SAFETY

Depot House Razed to Ground Early This Morning.

Guests, Pursued by Flames, Jumped From Upper Windows Into Blankets and are Saved --Loss \$60,000.

Fire broke out in the Depot House at Sussex at an early hour this morning and spread with such rapidity that it was only by a miracle that all the guests of the house escaped with their lives.

As it was many had a close call and only escaped by jumping from the upper story windows in their night clothes.

The fire was first discovered about 1.30 o'clock in the rear of the second story by one of the employees of the hotel. The manager, A. D. Pugsley, was hastily called and an alarm raised, and for a time there was great excitement, as it then smelt as if smoke were pouring up the stairways and the guests who were sleeping in the upper rooms found themselves trapped. Soon the windows were thronged with frightened men and women in their night clothes crying for help.

Leaped From Windows. A crowd soon gathered at the scene of the fire, and arrangements were quickly made to rescue the unfortunates whose slumbers had been so rudely disturbed. Some of the guests had to jump from the upper story windows, and were caught in blankets, others waited till ladders were run up. They were barely rescued in time for the fire spread through the building with great rapidity.

None of the guests wore life belts, and Mrs. Arthur McLean, who owns the hotel, was carried out in her night clothes.

Whole Building Cutted. The firemen were quickly on the scene, but before they could get their streams in operation the building was practically gutted, and they devoted their attention to preventing the flames spreading to the adjoining building owned by Dr. White and the Miller Brothers.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It is estimated that the loss will be between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

B. J. Sharpe, who conducted a drug store on the ground floor of the building, lost everything. The ticket agent of the C. P. R. had an office in the building, and all his fixtures went up in smoke too.

Well Known Hotel. The Depot House was a three story brick building, and a hostelry well known to the travelling public. It was built about ten years ago, a former building on the site having been destroyed by fire at the time.

About 25 guests were at the hotel at the time.

Among those who had narrow escape were Driver Moody of the I. C. R., who jumped from the third story window to a balcony on the second story.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sufferin, who were boarding at the hotel were also obliged to jump from the upper story windows. J. H. McFadden, a lawyer stopping at the hotel was another who made a dangerous leap to escape the fire.

Firemen Had Hard Fight. The firemen had a hard fight to save the White building which was occupied by J. A. Allan, and R. Campbell. They removed their furniture from the building, but the walls of the burning building fell about 2.30 and the firemen were able to prevent the flames spreading, though at one time it looked as if the Opera House as well as the White and Miller buildings would go.

The fire is the worst that has occurred in Sussex for many years.

The hotel and furniture were insured as follows: Hotel. Queens ..... \$ 2,000. Liverpool, London Globe ..... 2,000. Western ..... 2,000. Furniture. Western ..... \$13,000. D. J. Sharpe carried \$2,100 in the Queen on his stock, and \$200 in the same company on office fittings.

VEUVIUS IN ERUPTION. Naples, Mar. 12.—A severe earthquake accompanied by strong detonations from Mount Vesuvius, occurred this evening. Investigation showed that

MANY MINERS BURIED UNDER TONS OF DEBRIS

Avalanche Crashed Down On Thirty Men

Only Four Escaped Instant Death And Three Of These May Die—May Be Days Before Bodies Are Found.

Virginia, Minn., March 11.—Death in the mine of 500,000 tons of iron ore, rock, earth, ice and snow tonight slid down on 30 track layers working in the Norman open pit mine. Only four escaped the avalanches, and three of these are in hospitals with injuries that may prove fatal.

Ole Johnson, foreman of one of the three changes of men that were caught by the vast mass, is the only one whose injuries are not critical. The place that was an open pit is now almost a plain of rock, ore and earth, with here and there part of a body in sight. A few crushed heads protrude from the mass.

Arms and legs could be seen at varying angles from the top of the mass of the steam shovels swung over the half-filled pit.

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Army of Men at Work. An army of men with shovels worked desperately to recover the bodies. The work was tedious and difficult. Women and children ran screaming to the pit, and some fell in while looking eagerly for lost friends. It will be days before all the bodies can be recovered and all the parts of several may never be assembled. The mass of rock and earth ground many of them into shreds.

The only four men near the outer edge had a chance to run as the landslide swept into the hole. So far as can be ascertained, all the men caught in the slide were Finns and Austrians. Many left large families.

Paul Paulson, whose wife died a month ago, left seven children orphans. The little ones formed a group at the edge of the pit tonight.

The miners who were taking up one of the two tracks in the pit in order to permit the steam shovel to work in another part of the mine, were for the most part bent over with bars and claws when the avalanche swept down.

The great mass struck them to the earth. Many were flattened in the bottom of the pit, while a few were carried to the surface by the earth as it rolled over them. One man was hurled into a furrow in the ground, and the four who were thrown clear out of the pit had been working half way up the side of the excavation. The mine is nearly a mile from the city limits. Women and children filled the road to the mine shortly after the accident occurred.

A Novel Catastrophe. The catastrophe was novel in the history of iron mining in this range. Behind and before the pit were thousands of tons of ore, rock, earth, snow and ice and the rapid warming of the atmosphere released the embankment.

Capt. John Gill, superintendent of the mine, declined to comment on the accident. He busied himself in directing the work of shovelling for bodies and keeping the various employees busy in trying to recover the bodies. The normal employ of about 1,000 men when running to capacity.

Another Mine Horror. Duluth, Minn., Feb. 12.—Capt. Benny, of the Alba mine at Gilbert, Minn., who with two "pick" miners, were entombed in a shaft 150 feet below the surface yesterday, on account of a cave-in, was rescued alive this morning, and taken to his home.

The two miners, however, met with their fate. They were found dead, as the bodies were bruised and crushed beyond recognition. That Captain Benny is still alive is considered marvelous, as he had received severe injuries and undergone a terrible ordeal in the death trap for so many years. His condition is reported as critical.

BOY SCOUTS AT HAMPTON FIRE

They Did Good Service At a Fire in Mrs. F. M. Humphrey's Property On Saturday Night—\$500 Damage.

Special to The Standard. Hampton, N. B., March 12.—About six o'clock Saturday evening fire was discovered in the large barn on the premises of Mrs. F. M. Humphrey, near the railway track below the water tank.

An alarm was rung in and in a few minutes the fire brigade was on hand with the chemical engine which did excellent work in keeping control of the flames and preventing their extension to the house, although the barn with its contents was entirely consumed.

Embers also fell on buildings east of the track, but the firemen easily reduced the danger in that direction. The village firemen were also early on the ground and rendered admirable service, as did the brigade of scouts

SIX HUNDRED KILLED IN MEXICAN STREET BATTLE

Survivor Tells Graphic Story of Battle with Insurrectos in Mexican Town.

It Was of But Three Hours Duration But was Hot While it Lasted.

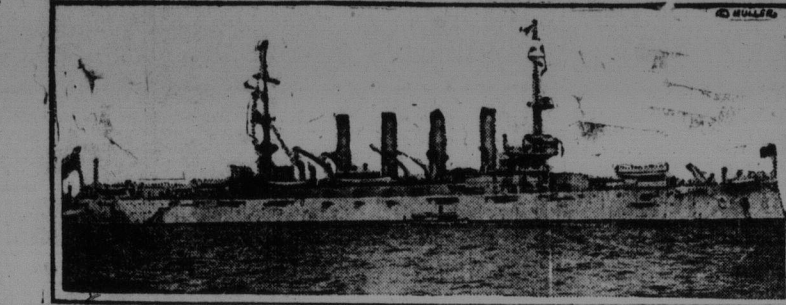
Believed that Rebels are Massing for Another Attack and Serious Fighting is Expected.

El Paso, Texas, March 11.—That Francisco I. Madero is concentrating his forces in western Chihuahua again to give battle to Colonel Cuellar at Casas Grandes, is indicated by reports brought to El Paso tonight by Roy Kelly, a wounded American survivor of last Monday's battle. Kelly says his home is at Smithport, Pa.

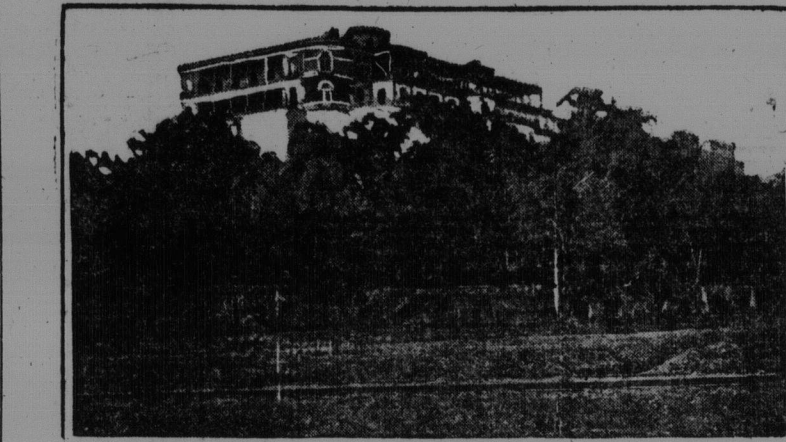
According to Kelly's story, Madero is mobilizing his forces at San Diego, six miles south of Casas Grandes, which is defended by 400 federals and 300 volunteers under General Cuellar. Madero expects to be joined by Oreo tomorrow. They will give him a force superior in numbers to the federals.

Regarding the casualties among Americans with rebels in Monday's battle, Kelly said:—"Sixteen, including Captain Harrington, were killed. Seventeen were captured by the federals, while six wounded escaped with the rebels."

A Three Hour Battle. Kelly said the battle.—The battle of Casas Grandes lasted for four to seven a. m. Monday. Provisional President Madero with 700 men attacked the town from three sides. The federal garrison, entrenched on the roofs of houses, made a spirited reply and repulsed repeated assaults by the rebels.



United States Armed Cruiser Washington, sent on Rush Orders to Co-operate with American Troops in waters Adjacent to Texas and Mexico.



Chapultepec Palace is President Diaz's residence, and here he lies ill—perhaps suffering from a broken heart because some of "his children," as he calls all Mexicans, have rebelled against his despotic rule of thirty years. The place is two miles from the City of Mexico, and is reached by a magnificent drive. The palace itself and its surroundings offer a scene of grandeur. Gen. Grant called it "A war scarred castle."

"One rebel band under Major Hayes who was killed, charged down the main street, and dynamited the jail, and carried, before it was annihilated."

"The American company, under Captain Harrington gained entrance to houses, after firing on the plaza and from windows and loopholes inflicted heavy loss on the federals."

Timely Reinforcements. "Being hard pressed, the garrison about 9 o'clock hoisted a white flag. Madero's men were preparing to ac-

cept the surrender, when Col. Cuellar appeared across the river with 600 men."

"Disconcerted by the arrival of reinforcements, and unprepared for the renewed attack, Madero's men were driven back. They retreated to the mountains in a panic. The rush of Cuellar's men entrapped the American company in the houses where they had taken refuge, but the latter inflicted heavy losses on the federals before the survivors finally were compelled to surrender. One hundred Maderoists were killed while the federal

loss is estimated at 200 killed and wounded. "Although the rebels have been making repeated advances toward Casas Grandes, this week they have been unable to get Cuellar to give battle in the mountainous country south of the town. "Although never under fire before, Madero was in the thickest of the fight, encouraging his troops and giving orders with the coolness of a veteran. He was hit in the arm while reaching for the gun of a man who was killed beside him."

HALIFAX TO GET BIG I.C.R. TERMINALS

The Present Wooden Wharves Will Be Replaced By Huge Concrete Structures And Other Improvements Made.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Mar. 12.—Deputy Minister Campbell and other members of the I. C. R. board of management, returned to Moncton in their private car which was attached to the immigration special from Halifax.

Tomorrow they will have further meetings with the delegation of conductors who ask for a revision of the wage schedule. Messrs. Murdoch and Berry, of the order of conductors, have been here for some days preparing their case.

Big Terminals for Halifax. Halifax, Mar. 12.—The government railways commission was in Halifax yesterday to meet the board of trade of this city and discuss with them plans for a new terminal.

Mr. Kennedy, engineer of Montreal harbor, was also present, and laid plans which he has prepared for the conference. On the whole the board of trade approved of these plans, except that they asked that the four pier and shed be erected south of the terminals, whereas Mr. Kennedy provided for the erection of the structure on the north, adjoining the dockyard. The plans propose the complete removal of the present wooden wharves, and their replacement by immense concrete structures.

Mr. Campbell, chairman of the railway board, told the Canadian Press that the board would recommend to parliament that the terminals as per Mr. Kennedy's plans, perhaps slightly modified to meet the Halifax request, be built. He estimates that the total cost would be from one million and a half to two million dollars.

Mr. Campbell left tonight for Moncton, where the railway board tomorrow will meet representatives of the Intercolonial Railway conductors, trainmen and machinists, who are asking for increased pay.

Under Scots Master E. Schofield in carrying water and running hose. The barn contained a quantity of dry hard wood, about three tons of hay belonging to Archibald Brittain and a quantity of stored furniture and other effects.

The amount of insurance has not been ascertained, and the cause of the fire is not known. The loss probably will be in the neighborhood of \$500.

RECIPROCITY CRITICISED

Speakers at Meeting in Southampton, Ont., Declare It is The First Step To Annexation—Liberals Oppose It.

Southampton, Ont., March 12.—At a largely attended public meeting held here Friday night, the reciprocity agreement was strongly criticized by W. Wright, M.P., for Muskoka, and Col. Hugh Clark, M.P.P. for Centre Bruce. The Dominion government's course was warmly denoted by C. M. Bowman, M.P.P. for North Bruce, who was present by invitation, and to whom a full hearing was extended, but the sympathy of the meeting was plainly with the two Conservative speakers who declared that the agreement was but the first step toward annexation. Many other well known Liberals in this town are opposed to reciprocity.

BIG OIL FIRE IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Fleet Of Tugs And Barges Burned At Standard Oil Pier —One Man Perished In The Flames.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 11.—An oil fire sped 250 feet atop a low frame structure to a fleet of tugs and barges at the Standard Oil pier in Brooklyn tonight, caught the tug and a couple in its sweep before the vessel could scurry away, and burned to death Ed Brown, the captain.

His three companions leaped to fleeing craft nearby and escaped. Half a million gallons of oil were consumed by the flames, which also licked up a barge, the tug and a couple of small frame buildings around the plant.

The blaze originated in the filling room of the Pratt Oil Company, a subsidiary of the Standard and ripped its way through the building with a series of explosions as 100,000 five gallon cans of oil went up. Four alarms were turned in and the firemen fought for three hours before bringing the fire under control. The estimated loss is \$100,000.

PURITY IN ELECTIONS

Electoral Reform League Of Westmorland County Calls Convention To Urge Better Election Laws.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Mar. 12.—A meeting of the Electoral Reform League of Westmorland county is called to be held in Moncton, on Wednesday next, to take measures as may be deemed advisable to secure the enactment of better election laws for the province.

Two years ago a bill was prepared by the league executive providing that on the petition of 25 electors for an investigation by a judge, empowered to place on oath every one suspected of either giving or receiving bribes.

It is claimed this is the law that was worked so successfully in Adams county Ohio, a few months ago when one-third of its 6,000 electors were disfranchised on their own admission.

The Westmorland county reformers claim that they might as well disband except for educational work unless such a law can be secured here.

The call for the meeting is signed by Rev. B. C. Borden, Sackville; Rev. Edward Savage, R. W. Hewson, and F. A. McCully, Moncton, and Senator Wood, Sackville.

PREDICT VICTORY FOR THE CITIZENS TICKET

Today is Civic Election Day In Fredericton—There Will Be Aldermanic Contest In Every Ward.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 12.—The civic elections take place here tomorrow with contests for aldermen in every ward.

Today in the churches the local pastors preached temperance sermons and urged the support for the Good Government Association ticket, but the indications point to almost a repetition of the election of two years ago, when the citizens' ticket made a clean sweep of the city.

WILL NOT GO OFFICIALLY

Members Of Canadian House Of Commons Will Not Be Official Guests At The Coronation Of King George.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., March 12.—Some misapprehension has arisen with respect to a supposed invitation to members of parliament to attend the Coronation. No official invitation has been extended by the British government to any members of the Canadian parliament, as has been intimated on this side of the Atlantic.

It is true, however, that a self-constituted committee of the British House of Commons sent a message proffering hospitality to eighteen members of the Canadian parliament. This was not in any sense an official invitation. An informal selection of eighteen members of the Senate and House of Commons has been made without distinction of party, and their names have been forwarded to the gentlemen of the British House of Commons who sent the message.

There will be no official representation of the Canadian parliament. The only official representatives of Canada who will be the members of the cabinet who have received official invitations.

PREMIER HAZEN IS INTERVIEWED IN OTTAWA

Says His Government Will Not Introduce Any Reciprocity Discussion Into The Local House.

Ottawa, March 12.—Premier Hazen, of New Brunswick, is in the city to argue a case before the Supreme Court. When asked today for an expression of opinion on reciprocity, Mr. Hazen said he had none to express. He further intimated that his government would not submit to the provincial legislature, now in session, any discussion with reference to the subject, though, he added, the opposition was talking of bringing forward the matter. "If it does," he said, "we will deal with it, but I would regard such a resolution on their part as bad tactics."