

SWEPT BY FIRE.

The Business Centre of Sydney a Mass of Smouldering Ruins.

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SYDNEY, Oct. 20. The business centre of Sydney was swept by fire on Saturday afternoon and of two whole blocks only one building is left standing. It is estimated that property to the value of half a million dollars was destroyed, while several families are homeless and a number of business men ruined.

The conflagration was the worst in the history of Sydney. For nearly six hours it burned fiercely and without ceasing, being checked only by a down pour of rain and the concentrated water of the fire engines.

The fire had been discovered a few minutes previously and would have been easily put out had the proper caution been exercised. It started in a room back of their store, and was caused by the overturning of an oil lamp used for melting glue.

The fire was not a drop of water to be had. It would have been saved, it is thought, if there had been any water. For a long time only the Sydney steam engine was working. The fire was raging down north of Prince street before the full force of the water service could be played on it, but then it was burning furiously in five different directions, and the wind blowing almost a hurricane.

All along George street the effects were taken out of the houses, these presenting a bare and deserted appearance. It was the same all around. Everybody was moving anything and everything that could be moved. It is estimated that there are now about 300 out of employment, including clerks, expressmen, tradesmen and so on. This is exclusive of business owners.

The town that last night was wrapped in profound darkness, is tonight lit up as usual with the exception of the burned district, and through that hundreds of lanterns are put up as to light the place.

Large portions of the sidewalk put down this summer at a great cost are practically ruined. There were 36 people arrested last night for looting. Some cases of looting were exceedingly bold faced. One woman went into McDonald Hanrahan's while the roof of the building was burning, filled a large sack with whatever she could get and was making her way out when caught.

Should it gain headway, two blocks were doomed, including the town hall, Baptist church and Thompson and Peterson's large block of buildings with St. Andrew's manse, Methodist parsonage and the academy. For an hour and a half a dozen men worked at that point like trojans, and they finally succeeded with the loss of Estano's store and McKinnon's forge.

THIEF ON OPHIR.

Valuable Watch, Property of Duke of Teck, Stolen. Time Piece was an heirloom, and has been handed Down Through Four Generations.

HALIFAX, Oct. 21.—The Ophir and the accompanying fleet moved out of the harbor in grand style this morning without a single mishap. Things did not go quite so well on the Ophir yesterday, however, if current reports are correct, the royal yacht has been, thieves seem to have been able to get in their work, but whether these were society people, who were on board, or were some of the ship's company, does not yet appear.

The quarters of Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of the Duchess of Cornwall, were entered while the royal party were at dinner Sunday, and a gold watch and a purse containing five sovereigns were stolen. The watch was valuable. It has been handed down through four generations and was an heirloom in the Teck family. On going to his room after dinner, Prince Alexander is reported to have discovered his loss. The theft was made known to the commissioner of dominion police and the detectives on board, and every effort was made to trace the stolen articles, but without success.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Botha's Force Broken up — A Boer Commando Reaches the Sea.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 17.—The invaders have reached the sea, a commando of 600 men having penetrated the rich Cape Bearing river valley to Hopefield and Saldanha, northwest of Cape town. The republicans have secured a number of recruits and considerable quantities of supplies. General Botha is directing the operations against them.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—From New Castle, N. J., a correspondent of the Times sends a despatch which says that a large number of Boers are near Pongoloso and Cingampang, while a commando of 500 holds a position south east of Pretoria. Commandant General Buller has dissolved his force, which numbered 2,000, and has left his men to escape as best they can. He, himself, with a few followers, has gone north through a small unguarded space near Pretoria. The interest of the movement, says the despatch, centres in the operations around Pongoloso, where the British are gradually including the Boers.

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SECURITIES RETURNED.

Lowell Bank Received \$800,000 of Its Missing Money. PATRICK A. McHUGH N. Lincized on His Released from Kilm...

LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 21.—Through Hon. John C. Burke, counsel for Louis H. Swift, the absconding bookkeeper, the Merchants' National Bank has had returned to it securities and money believed to have a total value of \$800,000, the loot of Swift and the absconding teller, A. G. Smith. The money and papers were returned early this morning. Mr. Burke arrived on a late train from Boston carrying two grip bags containing the securities. The bank is the loser by \$115,000, but this is considered a mere bagatelle compared with the original \$800,000. Mr. Burke and Swift are said to have got away with over \$800,000, and the negotiations which brought back the greater part of the sum are said to have saved the Merchants' National Bank from a possible financial crisis, the extent of which it is hard to predict.

Swift is being held to have been in the office of Charles W. Bartlett on Washington street, Boston, on Sunday forenoon and for two hours had a conference with Messrs. Burke and Bartlett. It was at the office of Bartlett and Anderson that Swift discussed the matter with Hon. John C. Burke the securities that purchased his liberty and the liberty of his brother in crime, Swift was not at first disposed to turn over the securities unless a written statement guaranteeing non-prosecution and signed by the bank officers was presented.

While Mr. Burke talked and reasoned with Swift, he was called to the telephone. The bank authorities know that Mr. Burke was in Boston, but they did not know just where to look for him. Mr. Burke's secretary called several times by telephone during the day, and when Mr. Burke answered the telephone call in Boston, he talked with one of the bank's directors in Lowell. The director pledged for an early settlement, and received an encouraging word from Mr. Burke. The bank told him that he would not leave Boston until morning, and he touched on what he hoped to take with him. The director pleaded to hasten the time of his coming, and Mr. Burke finally decided to leave on a late train. Mr. Bartlett came with him and at St. Charles hotel the bank's directors transferred and an hour later they were locked up in the bank and the directors were in an easier frame of mind than for three days.

Regarding any possible agreement to shield Swift and Smith from further legal proceedings, Mr. Burke said: "The course of the bank officials has been that of high minded gentlemen from beginning to end." A bank officer, in reply to a similar question, said: "Promise not to prosecute, we couldn't do that. It would be illegal."

Tonight it was reported that U. S. officers were on the trail of Smith and Swift and that they had found the hide-out place of both. There is no reference to this, said the statement, not within an hour's ride of Boston and that search for them would be useless. Tonight the bank examiner was at work on the books. It has been pointed out that a probability of federal prosecution of Swift and Smith is remote. The reason that the bank's losses will undoubtedly be charged off the profit account and theoretically the bank has not suffered at the hands of the dishonest employee. The bank examiner accordingly might not be able to find any ground for recommending criminal prosecution.

The developments early this afternoon are not to the credit of the absconding bank men. Both have speculated in stocks heavily. There is proof that several months ago Smith received a letter from a Boston broker to this effect: "The margin on your 500 shares of Butte is short from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Please give the matter your attention at once." Smith has mixed up his accounts of the Lowell Boys' Club, and there is a small shortage there.

RUSIA AND BRITAIN AGREE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 18.—The British and Russian governments have come to a complete agreement regarding the Afghan situation. It is ascertained in high diplomatic circles here that even should complications arise in Afghanistan in consequence of the death of Abdur Rahman and the accession of Habibullah, these would not lead to consequent intervention.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Daily Express learns that Lord Kitchener has wired to the war office for more trained mounted men.

JEALOUS WOMAN'S ACT.

SYDNEY, Oct. 21.—In a fit of jealousy, Mrs. J. E. Maxwell threw the contents of a vial of a strong solution of carbolic acid into the face of Mrs. Beale Watkins on the Esplanade this afternoon. Mrs. Maxwell was jealous because she suspected her husband of paying attention to Mrs. Watkins. The women met on the street and without warning, Mrs. Maxwell threw the contents of the vial into Mrs. Watkins' face. Mrs. Watkins was seriously burned about the face and neck, and large portions of the skin have peeled off. Her face is badly disfigured. Mrs. Maxwell has been arrested.

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...The Quickstep was the Bay for Digby with the Cousins was on to the grounds. The nearly amidstships and the plank, whilst the her bowprit and head-

...Holdsworth, grocers, have closed up owing to Merritt Bros. & Co. of the sexton of Holy died last night.

...with laths from Nova York, went ashore near the 14th. She was pro-

...BIRTHS. At 21 Peters street, on Oct. Mrs. A. V. Brascombe, a...

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THE ROYAL DEPARTURE.

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DUCHESSE ENJOYED A DRIVE

The Duchess enjoyed a drive to the falls yesterday morning and had the pleasure of viewing the sight from the suspension bridge.

VICE-REGAL PARTY

Met at the train by Hon. A. G. Blair, Col. Tucker, Lt. Col. McLean, Major Daniel and Mrs. Daniel and a number of others.

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Major Fred Markham and Lieut. Ralph Markham of the 8th Hussars rode on either side of the royal carriage yesterday morning.

ANNEXED OCEAN ISLAND.

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BOSTON VETERANS

Have Thoroughly Enjoyed Their Visit to St. John. Yesterday, on the departure of the official party, the association and their guests paraded at the depot and took quite a prominent part in the ceremonies in connection with the same.

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A GRACIOUS ACT.

His Royal Highness gave evidence of his thoughtfulness in paying a call to the Rev. Dr. M. V. Crook, son-in-law of C. R. Burgess, who has been very ill lately.

PARISBORO.

PARISBORO, N. S., Oct. 19.—A small schooner on her beam ends was seen in the basin on Thursday in tow of another schooner.

OIL FOR INDIA.

The First Cargo Sent in Bulk. (Philadelphia North American.) Petroleum for India left port Tuesday on the British tanker Togo.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

WALTH OF DAWSON. SEATTLE, Wa., Oct. 18.—J. Francis Lee, traffic manager of the White Pass and Yukon route, has just returned on the Dolphin.

Lasts a Lifetime.

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For a time it appeared that Mrs. Pick would not be able to present to the Duchess the handkerchief on which she wrought for two years, the story of South Africa and many loyal designs which came to St. John from her home in Moncton.

THE BATTLES OF LIFE

Demand Nerve Force, Energy, Vitality—The Weakings go to the Wall—Dr. Chase's Nerve Food a True Fountain of Health.

What makes the world for men and women who have no energy, no vitality, no strength, no courage, no ambition to body and mind. It is not too much to attribute ailments to the enfeebling of vitality.

It is any wonder that the heart's action grows weak and irregular, the digestion is poor, the liver and kidneys sluggish and inactive, when the vital force stored up in the nerves is consumed or wasted by disease, worry or over-exertion of the mental and physical powers?

In his immense practice in the United States, the very home of the nerve disease, Dr. A. W. Chase studied the cause of these ailments which are slowly sapping millions of young men and women of the vital spark of life and energy.

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A REMEDY FOR IRREGULARITIES

Superseding Bitter Apple, Pili Cochia, Pennyroyal, etc. Sold by all chemists, or post free for \$1.00 from EVANS' SONS, Limited, Montreal and Toronto, Canada, and Victoria, British Columbia, or MARK'S, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Southampton, England.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

That the Co-partnership heretofore existing between Erb & Sharp, Municipal Merchants, was dissolved by mutual consent on November 15, 1901.

The business will be continued by Geo. N. Erb, at the old stand, 211 St. A. City Market, where he will be pleased to receive customers of Country Produce to sell, and guarantee to make prompt returns at the best possible prices.

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Prepared from the finest selected Cocoa and the latest selected every-where for delicacy of flavor, superior quality, and highly nutritive properties. Sold in quarter pound tins, labelled JAMES EPPS & CO. Ltd., Homopathic Chemists, London, England.

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TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

An Incident With Which the Duke and Duchess Are Familiar.

There can surely be nothing wrong in calling attention today to an incident which occurred two hundred years ago.

Princess George of Denmark, the husband of Queen Anne, in passing through Bristol, went to the Exchange, accompanied by one gentleman only, and remained there until the merchants had drawn, none of whom had sufficient resolution to speak to him.

At length a person of the name of John Duddleston, a bookseller, ventured the necessary courage, and going up to the Prince, inquired if he were not the husband of Queen Anne.

Having learned that this was the case, Duddleston said he had observed with much concern that none of the merchants had invited the Prince home to dinner; but this was not what he wanted.

He then offered himself to do so, and he did not consider themselves prepared to receive so great a man.

He added that he was ashamed to think of his royal highness dining at an inn, and he entreated that he might go home and dine with him, and bring the gentleman along with him, informing him that he had a good piece of beef and a plum pudding, with ale of his dame's own brewing.

The Prince admired the loyalty of the man, and though he had ordered dinner at the White Lion, he accompanied the bookseller home, and he and his wife, who was upstairs, desiring her to put on a clean apron and come down for the Queen's husband and another gentleman, went to dine with them.

She immediately went down with her clean blue apron, and was saluted by the Prince. In the course of dinner, the Prince invited his host to town and bring his wife with him, at the same time giving him a card to facilitate his introduction at court.

A few months later, Duddleston, with his wife behind him on horseback, set out for London, where they soon found the Prince, and were by him introduced to the Queen. Her Majesty received them most graciously, and invited them to an approaching dinner at her house.

On Monday evening Nathan Kaplan, a merchant of that city, is well known in Montreal, and left here but a short time ago for the meeting place of the Zion.

He was one of the three or four young men who were instrumental in the organization of the Zion, a local military corps composed entirely of young men of Jewish parentage.

Last year he received a letter from Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal complimenting the Jewish corps, and enclosing a cheque for \$50 to be used in getting uniforms.

Rill was formerly employed in H. Vineberg & Company's clothing factory, St. Helen street, and also in a Kaplin, the merchant who had been an uncle of Frank Kaplin of St. John, N. B., who a year ago married Miss Bertha Rill, Balmoral street, sister of the accused.

Though only in his sixteenth year, Rill had shown considerable shrewdness in matters of business. He speaks fluently English, German and Hebrew.

Twenty English, German and Hebrew. Kaplin thought of establishing a business in Clark's Harbor, he looked around for an associate, as he could not speak English. It was at this time that young Julius Rill was asked down to form a partnership with Kaplin.

Matters, however, did not pan out at first anticipated, though Rill remained connected with the store.

THE MURDER. As to the story of the murder, no one seems to have any definite facts, and even the relatives of the murdered man declared that the boy Rill is innocent. On Monday evening Nathan Kaplan was found dead, lying at the front door of his clothing store, with a bullet wound in the back of his head, behind his left

SHIP NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Oct 16-Str Loyalist, 2,225, Trelley, from London via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co. general.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. BOSTON, Oct 12-Ard, str Cumberland, from St. John, NB, via Eastport and Portland.

MARRIAGES.

COLEMAN-DAILEY-At the residence of the bride's brother, C. T. Bailey, bachelor, 151, Princes street, by the Rev. W. F. Waring, Dr. H. Coleman of Montreal, N. B., to Miss Mary L. F. Bailey of St. John, N. B.

DEATHS.

COOK-At East Coldstream, C. Co., N. B., widow of the late Samuel Cook, 5 months daughter of the late Samuel Cook and Mary Cook, aged 84 years, died at her residence, 151, Princes street, St. John, N. B., on Oct. 22, 1901.

What is CASTORIA? Castoria is for Infants and Children. Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrup.

Castoria is an excellent medicine for children. Mothers have repeatedly told me that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me.

THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF Charles H. Hatcher APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived. HALIFAX, Oct 15-Ard, British cargo ship, from St. John, NB, via Cape Breton.

REPORTS.

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OUR TROOPS IN HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, 20th Oct., 1901. To the Editor of the Sun: Sir-As an old resident of St. John who has for some time been in Halifax I feel that I really must write and congratulate my mother city on the excellent contribution which it made to Saturday's military display.

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