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DISASTROUS FIRE IN CHESTER'S LONDON.

Great Wholesale District Swept by Flames.

LOSS ABOUT £5,000,000. One Hundred and Fifty Large Warehouses Destroyed.

No Such Conflagration Since 1666—Aldersgate and Red Cross Streets the Scene—Delay in sounding the Alarm Gives the Holocaust a Start—More Than a Hundred Engines Kept Busy for Hours—Four Streets Ablaze at One Time, and Firemen Are Nearly Overwhelmed—Gas Explosion Causes Disaster.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—One of the most disastrous fires in London's history since the great fire of 1666, broke out in a large block of wholesale buildings lying east of Aldersgate street and between that thoroughfare and Red Cross street, just after 1 o'clock yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

A very large force of firemen and about twenty engines have been working at a high pressure all night. The district ravaged includes part of Australia avenue, Paul's alley, Cripple Gate churchyard, Woodstreet's square, Monkwell street, Nicholl square and Fore street, and is bounded by Aldersgate street, Red Cross, Maidenhead court and Bradford avenue.

The flames were fanned by a strong wind and were fed by highly inflammable stocks of Christmas fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all descriptions that filled every floor of the six-story building in the old street. Consequently the conflagration gained headway with surprising rapidity, and was soon far beyond the possibility of being checked by the few engines which were on the spot at the first alarm.

At 1 o'clock tonight the fire is still the scene of a terrific struggle. Engines are playing on the ruins; wagons are hurrying up, and tons of water are poured into the fiery debris. Thousands of people are trying to penetrate the cordons maintained by a thousand policemen, reinforcements for whom were hurried up when the fire broke out.

Caused by a Gas Explosion. Hansel street was the scene of the outbreak in connection with a gas engine on the premises of Walter Brown & Co., mantle manufacturers at No. 20.

Firemen Overaken by Flames. The excitement among the on-lookers, who crowded every possible point of view, was very great, as may be judged from the fact that the firemen had to be repeatedly rescued by their comrades.

Placitor in Washington. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The placitor of Michigan, recently from the Klondike, where he is reputed to have acquired a mining claim which he has disposed of for \$2,000, was at the war department today, having been summoned here by the government to confer respecting the conditions in the mining country.

THOMAS J. HUMES MAYOR OF SEATTLE.

Council Deadlock Broken on the 65th Ballot.

CLISE'S NAME WITHDRAWN

The Election a Surprise Party for the Members and Outsiders.

For Nine Ballots After Clise Withdrawn There Was No Change—Good Political Management by Humes' Supporters Brought Victory Where Defeat Had Seemed Sure—Big Crowd in the Lobby Watched the Struggle—The New Mayor Makes a Statement to the People of Seattle—Routine Business.

For the second time since the election of Frank D. Black in the memorable municipal campaign of 1886 the people of the city of Seattle will wake up this morning to find themselves possessed of a new mayor.

The council last night ended the deadlock over the mayoralty by electing ex-Judge Thomas J. Humes to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Black.

During the early ballots it was seen that the Atkinson men and the supporters of Judge Humes had a clear majority of the council, no other candidate appearing to take the place of Mr. Clise.

A survey of the balloting reveals indications of an understanding between the Humes and Atkinson men by which each candidate was to be given two chances at the prize, and was then to give way to the other for an equal show.

On the ballots when Humes' strength would be shown, the other Republican members who did not favor him scattered their votes in promiscuous style.

Mayor-elect Humes learned of his election a few minutes after the council had adjourned. He accepted the congratulations of his friends in a matter-of-fact sort of a way, saying that he had not expected to be elected, but would do the best he could to fill the office.

It is probable that Mayor-elect Humes will be sworn in this morning, or as soon as the preliminary formalities can be attended to.

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permission to read the following letter from Mr. Clise: "Nov. 18, '97. 'The voting shows that Mr. Clise was the choice of a majority of the Republican members of the council. Unfortunately, his own ward has been disfranchised by the inability of the member from that ward to act. It had not been for this Mr. Clise would no doubt have been elected on the first night.

Mayor-Elect Humes to the People of Seattle.

"The city of Seattle will be doing business at the old stand long after I have left the office of mayor. There is to be a great city here. I have not examined into the questions of municipal government that are being agitated. I have not solved the problems that will be presented in my own mind as yet. Therefore, I cannot say anything now as to what course I will pursue or what will be the policy of the new administration. I did not expect to be elected. I don't know whether I ought to be congratulated or condoled with. The office was thrust upon my part. I know that many a good man has gone into the mayor's office commended by everyone, and at the expiration of his term has emerged from it to be abused up hill and down dale. That is one of the things I have to look out for. I will do my best in the office of mayor of Seattle."

drawal of the names under consideration and the selection of a new man. Now, let us see if they meant this and were sincere, or if they purpose taking a partisan advantage of the withdrawal of Mr. Clise.

After the meeting Mr. James said: "A letter was sent by Mr. Clise to his supporters on Thursday, asking that his name be withdrawn. The majority of his supporters did not think it advisable to present it at the time, but yesterday Mr. Clise insisted in the interests of harmony and requested his friends not to vote for him any more."



SOME OF THE HOMES ON THE KLONDIKE. (From a Photograph.)

Mr. Clise replied that under no circumstances could he be a candidate next spring.

"It was then persuaded that another reason why he would be an acceptable candidate was that there had been considerable grumbling over the delay in the Cedar river proceedings and that his position as father of the ordinance providing for the system would afford a guarantee to the people of Seattle that it would be earnestly pushed. Mr. Clise then consented. The motion prevailed without any dissent.

At this point Mr. James rose and asked crowd contained representatives from all classes of citizens, but naturally the politicians were in the majority. An air of expectancy was apparent, and the crowd, as well as the members of the council, sat and talked or nervously walked up and down the corridors during the transaction of the routine business that preceded the balloting.

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CANADA IN FAVOR OF A COMMISSION.

Decision Soon Reached by Laurier's Cabinet.

ALL DEPENDS ON ENGLAND

No Action Can Be Taken Until Great Britain Approves.

Mr. Foster's Propositions to the Dominion Made Public—Protection Guaranteed the Seals Forthwith, if the Matter Is Taken Up—Provision for a Modus Vivendi—All Questions of International Character May Be Considered—Sir Julian Pauncefote Will Negotiate for the Imperial Government.

OTTAWA, Nov. 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Louis Davies have returned from Washington. Within a couple of hours after their arrival, a meeting of the cabinet was held, at which the premier explained the recent negotiations with President McKinley and his ministers.

As a result of this it is stated that the cabinet has decided to send a commission to Washington, composed of men familiar with the various questions at issue, to meet with a similar body of men appointed on behalf of the United States, with one Secretary Foster at its head, and endeavor to reach a settlement on all boundary and other questions at present at issue between the two countries.

Mr. Foster's Propositions. WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Dispatches from Ottawa announce that the Canadian cabinet has decided to send a commission to Washington to consider all questions at issue between the United States and Canada. This announcement has had the important effect of drawing from Canada for the first time a statement of the exact propositions laid before the Canadians in Washington a few days ago. It can now be stated that the proposition of Mr. Foster, representing the United States, which the Canadian officials took home with them to submit to their council were:

"First—That both nations agree to cessation of the killing of seals next season in Bering sea, to go into effect on the first of next month.

"Second—That the representatives of the governments of the United States and Great Britain, including Canada, be invited to attend upon the consideration of all unsettled questions between Canada and the United States with the view of settlement by treaty, this to include the sealing question, the fisheries, which they may choose to bring forward."

So far the state department has not been advised that the Canadian cabinet has acted upon the propositions, but an early reply is expected. One important fact not clearly disclosed in the Canadian dispatch is that a modus vivendi must be agreed upon positively before our government consents to receiving a commission; in other words, there must be no killing of seals while the commission is at work.

The position of our government has been so explicitly stated that the fact of the Canadians appointing a commission indicates that they have decided to adopt the modus vivendi. Messrs. Foster and Kason, and possibly Mr. Hamlin, will be on our side for the consideration of the complexity of the questions that will come before the commission under the liberal character of the propositions might be required in the nature of experts in particular lines, such as fisheries, reciprocity, labor, immigration questions, mining and timber interests and such matters.

Canada Avails Britain's Will. A definite feature of the proposed commission is that Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, shall sit at the head of the British-Canadian commissioners, and in all probability that Sir Wilfrid Laurier shall be associated with him as head of the Canadian commissioners.

The dispatches from Ottawa fail to state this fact, and to this extent are said to be misleading. There can be no Canadian commission until the British government has consented to the formation of the commission. This choice of the British ambassador is significant, showing the purpose of the commission fully to recognize the imperial character of the negotiations, and to conduct them only through the authorized representative of the British government.

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Much misapprehension was caused during the recent visit of the ambassador by the unofficial character of his discussion, as it was recognized that official negotiations could come only between the United States and Great Britain. This apprehension cannot arise again, it is said. The commission determined on at Ottawa would have to be first submitted to the colonial office at London, and if submitted to in that quarter, it would assume an official form as between the United States and Great Britain. The action of the Canadian cabinet is not, therefore, final, but expressive of the wishes of the Dominion authorities.

Up to the present time there has been no intimation as to how the British government would view the formation of the commission. Mr. Adams, of the British embassy, was present at the meeting at Mr. Foster's house, when the question of the commission was discussed. It is understood, however, that Mr. Adams' attendance was unofficial, and not as a representative of the British government.

IN PRISON FOR MURDER. John P. Scott, Colored Politician, Kills a Navy Preacher. CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—A special to the Chronicle from Jacksonville, Fla., says: John P. Scott, the colored politician and Republican leader in Florida, is in the county jail here charged with the murder of Rev. Othman Adams, pastor of St. James' M. E. church. Scott and Adams had a quarrel over church matters, and Adams had a revolver on him. He died this evening.

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