

OIL FIRE STILL RAGING.

PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT GIVES UP HOPE OF SAVING PROPERTY—FIVE LIVES LOST.

Philadelphia, Aug. 20.—The fire which began yesterday afternoon at the works of the Atlantic Refining Company, at Point Breeze, in the southwestern part of the city, is still burning furiously to-night, and Chief Baxter, of the city fire department, has given up hope of saving any of the company's property. The one hope of the company's officials and the firemen was in their ability to pump the oil from the tanks not yet reached by the flames into reserve tanks in an isolated part of the yard. An explosion late this afternoon carried away the pumping machinery, and nothing remains now apparently but to permit the conflagration to burn until all the oil is consumed.

It is believed to-night that the five lives lost in the explosion of the big gasoline tank completes the list of fatalities. The dead are four firemen and an employee of the Atlantic Refining Company.

In the explosion which occurred this afternoon, fifteen persons were injured seriously enough to be taken to the hospitals, and about forty others were treated on the scene by the ambulance surgeons.

Briefly, the story of the fire may be thus summarized: All of those reported as missing after the explosion last night have been accounted for. The roll of injured amounts up to more than one hundred. Many of these are trivial cases, not taken to hospitals. A few are serious and may prove fatal.

The fire is still raving and is eating up oil at the rate of \$100,000 a day, according to the estimate of President Lloyd of the Atlantic Refining Company. Firemen and officials are powerless. The fire must literally burn itself out. The coverage shop has been swept away, and in the destruction forty men narrowly escaped death.

The tanks of benzine are going. Earthworks have been thrown up to keep the Schuylkill river from becoming flooded with blazing oil. The firemen say they are working in the dark. There is danger all around them, they say, and they do not know where the danger spots are. The loss can only be estimated. Officials of the company refuse to make any statement as to the quantity of oil, benzine and naphtha contained in the various tanks already destroyed and those that cannot escape destruction. Insurance men and firemen early today said that the loss could not be less than \$2,000,000, but since then great quantities of refined petroleum and benzine have been consumed, and several tanks have been rendered useless by the flames.

President Lloyd said: "The exact quantity of oil in the various tanks I could not give you. We do not know ourselves. We do not carry any insurance. Our losses are made good from a sinking fund set aside precisely for such an emergency as this."

Station A, of the United Gas Improvement Company, which is directly opposite the burning oil works, is in grave danger, Chief Engineer W. H. Garney, of the station, said late to-night.

"A change in the wind, and station A is doomed. No trouble is anticipated unless the wind veers around from the southwest. However, we are taking no chances, and have already run the three holders down half way. Their respective capacities are 3,000,000, 2,750,000 and 1,500,000 cubic feet."

The Point Breeze Oil Works have been devastated by fire on several occasions. Eleven years ago a fire started, which burned fiercely for three days, destroying much property and causing heavy loss.

Seventeen years ago there was another fire, which defied the efforts of the firemen for six days. The fire fighting force of the city was not able to cope with the outbreak, and had to be summoned from nearby places. On both of these occasions the heavy smoke hung over the city, completely obscuring the light of the sun.

ARGENTINA AND CHILI AT PEACE.

AGREEMENT NOT TO INCREASE FORCES—CAUSE OF CHILIAN CABINET'S RESIGNATION.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 20.—In the Argentine Senate to-day Dr. Amalio Alcorta, Minister of Foreign Affairs, after the adoption of a resolution of confidence in the attitude of the government toward the forthcoming Pan-American Congress in the City of Mexico, announced that the Argentine and Chilean governments had formulated a moral compromise not to increase their armaments by a single rifle. He said it was this resolution which had led to the resignation of the Chilean Cabinet, and he declared that the maintenance of peace between Argentina and Chile was assured.

SCHLEY TO HAVE LIST OF WITNESSES.

ADMIRAL HOWISON MAY BE ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Captain Parker, one of Admiral Schley's counsel, had a brief conference with Acting Secretary Hackett this morning. A formal request for a list of witnesses to be summoned by the judge advocate was made by the admiral's lawyers to-day, and it will be granted as soon as practicable.

Mr. Hackett had on his desk to-day the letter from Admiral Schley's counsel relative to statements unfavorable to Admiral Schley alleged to have been made by Admiral Howison to members of the court of inquiry. Beyond admittance of the letter had been received, Mr. Hackett would not discuss the matter, but he said that the letter will be forwarded to Admiral Howison with a request for a reply.

G. C. MAJOR SOLD HIS SHARES.

BOGOT RID OF THEM WHEN IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE SEVENTH NATIONAL WAS IN TROUBLE.

Guy C. Major, a stockholder of the Seventh National Bank, against whom Forest Raynor, representing the government, brought a suit for the collection of the currency, yesterday called on the Controller of the Currency, and stated that when the bank closed its doors he placed some of his shares of its stock when it became evident that the bank was in trouble. He placed these shares with a brokerage firm, which sold them for his account of the most that he could get for them. He said that the present owner was fully able to make any assessment. Mr. Major also said that he holds a record of legal adjudication whether the bank's stock or bonds are bona fide. Mr. Major said for Europe to-day. Mr. Major denied the truth of a report from Chicago that he had obtained control of the Ninth National Bank of this city.

W. L. WARD RE-ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN.

The Republican County Committee of Westchester County held a meeting at White Plains yesterday afternoon, which will nominate Judge William P. Potter, of Pittsford, for Supreme Court Judge and State Representative Frank G. Harris, of Newfield, for State Treasurer. There are no other candidates, and unless there is a decided change of sentiment among the delegates their nominations will be made by acclamation. Owing to the absence of witnesses, the customary meeting of the State Committee to make up the roll of delegates and select officers of the convention has been deferred with.

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PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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GENERAL VIEW OF SCENE OF PHILADELPHIA EXPLOSION FROM SOUTHWEST.

DATES FOR CONVENTIONS.

AN EFFORT TO CONTROL THE ANTI-TAMMANY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE BLOCKED.

A special meeting of the City Committee was held last night at the Murray Hill Lyceum. The committee issued a primary statement for the conventions, at which candidates are to be nominated for the different city offices. The primaries are to be held on September 17, and the conventions will be held as follows:

- City, September 24.
County, September 24.
Manhattan Borough, October 2.
The Bronx Borough, October 3.
Assembly, October 7.
Aldermanic, October 8.

After action on the primary statement James G. Timmlock was elected treasurer of the City Committee, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Hugh McRoberts.

The meeting was attended by nearly one hundred representatives from Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond. George H. Roberts, Jr., chairman, presided, and George W. Manchester was the secretary.

The meeting at first promised to pass off quietly and harmoniously, but a flurry was raised by the action of William H. Halpin in moving to suppress two resolutions which, it is said, would have thrown the control of the anti-Tammany conference committee into the hands of a clique. Mr. Halpin's motion was carried unanimously.

The resolutions provided that William H. Ten Eyck, the chairman of the executive committee of the city committee, should appoint a conference committee consisting of the various Republican County committees on conference and five additional men. This, it is said, would have permitted the appointment of men who would support the leadership of Frederick S. Gibbs, William H. Ten Eyck and Lemuel E. Quigg.

The resolutions had been adopted at the meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon, which was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, but only after a heated discussion. The resolutions had been offered at that meeting by Mr. Halpin, who afterward, at the evening meeting, moved to have them referred back to the executive committee.

It is understood that at the meeting of the executive committee this afternoon the resolutions will be amended, if not laid on the table indefinitely. Another resolution, which referred to the uniting of the different anti-Tammany organizations, was adopted. It follows:

Resolved, That this committee is in full accord with the efforts now being made by the several committees of conference of the Citizens Union and the other anti-Tammany organizations in the city of New York desiring of effecting a union of all the bodies and people in this city opposed to a continuation of the misadministration of this city by Tammany Hall, and is not only gratified at the result of, but also indorses and approves the work of the several conferences, as surely promising the best desired, and the success of a union municipal ticket at the coming election.

The meeting of the executive committee this afternoon to prepare for the primaries, ratify the dates for county, borough, Assembly and Aldermanic conventions, and arrange for the representation in these conventions.

The members of the Republican City Convention, which are to be elected at the primary election, September 17, will number 540. The representation for each borough and Assembly district is as follows:

BOBORUGHS OF MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

Table with columns: Assembly District, Delegates, Assembly District, Delegates. Lists data for Manhattan and Bronx districts.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

Table with columns: Assembly District, Delegates, Assembly District, Delegates. Lists data for Brooklyn districts.

BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

Table with columns: Assembly District, Delegates, Assembly District, Delegates. Lists data for Queens districts.

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND.

Table with columns: Assembly District, Delegates, Assembly District, Delegates. Lists data for Richmond districts.

INDIANA AT HAMPTON ROADS.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 20.—The United States battleship Indiana, with a party of naval cadets from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, on board, arrived in Hampton Roads at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Halifax, N. S., from which port she sailed last Friday.

VIRGINIA FRYTON MILLS CHANGE HANDS.

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 20 (Special).—A syndicate composed of wealthy capitalists of New-York have become the purchasers of 1,500 shares of stock of the Matoaca Cotton Mills Manufacturing Company, for which they paid from \$25 to \$40 a share. This purchase gives the syndicate the controlling interest in the mills, which they will continue to operate. These mills are on the Appomattox River, in Chesterfield County, about five miles from Petersburg, and employ several hundred hands. It is believed that this syndicate is interested with the Southern Railway and Development Company of Petersburg in the development of the water power of the Appomattox River from Petersburg to Farmville, which is now being surveyed.

COTTON EXCHANGE WANTS TWO HOLIDAYS.

Members of the Cotton Exchange have circulated a petition requesting that they be permitted to vote on the proposition to make Saturday, August 31, preceding Labor Day, an exchange holiday. The board of managers will not act on the petition at once.

TROUBLE IN A BREWING COMPANY.

SEVERAL STOCKHOLDERS OBJECT TO PAYING SALARIES TO MANAGERS.

A circular sent out by the stockholders of the Consumers' Brewing Company, of Hudson County, whose brewery is in West Hoboken, N. J., has caused some surprise. At a meeting of the directors, held on May 24 last, the following is part of a resolution adopted, which made the terms of the managers five years:

Resolved, That the persons who are appointed as managers are the following named, who shall, as compensation, receive the amount set opposite their respective names: F. William Bender, \$6,000; Edward Bergman, \$5,000; Clause Basse, \$4,000; Gustave Zimmerman and William Von Twilstein, \$2,500 each.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 to 3. F. William Bender, Clause Basse, William Von Twilstein, Edward Bergman, C. F. Purby, A. A. Stecker, Morton Bishop and Gustave Zimmerman being in the affirmative, and John Gerken, H. H. Ziegler and George Horn, in the negative. Mr. Gerken lives in New-York, and is in the liquor business. He resigned as treasurer of the company a few months ago. Mr. Bergman was then elected treasurer. Mr. Gerken is one of the signers of the circular, which is in part as follows:

As you are aware, when this brewery was organized it was expressly understood and agreed that no salaries would be paid to the officers or directors until they had placed it on a paying basis and declared a dividend of at least 10 per cent. We have been tied to the millstone of the brewery, and now we own the brewery and plant, and have the privilege of voting on one day in the year to elect or change the management of our company. If it has not been properly conducted, but now, before the brewery is actually started, we find the directors and the officers of the company are to receive our dividends and will burden us with large salaries for themselves. It is now up to you to decide the election and determine whether you will disapprove such action or quietly submit when you have been imposed upon. A majority of the stockholders are opposed to this business, and demand that the contracts provided for by this resolution shall be annulled. If the present board of directors refuse to carry out our original plan, then new ones must be elected to succeed them who will do it.

F. William Bender is president of the company, Clause Basse is first vice-president, and Morton Bishop secretary. The company started to brew only recently, and will not begin to sell beer for two months.

NO TRACE OF MISSING MERCHANT.

HE OWES COMPANY OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT MONEY ON HIS PROMISORY NOTES.

Frank S. Thomas, president of the Montgomery Auction and Commission Company, No. 122 Front-st., has been missing since July 9. His departure from the city is shrouded in mystery, and no trace can be found of him despite the vigorous search which has been begun by the company and friends of the missing man. The directors of the company were to hold a meeting yesterday afternoon to elect his successor, but in the absence of a quorum no action was taken. It is probable that a sufficient number of directors will be present to-day to take the necessary action.

F. F. Winters, secretary of the company, was seen at his office yesterday, and talked freely about the disappearance. He said that Mr. Thomas was last seen at his office on the morning of July 9. He left soon afterward, and on the afternoon of the same day called up Mr. Winters by telephone and asked how the business was going on. Nothing more was heard of him until July 22, when his brother, Robert H. Thomas, received a letter from him stating that he was in good health and getting along nicely. The letter was postmarked in this city.

Mr. Thomas lived with his wife at No. 35 East Forty-fourth-st. He was forty-two years old. Mr. Winters admitted that the missing man owed the company considerable money for which he had given promissory notes. He would not give the amount, further than to say that it would not affect the business standing of the house.

"I fully expect him to return and resume his place as president of the firm," said Mr. Winters. "He is the largest stockholder in the house, and there is no reason why he should disappear. Mr. Winters says the police have not been called upon, but that a rigid private search is being made by the firm."

NATIONAL TUBE DIRECTORS.

At the annual meeting of the National Tube stockholders yesterday the following directors were elected: F. J. Hearne, William H. Latashaw, John D. Culbertson, E. C. Converse, C. M. Schwab, E. H. Currier, William Nelson Cromwell, William E. Schiller, Charles Steele, A. S. Mathewson and W. H. Schiller.

Mr. Schiller, who is now in Europe, and Mr. Mathewson will temporarily retire from the board to make way for Messrs. Schwab and Harriman. They will be reinstated in a few days. E. H. Bloom, secretary and assistant treasurer, resigned his place.

The following officers were also elected: President, F. J. Hearne; first vice-president, W. H. Schiller; second vice-president, W. H. Latashaw; third vice-president, John D. Culbertson; fourth vice-president, A. S. Mathewson, secretary and treasurer, John D. Culbertson; general counsel, Sullivan & Cromwell.

The directors of the National Tube Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock.

The National Tube preferred dividend is payable on October 1. Books close on September 23 and reopen on October 1.

S. KNAPP REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.

The Ellis S. Knapp Republican Association of the 17th Assembly District has elected the following officers: Ellis S. Knapp, president; E. C. H. Ho-

LIBRARY FOR PARK STUDENTS.

THE SWEDISH SCHOOLHOUSE FORMALLY OPENED—CONTAINS WORKS ON BOTANY AND BIRD LIFE.

Park Commissioner Clausen yesterday opened a new library in the building known as the Swedish Schoolhouse, on the west side of Central Park, near Seventy-ninth-st.

Mr. Clausen noticed the large number of students of botany, entomology, bird life, landscape gardening and kindred subjects, and decided that the city ought to aid them. He wrote to the publishers of various books on botany, etc., asking them if they would care to contribute toward a library to be formed for the use of students visiting the park, and their responses were so encouraging that he decided to devote the Swedish Schoolhouse to the purpose of such a library.

After making the necessary alterations, Mr. Clausen sent for the books, about two hundred of them, and yesterday the library was formally opened. It is believed that a great many students will take advantage of the opportunity.

The Swedish Schoolhouse was built for the Swedish Government and used by it at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. At the close of the Exposition the building was presented to this city. It has hitherto been used as a shelter.

MAYORALTY FRUIT RIPENING.

GUSTAV H. SCHWAB SAYS HE WOULD NOT RUN—HERMAN RIDDER TALKED OF.

The name of Gustav H. Schwab was mentioned yesterday as a likely candidate for Mayor next fall on the anti-Tammany ticket. Mr. Schwab's boom was extensively dilated by several anti-Tammany leaders, who said that for many reasons he would make a successful run. First, he was a German; second, he was a Democrat, and third, he lived in Manhattan.

Mr. Schwab, however, deprecated the effort that was being made in his behalf, and said: "I am very much flattered, but it is impossible. I couldn't do it."

Mr. Schwab has been active in several local independent political movements. He attained a certain prominence also in the anti-Tammany campaign which resulted in the election of Mayor Strong. He is chairman of the National Sound Money League.

Herman Ridder, chairman of the conference committee of the German-American Union, which was organized at the Union Square Hotel on Monday night, said yesterday that Mr. Schwab would not be acceptable to the German vote. The chief objection against him, he said, was that he had signed a letter, together with Karl Schurz, Arthur Von Erlenen, Jacob Schiff and others, in July, 1895, appealing to Police Commissioner Roosevelt to close the saloons on Sunday.

By the meeting of the German Reform Organization a movement has been set on foot to put forward Herman Ridder as a Mayoralty candidate. Mr. Ridder was instrumental in calling together the German organizations, and has been made chairman of the German conference committee. Mr. Ridder said yesterday that he was not running for office. Nevertheless, he is understood in German circles to be a candidate.

Two candidates for Mayor have also been put forth by leaders of the Greater New-York Democracy who say they will present the names of Charles W. Dayton and Thomas C. Dunham to the anti-Tammany conference. Mr. Dunham is an ex-State Senator. Mr. Dayton was postmaster of this city under President Cleveland. It is understood, however, that the supporters of these men will not insist too strongly on their candidacy if it is found that they are not acceptable to the other members of the conference.

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