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PEACEFUL EXPRESSION, ALMOST CHILDLIKE, MARKS DEAD EMPRESS.

Frederick of Germany Died Monday Evening--Had Felt That the End Was Drawing Near--Death Announced Before It Occurred.

Cronberg, Aug. 5— Dowager Empress Frederick died this evening.

Closely following the announcement of the death from the castle, the church bells were tolled and the flags half-masted. Visitors to the castle began inscribing their names in a book placed for the purpose in the hall. It is said that the immediate cause of death was dropsy, accompanying the cancer. The remarkable vitality of the Dowager Empress astonished her physicians. She retained consciousness to the end. The castle grounds are now surrounded by soldiers and patrolled by Hussars and mounted police.

Cronberg, Aug. 5—At 8 o'clock this evening Emperor William conducted the members of the Dowager Empress household into the death chamber and led then past the bedside to take a last farewell of their mistress.

Cowes, Aug. 5—King Edward received the official news of the death of Dowager Empress Frederick on board the royal yacht, almost simultaneously with the receipt of the Associated Press despatch in London. The yacht's flag was then half-masted.

The King and Queen will leave here for Marlborough House tomorrow. It is not likely they will start for Berlin until Wednesday.

Homburg, Aug. 5.—A premature statement that the Dowager Empress was dead was given out officially at Homburg Castle shortly after noon. Copies were posted in half the shop windows of many residences and all flags were half-masted. A little later the principal street of Homburg was filled with shoppers buying black.

Then came word that the news was false. There seems little doubt that the message came from Friedrichshof, although who sent it no one seems to know.

Count Marshal Haupt, who gave out the inaccurate announcement, has been summoned to Cronberg. The false news was telegraphed widely and many German cities displayed signs of mourning. When the official contradiction was sent this was scarcely believed.

Soon after nightfall Emperor William, accompanied by the empress and the crown prince, drove back to Homburg. Whether the body will lie in state has not yet been determined.

The Dowager Empress knew her days were few. She had said farewell to most of her servants, asking their wishes when she should be gone. It is understood that she has arranged for the future of nearly every one of them. She had expressed a desire that not much should be known by the public concerning her disease, lest some should be saddened.

There was much reluctance in summoning King Edward, as it was not desired that he should have a long wait.

Tonight the children of the deceased placed floral tributes around the body. The face wears a singularly peaceful expression almost childlike, having shrunk from its normal size.

London, Aug. 5—As all members of the royal family and many of the officials are out of town for the holidays, it is probable that no official recognition of her majesty's death will be issued before morning. The bells of St. Paul's cathedral will be tolled when the home secretary, Mr. Ritchie, officially informs the Lord Mayor of the death of the Dowager Empress. The officials of the German embassy had not heard the news at 7.30 p. m. Their colleagues at The Hague, on the other hand received the news of the death of the Dowager Empress before it had occurred, and half-masted the legation flag at 3 p. m. The foreign minister and the members of the legation here cabled the legation at The Hague when the mistake was discovered and the half-masted flag was hastily removed.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—The announcement of the death of Dowager Empress Frederick was published here too late for comment in the evening papers with the exception of the Freisinninge Zeitung, which recalls her heroic bearing during her husband's last days, when she silently endured the heartless allusions of the Chauvinistic German press. This journal also praises her dignified "self-effacement" since the death of Frederick the noble.

Soon after the announcement was made, the flags on all the public buildings in Berlin were half-masted. It is taken for granted that the interment will be at Friedenskirche, Potsdam, by the side of Emperor Frederick, but the date of the function is not known publicly.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—The papers assert that the Dowager Empress long ago adopted her husband's motto, "Learn to suffer without complaining."

She recently ordered that the public should be excluded from the grounds of Friederichshof, saying:

"The world shall not learn what I am suffering. I will not be pitied in my misfortune."

Washington, Aug. 5.—A despatch was received at the state department from Ambassador White announcing the death of the Dowager Empress of Germany. The despatch was sent to the president at Canton.

London, Aug. 6.—Late last night King Edward intimated a desire that the Cowes regatta programme should be proceeded with, thus following the precedent kept by Queen Victoria at the death of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg.

The race for the king's cup will therefore be sailed tomorrow (Wednesday) but it is not known whether the Meteor will compete.

All the London papers appeared today with mourning borders and all published editorials expressing deep sympathy with the two mourning royal houses.

Ottawa, Aug. 5—(Special)—The secretary of state sent out the following tonight:

"His excellency the governor general has heard with deepest regret of the death of Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, princess royal of Great Britain and Ireland."

Officials in charge of government buildings are directed to half-mast all flags on them and it is expected that a similar mark of respect will be paid to her memory by half-masting the flags on public buildings.

(Sgd.) "R. W. SCOTT,
"Secy. of State."

EXPLOSION THROWS DOWN FIVE BUILDINGS, KILLING MANY PEOPLE

Terrible Scenes When Fire Added to the Horror—Hospitals Quickly Filled With Injured—Work of Rescue Frantically Prosecuted.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—A terrific explosion occurred in a grocery store on Locust street, west of 10th street, shortly before 10 o'clock tonight. In a moment this store with two adjoining groceries, two second-hand clothing stores and a restaurant were levelled to the ground and the fire department is now working on the burning debris. A number of persons are thought to be killed.

It is now estimated that at least 20 persons are dead. From 20 to 25 others have been taken to the hospitals, many of them badly injured. The fire has been gotten under control and firemen and policemen are now searching the ruins for bodies. The upper floors of the building were all occupied as living quarters.

No. 1010 Locust street was Rosenthal's second hand clothing store. His family consisted of himself, wife and five children.

No. 1012 was Jones, restaurant, patronized principally by colored people. In this building it is estimated were 15 persons.

No. 1014, McClemmy's grocery, estimated three persons.

No. 1016, Quigley's grocery, the family consisted of husband, wife, three children and an uncle.

No. 1018, Mounten's grocery, estimated four persons. How many members of the families mentioned were in the houses at the time cannot be told. Neither can it be said how many customers were in the stores. The sidewalks at the time were crowded with passersby and loungers and few had opportunity to escape falling walls or the shock of the explosion.

That the terrific explosion completely wrecked five structures and caused the death of from 10 to 20 or more persons is the latest despatch. Over two score of other people were more or less seriously injured. Some of those taken to the hospitals will die. It is estimated that at least 75 persons were in the five buildings when the explosion occurred and the exact number of dead will probably not be known for 24 hours.

The explosion occurred about 9.30 o'clock. What exploded and how it happened is not known at this time, but it is believed to have been a barrel of gasolene in one of the three grocery stores. With the exception of No. 1,008, the front walls of the buildings were blown outward into the street, while the roofs and floors were blown upward and fell straight to the ground. Every building on the opposite side of Locust street was more or less wrecked.

A terrible cry went up from the ruins the moment the explosion occurred. Women, children and men, occupants of the wrecked houses, could be seen crawling from the debris, while the agonizing cries of others were heard in the wreckage. From all the surrounding buildings injured people came running and fell in the street unconscious.

Fire Adds Its Horror.

To add to the horror fire broke out in the debris the moment is settled to the ground and in less then five minutes the great pile was burning fiercely from end to end. A general alarm was turned in and meantime the work of rescue was voluntarily begun by those in the neighborhood that were not injured.

Here and there a person was dragged from the ruins before the fire could reach the victims, several lives being saved by this prompt work. The fire was soon under control. Near the edge of the debris several colored men were taken out and sent to the hospital. Cries were heard coming from the cellar of Mountain's grocery store. Fifty men with rope and tackle were immediately put to work at that point and pulled away the roofing and flooring which had fallen into a massed heap. From the bottom of the heap, doubled up were taken a man and a woman. The man was able to speak but the woman was apparently dead.

From the damaged houses on the opposite side of the street almost a score of persons were taken.

Hospitals Taxed by Injured.

The Jefferson and the Pennsylvania hospitals which are located nearest to the scene of the explosion were soon crowded with the injured. None of those taken to the hospital have died up to midnight. Two hundred men are now at work clearing away the wreckage. The buildings containing the pool rooms, clothing store and the restaurant were three story brick structures while the other three buildings were two and one-half stories.

Philadelphia, Aug. 6—At 1.30 a. m., the only known deaths are those at the hospitals, that of an unknown colored woman and a two-year-old colored child. At the Penna hospital five of the patients will, it is thought, die before morning. These are two colored women, one colored man and two colored children. Others at the various hospitals will also die. Among these are Samuel Gale, aged 40 (white), and his daughter, Florence Gale, aged 20. Both are badly burned in addition to other injuries.

Of the Rosenthal family, Minnie, aged 12, was taken from the ruins seriously injured and will die. The father is also badly injured, but may recover. The other members of the family escaped uninjured.

There are many persons missing according to the statements of neighbors or of those who were familiar with the movements of those occupying the buildings. It is supposed that a number of bodies will be found in the ruins of the restaurant, of colored patrons. Quite a number were seen in the place immediately preceding the explosion. It will require several hours' hard work to remove the piles of roofing, flooring and walls which fell into the cellars of the wrecked buildings which covers the unfortunate victims. From 40 to 45 persons are tonight lying in the various hospitals suffering more or less serious injuries.

At 2 a. m., the searchers came across the inanimate body of a colored woman, but remarkable to relate the woman was alive and asked for water. She was placed in an ambulance and sent to a hospital. She had been in the ruins four and a half hours.

BUT A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE BIG STRIKE.

Shaffer Gives Notice of Some Days Before Ordering Out All the Workmen--In This Lies Hope of Agreement.

Pittsburg, Aug. 5—Just a faint glimmer of hope that the strike will be settled was embodied in a statement given out by President Shaffer tonight. Asked if he would pursue the same policy in ordering a strike in the mills of the Federal Steel, the National Steel and the National Tube companies as he did in calling out the men in the mills of the American Tin Plate Company, he replied:

"If it had not been for this determination on my part, the general strike would have been ordered on Saturday night."

Before calling out the tin workers President Shaffer sent a telegram to Vice-President Warner Arms of the American Tin Plate Company, notifying him that he would be obliged to call out the tin workers in all of the mills owned by the U. S. Steel Corporation unless the difficulty was settled within 10 days.

President Shaffer has sent a similar notice to the officer of the Federal Steel Company and the National Steel Company and the National Tube Company giving them the same time in which to make any effort they may desire to bring about a settlement. It is presumed that the delay in issuing the general order will be at least until the end of the present week.

The possibilty of a settlement of the strike is based on the bare hope that the officials of three additional companies will bring to bear sufficient influence to urge an adjustment of the difficulties before the order is issued.

Regarding the charges that the Amalgamated Association will be violating contracts with the constituent companies with which they had signed scales for the present year, President Shaffer said that all contracts and all scales are signed at all times subject to the provisions of the constitution of the Amalgamated Association.

It is stated that the members of the Tin Workers Association have been appointed by the officials of the American Tin Plate Company and requested to work union made black plate imported from Wales. The tin workers have signed their yearly agreement and as the imported black plate is made by union labor affiliated with their organization, it is difficult to see how the tin workers can refuse to work it.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 5—The strike history of the day in Pittsburg, itself is not prolific of results; considerable, however, was doing in towns surrounding. In this city all of the idle mills are in the same condition as before the failure of the conference to settle the strike and no apparent move is being made by the manufacturers to start the mills, consequently there has been no break in the strikers ranks.

The most important strike points tonight seem to be Leechburg and Wellsville, with McKeesport a possible centre. From Leechburg this telegram was received:

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Hyde Park mill which has been idle since the first of the year, was started. At 3.45 this afternoon a train stopped at the works and 55 men hurried into the works. There was no excitement and the mill owners and and managers tonight claim they now have enough men in the mill to operate all of the five plant mill. Sentinels are out and no one is allowed to get into the mill without a password.

Late this afternoon six millmen from Leechburg passed the guards and walked into the mills where they are working. This makes 60 men now employed at the works. By outsiders it is claimed that this number cannot operate the mill in full, but the mill is running in good shape.

The Amalgamated men, however, are on the ground making desperate efforts to keep all union men out. They say that in two days after President Shaffer issues his strike order, not a wheel will be turning in either Vandergrift, Apollo or Hyde Park.

From Wellsville, Ohio, the following report is made:

The last four of the striking steel workers who were arested Saturday, charged with riot were released this afternoon on bail. There are warrants yet in the hands of the police for 17 more strikers. The officers, for some reason, seem to be afraid to serve the warrants. Henry B. Henderson, a potter, for whom the police have a warrant, has been trying to get himself in the way of the officers all day to have them arrest him, but they will not do it. Henderson is backed by the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters and the officers fear the vengeance of the potters.

Four men were brought into the mill from Scottdale today and four of the strikers deserted the union and went to work. Five mills were working today and four tonight, the largest number run any day since the strike began. Vice-President John Chappell, of Newcastle, was here today between trains and said that all the steel mills belonging to the United States steel corporation would be called out this week.

The condition at McKeesport at 10 p. m. is reported as feverish. Many strikers are on the streets around the National tube works. Men announce that they are only awaiting orders from headquarters before going out. Rumor persists that the mine workers will refuse to furnish coal for the trust coke furnaces or mills. An ordinance has been drawn up by common Councilman James N. Wampler appropriating $50,000 for paving and sewering of the streets of McKeesport. Only taxpayers are to be employed. It is intended for the benefit of the strikers in case the struggle is prolonged. Labor leaders will bring great pressure to bear on councilmen to have the ordinance passed. It would furnish work for most of the strikers for almost a year.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 5—Simon Burns, president of the National Window Glass Workers' Association and General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, made a proposition this afternoon to the Pittsburg Leader that he will agree to pay as high a percentage assessment out of his salary each week to aid the Amalgamated as any national officer, ex-officer or member of any organization in the country. If they will agree to this he says he will give his entire salary as president of the Window Glass Workers' Association. He has not drawn any salary as general master workman of the K. of L. on account of the order's financial condition, but will also include that when he receives it. The offer, he says, is intended particularly for the national officers of the American Federation of Labor.

BLOWN TO ATOMS BY NITRO GLYCERINE.

800 Quarts Exploded and Young Man Killed--Train Passengers' Narrow Escape.

Bowling Green, O., Aug. 5.—A terrific explosion of nitro glycerine occurred near this city this afternoon in which Wm. Radabaugh, aged 22, was blown to atoms and many other persons had narrow escapes. Radabaugh was driving a wagon loaded with 800 quarts of the explosive and when nearing the tracks of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton road whipped up the horses to cross the tracks ahead of an approaching passenger train. The jolting exploded the stuff on the tracks and the train was stopped within a few feet of the gaping hole made by the explosion. No one on the train was hurt.

PRESENTATION FOR A QUEBEC MAJOR.

Citizens' Recognition--His Work in South Africa and China.

Quebec, Aug. 5—(Special)—Major Boulanger, in recognition of his military services in South Africa and China, was presented tonight by the citizens of Quebec with a handsome watch and chain and well-filled purse. The demonstration took place at Jacques Cartier hall which was crowded. The presentation was made by J. A. Lane, M. P. P. It was preceded by a grand procession in the principal thoroughfares.

Another Sugar Congress.

London, Aug. 4.—The West Indian committee announces that the government has accepted the invitation of Belgium to attend another sugar conference in the autumn to consider the question of the abolition of bounties. The committee thinks this intelligence is especially welcome, in view of the establishment of free trade between the United States and Porto Rico.

Hon R. R. Dobell's Appointment.

Quebec, Aug. 5—(Special)—Hon. R. R. Dobell has been appointed for a term of three years as representative of the Quebec board of trade on the Quebec harbor commission.

A Railroad's Generous Offer.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Paul Morton, second vice-president of the Santa Fe road, declared today that if necessary his road will carry corn into Kansas at reduced rates so that farmers may keep their cattle to fatten.

Composing a Mass at 81.

Boston, Aug. 4.—Although 81 years old Saturday, L. O. Emerson, the veteran musical composer and conductor, has been at work a great deal of his time recently upon a new mass which nears completion. In the year 1857 Mr. Emerson formed a connection with the Oliver Ditson Company as author and publisher which has continued to the present time.

THIRD READING OF KING'S DECLARATION BILL

No One Expects, However, It Will Be Passed--The Catholic Position.

London, Aug. 5—Although no division was challenged at the third reading of the King's declaration bill this evening in the house of commons, it is generally believed that no further attempt will be made to pass it, either at this session or the next. Lord Salisbury, the premier, referring to the statement of Catholic peers, said the government now relized that the Catholics did not wish the offensive words of the original declaration to be withdrawn, unless the government at the same time withdrew the declaration regarding the security of the Protestant succession. The government never had the slightest intention of withdrawing. The Catholics regretted that they must be prepared to see the declaration stand in its present form.

RUSSIAN TROOPS ON AUSTRIAN FRONTIER.

Summer Manœuvres a Pretext for War Precautions.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3—Strong Russian forces have been quietly concentrating near the frontier of Austria and Roumania since June 1, on the pretext that they are preparing to take in the usual summer manœuvres. It is believed, however, by those who are behind the scenes that the mobilization is a precautionary measure, in view of the well-known fact that Austria and Roumania have concluded an offensive and defensive alliance.

Baron Lexa d'Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, it is true, denies that such an alliance exists; but Count Lamsdorff, Russian foreign minister, and General Kouropotkine, minister of war, are thoroughly informed as to all that is going on between Vienna and Bucharest.

The object of the alliance between Austria-Hungary and Roumania is to frighten Russia away from the Balkans and to prevent a Slavonic federation against Austria-Hungary and its allies.

It is expected that when King Alexander of Servia and Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria arrive here in September the federation of Russia, Bulgaria, Servia and probably Montenegro will be arranged and ratified.

Garden Party at Premier Tweedie's.

A most enjoyable garden party was held on Premier Tweedie's grounds in Chatham last week, under the auspices of St. Andrew's church ,of which Rev. D. Henderson is the successful pastor. The electric lights and liberal spread of bunting showed the beautiful grounds and residence of the premier to great advantage. The concensus of opinion is that the garden party was, at least, one of the most successful ever held on the Miramichi. The conditions and circumstances were all favorable to St. Andrew's church. The concert of vocal and instrumental music given in the music hall on the grounds, in the evening, was an unqualified success. Hon. Mr. Tweedie presided. Mrs. Tweedie helped in no small degree to make the day the success that it proved to be.

BATTLE LASTED FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS.

Conflict with the Colombian Revolutionists--Troops too Much Played Out to Pursue.

New York, Aug. 5—A. Diaz Guerrera, agent in this city of the Columbian revolutionists today, received information from a trusted agent who had reached Venezuela, that a bloody battle was fought at Palo Negro in the latter part of May. The conflict lasted 17 days. The battle was drawn at the end of that period, the insurgents retiring when their ammunition was exhausted, the government troops being too badly cut up to pursue the revolutionists.

By the Red D. liner Philadelphia, which arrived here today from Venezuela, agent Guerrera received a budget of information in the form of reports, cablegrams and letters from the scene of hostilities. These stated that General Benjamin Herrera, who is attacking from the Pacific side, is at present operating in the department of Caucas; General Ardilla, who is advancing from the Atlantic, is in the department of Santander and in possession of Ocana City. Generals A. Castillo and Clodmiro Castillo have effected a junction of their forces and are at El Valle, in the department of Magdalane and General Marin has fought an important battle at Jirardot in the department of Cundinamarca, which is in the interior of the country, about 100 miles from Bagota, the capital of Columbia.

Important and successful engagements have been fought by General Herrera at Tumaco and Barbacos and other insurgent victories are reported from the southern portion of the department of Caucas. A great revolutionary army is said to be operating on the Pacific side of Columbia.

Senor Guerrera says he has not for some time received any information concerning the whereabouts of General Uribe-Uribe, who has been appointed by General Vargos Santos in supreme command of the insurgent army. Continuing, he said:

"There will be no cause for the United States of North America to interfere because of the revolution in Columbia. The insurgents will not disturb the operation of the railway or the digging of the canal at the isthmus. They were up in that section of the country before and these operations were not disturbed."

The Atlas line steamer Altai, which arrived here today from Colombian ports, is the first one from Cartagena since the arrival there of the steamer Alleghany of General Uribe and the latter's peace emissary. According to the mail advices and newspapers, Col. Murillo is not incarcerated, as was reported, in one of the underground dungeons of Cartegena. He is imprisoned in the city jail and is well cared for. The arrest of Col. Murillo, it appears, was ordered to prevent him from joining General Uribe in his new rebellion.

Many Laborers Go West.

Toronto, Aug. 5—(Special)—Three special trains with about 2,500 harvest laborers left here today for Manitoba. A similar number of trains with as many men are expected to leave here every day this week for the same destination.

San Francisco Troubles Still On.

San Francisco, Aug. 5—The outlook for an amicable settlement of the strike has considerably diminished, and tonight indications are that the contest will be protracted.

CANADIAN CATTLE GOING TO BRITAIN.

Little Chance of Immediate Removal of Embargo--Ottawa News.

Ottawa, Aug. 5—(Special)—F. W. Hodson, dominion live stock commissioner, who has just returned from England, says that there does not appear to be any prospect of an immediate removal of the British shedule on Canadian cattle importations. He purposes collecting a blue book of incontrovertible testimony from all parts of the dominion as to the health of Canadian cattle, with a view to proving to all the people of Britain that Canadian cattle are not diseased and so should not be scheduled.

It is not thought here that the death of Empress Frederick of Germany will in any way interfere with the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, although the programme will, no doubt, be varied in such a way as to do away with any appearance of gaiety. There will not likely be any drawing room, but as yet nothing has been discussed in that way.

At Fort Williams, near Pembroke, the two-year-old child of Arthur Rosenthal, jeweller of Ottawa, was drowned today. The body was brought here tonight.

Re-dedication of Bathurs Church.

Dorchester, N. B., Aug. 4.—The Baptist church at Woodhurst, a section of the First Baptist church of Dorchester, N. B., was re-dedicated Sunday, after being in the hands of carpenters and painters for nearly two months. Rev. Mr. Lamb, of Dorchester, preached in the morning, Pastor B. H. Thomas in the afternoon and Rev. Mr. Baird in the evening. The house of worship now presents a most attractive appearance. The combined offerings netted $45.

Quebec Factory Man Leaves Town.

Quebec, Aug. 5—(Special)—J. Taplitzsky, proprietor of the Dominion silk waist factory, St. Roch's, left the city suddenly tonight for parts unknown, leaving a number of creditors and nothing in the establishment worth seizing for the benefit.

ANOTHER STORY ABOUT GOURLEY, M. P.

The Colchester Member Lost a Valise and Some Valuables.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 5—(Special)—The episode of absent mindedness of Mr. Gourley, the member for Colchester, while at Ottawa, going to church by mistake on a Saturday instead of a Sunday, is brought to mind by him now having to get the police to look for a lost valise. In company of Albert Black, nominee of the Conservatives in the local election, Mr. Gourley attended the monster "old home picnic" at Bass River, Friday. They had to drive 20 miles. Mrs. Gourley was with them. On arrival home, Mrs. Gourley took the small traps and went into the house, leaving Mr. Gourley to bring in a large valise containing his best suit and some valuable papers and several of Mrs. Gourley's best dresses. After bidding Mr. Black good night Mr. Gourley went in, leaving the valise in the middle of the sidewalk. This was about 11 o'clock. He never thought of the valise till next morning when his wife wanted the dresses. Then he thought that he had left it in his wagon and only today discovered that thieves had removed it from the sidewalk out of pedestrians' way. It is advertised in the local papers and the police are engaged in the case.

Crops in the United Kingdom.

London, Aug. 4.—The wheat harvest in the United Kingdom has been in full swing for a week, and the Mark Lane Express calculates that, although the quality is fine, the yield in the most important counties will be four quarters to the acre, against the usual five quarters.

Barley, likewise, is of good quality, but the quantity is below the average; and oats are too thin to make a big crop.

The yield of English and Scotch potatoes will be fully up to the average, while Ireland promises the best yield since 1895, which was a grand year.

Hot water is used to sprinkle the streets in Boise City, Ida. It is drawn from an artesian well.

GRAND TRUNK OFFERS TO BUILD ELEVATOR.

Will Spend $2,000,000 on One at Montreal Under Certain Conditions.

Montreal, Aug. 5—(Special)—The Grand Trunk Railway Company has offered to build a 2,000,000 bushel grain elevator at Wind Mill pond provided the harbor commissioners will undertake some needed improvements on the property. If the offer is accepted the railway company will turn its present elevators into warehouses.

$200,000 LOSS CAUSED BY A BOY'S MISCHIEF.

Exposition Building Destroyed by Fire Set by a Lad.

Kansas City, Aug. 5.—The exposition building erected during the boom of 1887, at a cost of over $200,000, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. A boy watching a circus that had pitched its tents across the street, set fire, in a spirit of mischief, to some rubbish on the floor. In a moment the flames had leaped beyond control, spreading almost instantly throughout the whole building, which occupied a half block square. No one was injured.

Anchor Line Strike Off.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 5—Late tonight the Anchor line strike at Erie, which has threatened to involve Buffalo commerce to a serious extent, was declared off, and the men will return to work tomorrow.

It is understood that Coyle, one of the partners, has purchased Kane's interest in the firm. It was because the Anchor line would not sever connections with Kane that the strike was declared.

COUSIN OF PRESIDENT STEYN KILLED, AUGUST 1

Kruger's Interview in Paris--Wants Peace -- Scouts Break Up Boer Laager.

New York, Aug. 3—Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the house of commons, the London correspondent of the Tribune says that the new policy of severity toward Boers guilty of breaches of civilized warfare finds general approval although some affect to believe that it will lead to further barbarities by the Boers toward any white prisoners that may fall into their hands. Apparently armed Boers will in future be treated as brigands. There is much bitter discussion in and out of parliament, but the most reasonable view is that the guerilla warfare has so demoralized the Boer commands that neither General Botha or Kruger can control them. It has been expected from the outset by South Africans that the final stage of the campaign would be characterized by such acts of desperation on the Boer side.

London, Aug. 3—A despatch from Durban says that on the night of July 29, British scouts broke up a Boer laager at Joubert's Farm. The Boers had seven killed and a few wounded. Nine were taken prisoners and 60 horses and 200 cattle captured.

Bloemfontein, Aug. 3—Commandant Haermanus Steyn, a cousin of President Steyn, was killed August 1 while fighting at Ficksburg.

Boers and rebels are re-entering the Barkley-west district of Cape Colony.

Paris, Aug. 4—In the course of an interview with Kruger, published in the Figaro, the ex-president of the Transvaal, said: "We have already once proposed peace directly to Great Britain and we will not renew the proposition. All we are willing to give for peace is money, if Great Britain asks it. No price is too dear to obtain independence and the right to live as a free nation."