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Largest Clothing House in Montana

JUMPED FOR THEIR LIVES

One Woman Burned to Death and Many Others Seriously Injured in a Reading Fire.

GIRLS WERE IN A PANIC

A Mad Struggle to Escape From a Burning Furnace—Screens Were Nailed to the Windows, Making Escape Difficult. The Fire Escapes Too Small to Accommodate the Crowd—A Miracle That More Lives Were Not Lost.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 7.—One of the most appalling fires that has ever visited this city occurred to-day when the extensive hosiery mill of the Nellie & Horst company took fire, destroying the plant, causing the death of one person and injuring 57 other employees of the company.

What was at first supposed to be the bodies of two persons proved to-night to be the separated parts of one body. It is that of Miss Louisa Klay, aged 40, who was the only person killed. All the other employees have been accounted for. Of the 57 persons who were injured, 31 are badly hurt.

The following are among the seriously injured: Hector Mowbray, shoulder dislocated. Mamie Ritter, ankle fractured. Sallie Christian, arm broken. Emma Lance, nose broken, hip dislocated.

Annie Baer, ankle broken, seriously injured internally. Winnie Baer, leg broken. Annie Brunner, ankle broken. Sallie Bausher, leg broken. Sallie Clay, knee fractured. Miss Dauch, ankle broken. Miss Lachman, leg broken. Emma Lora, both legs broken. Catherine Langdon, internally injured. Beatie Schaeffer, thigh broken. Gertrude Seiffert, leg broken. Jennie Warner, both legs broken. Sallie Sherman, internally injured. Catherine Langdon, internally injured. Maggie Whitmeyer, leg broken. Leah Hendershaw, both thighs fractured. Mary Yeich, compound fractures of arms.

The remainder of the 57 had hands or faces burned, limbs bruised or otherwise injured.

The hosiery building was a large four-story structure and nearly 600 persons were employed, most of them being women and girls. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock and in a few moments the panic broke out. They made a dash for the fire escape and the stairs, but found that the latter means of escape would not carry all of them down at the same time. Several hundred of the girls then made a dash for the windows and appealed to those in the street to save them. Ladders were brought into use and many girls were rescued from the burning building safely. Most of them, however, jumped and were seriously injured. For a few minutes from every window on the second and third floors girls leaped one after the other. Some lodged in the arms of those below, but many struck the ground. They were picked up and rapidly removed to hospitals or taken to the fire escape. Many of the girls who escaped by the stairways and fire escapes were badly burned, but none of them, it is believed, seriously injured. It is not known how Miss Klay met her fate, but it is believed she fainted and was then burned to death. The fire traveled with great rapidity, owing to the inflammable stock in the building. The fact that the screens in the windows, except those at the fire escape, were securely nailed to the window sills, the girls had to break their way before they could get out to leap to the ground. Some of the employees say that the doors were locked, as a rule, after the employees were in the building.

The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline in the singeing room. The loss is estimated at about \$275,000, on which there is an insurance of about \$150,000.

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

A Lively Discussion of Credits for Public Worship.

Paris, Dec. 7.—In the chamber of deputies to-day there was a lively discussion on the subject of the credits for the ministry of public worship. The socialist opposed the various credits. M. Bernard, nationalist, amid a tumult moved the separation of church and state. The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, opposed the motion, which was defeated by 328 to 128 votes.

M. Chauviere, socialist, then proposed to suppress the entire credits, which were voted by 328 yeas to 183 nays, and M. Waldeck-Rousseau's motion to establish a bureau to check the credits for the stipends of the bishop and clergy, which the majority of the chamber supported, was then adopted by 322 to 194 votes.

RECEIVERSHIP CLOSED.

Milwaukee, Dec. 7.—The receivership of the Northern Pacific Railroad company was formally closed up to-day when Judge Jenkins signed an order discharging Frank G. Bigelow and E. H. McHenry as receivers. Since the sale of the property to the reorganizers' corporation, Messrs. Bigelow and McHenry have been acting as receivers for the lands of the company, mainly those portions lying east of the Missouri river.

DID IMMENSE DAMAGE.

New York, Dec. 7.—A fire which burned with such fury that in less than an hour it consumed four floors of one building and three of another, broke out this afternoon in the premises occupied by the Pacific Novelty company

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COLOMBIA UNDER MARTIAL LAW

A State of Terrorism Prevails Throughout the Republic—Revolution Gaining Headway.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The government has received through one of its agents a most interesting account dated the latter part of November, of the inception and growth of the present revolution in Colombia. The revolution, according to this statement, is an attempt on the part of the liberals to oust the conservatives, who have been in power for many years. The time for the revolution is said to be in a bad condition, the present rate of exchange is 8 Colombia dollars for one dollar in gold, but 20 to 1 is often given. The effect of this state of affairs upon trade and commerce was disastrous and the liberals saw their opportunity to revolt.

The present revolution is represented to be well organized with directorate for each of the nine provinces and military officers of reputation as leaders. Their troops are poorly armed, undisciplined and green, so for the present they can carry on only a guerrilla warfare. The uprising was premature and in advance of the arrival of proper arms and supplies, being hastened by the revolution in Venezuela. The disturbance began in Santander, which is now the center of the revolution. The garrisons of the coast towns and ports were advised by the revolution in Venezuela. The disturbance began in Santander, which is now the center of the revolution. The garrisons of the coast towns and ports were advised by the revolution in Venezuela.

The revolutionary movement had so far been confined to Santander, and it was affirmed that the liberals would make no demonstration in Panama and other parts of foreign interests there. The town was under martial law and all males capable of carrying arms were being impressed into the military service, so that a state of terrorism prevailed in that province.

The principal engagement so far has been a naval one, and the agents give a graphic account of it. It took place on the night of Oct. 24 at Losobispo, about 300 miles up the Magdalena river, below Puerto Nacional.

The revolutionists were embarking on seven river steamers, which they had seized, and were coming down the river, apparently with the hope of capturing Cartagena or some other port town in order to get possession of the custom house and revenues. The steamers were unprotected and unarmed, while the government troops were two days' march from the place, which had been protected by platoons of infantry and one Hotchkiss gun. The two fleets met in the dark, one steaming up the river at a speed of seven knots, the other coming down the rapid current at 12 to 14 knots an hour. The government vessels, the Hercules and Colombia, were charged by the Helena and the Hercules was rammed by the Helena, but the blow struck her on the paddle box and did no material damage. His pilot on the Helena then ordered his gun to ram the vessel, which the pilot assured him was one of his own squadron, but with a revolver to the man's head, the general insisted on his command being obeyed.

The result was that the Cristobal Colombo and a steamer dredge was struck and sank, and went down, carrying with her 250 men. This loss so disheartened the insurgents that they put about, ran their vessel along shore and deserted them. Other than this one great disaster there were only eight or 10 casualties in all, including the general's pilot, who was promptly shot to cover the mistake of his superior.

It was reported that since then the insurgents had lost Cigarero, one of their best generals. In a recent engagement and a capture of a steamer, without confirmation, that the insurgents had captured Bogota.

With the exception of the capture of Rio Hach by the government forces after slight resistance, all operations have been confined to the original province of Santander and Tolima and the sea coast was unaffected except by martial law.

AN ALASKAN RAILWAY.

An Application Has Been Made to the Canadian Government.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The Canada Gazette announces that application for incorporation of the Alaska and North-western Railroad company, to construct and operate a railroad from this point at or near Pyramid Harbor in Lynn canal, or from a point on or near the international boundary between Canada and the United States, in the vicinity of the Lynn canal; thence through the Chilkoot pass and thence by way of Dalton trail to a point at or near Port Selkirk, on the Yukon river, in the Northwest Territory; also to build and operate tramways and for other purposes related.

ON TRIAL FOR BRIBERY.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 7.—Representative James T. Haddock of Pontiac was arraigned to-day under two grand jury indictments. One charges Haddock with soliciting a \$500 bribe to influence his vote on the anti-trust bill, and the other demands a fine upon him for promising to vote and work against the same bill. Hammond pleaded not guilty and furnished \$3,000 bail.

GOMPERS INJURED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is seriously ill at his home in this city, as a result of a collision with a street car and a fall from his bicycle. It is feared he was hurt internally.

PLENTY OF PROVISIONS.

Modder River, Monday, Dec. 4.—A searchlight message from Colonel Kekewich, at Kimberley, says the town is provisioned for 90 days, with forage for 60 days and has a plentiful water supply.

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English Government Criticized for Not Sending the Marines—Organizing a Cavalry Brigade—Master Ambition of the Dutch.

London, Dec. 8, 5 a. m.—General Buller's arrival at Frere is held to indicate that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are complete and that stirring news will soon be received. The fact that Lord Methuen is announced as resuming his command at almost the same moment, is interpreted in some quarters to mean that battles will be fought simultaneously in Natal and at Spryfontein. It appears doubtful, however, whether General Methuen's force is yet ready for what will evidently be a heavy encounter.

The construction of the temporary bridge across Modder river has entailed enormous labor and even now the structure is liable to be washed away should a heavy storm come. General Methuen has been obliged to move his camp a mile north in consequence of the unsanitary state of the stream due to the presence of the bodies of dead Boers. As the railway bridge was completely destroyed he was compelled to leave a considerable force to protect his communications.

A special correspondent sends the following interesting information regarding the Boer tactics that Commandant General Joubert has given general orders to reserve fire until the British are within the close range of 400 yards. At the Modder river battle the Free State's burghers became nervous and opened fire prematurely, thus revealing their position.

The Morning Post publishes an article warning the British that "the disillusions already experienced respecting the Boer forces in Natal is very likely to be repeated on the western border."

It says that men are wanted everywhere and asks why the splendid body of naval marines now being contemplated sweeping force and washing paint in England is not sent out to handle the naval guns instead of the hurriedly trained men, unfamiliar with these weapons, who have gone.

The government has decided to dispatch to South Africa at the earliest possible moment a cavalry brigade of about 4,000 men.

Baron Loch, former governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, lecturing in London last evening, related some of his experiences with President Kruger. He said the remarks of the Transvaal president were so full of contempt for the British just the state of affairs which had now arisen. Mr. Kruger even expressed a desire to have a seaport and said the Transvaal hoped to have a navy some day.

The Times, commenting upon Lord Loch's reminiscences, says that they prove up to the hilt the Dutch ambition for Dutch supremacy in South Africa.

A SUCCESSFUL SORTIE.

Troops From Kimberley Capture a Boer Laager.

London, Dec. 8.—A special dispatch from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, Dec. 29, says:

"As a result of signals from the relief force to the south and of certain movements on the part of the Boers, Colonel Kekewich determined to make a sortie with a view of keeping a large force of Boer employes here."

"Yesterday afternoon a portion of the garrison with artillery under Major Chamier and mounted troops under Major Scott-Turner, advanced southwest and were shown that the contemplated Carter's farm, which completed the line it was intended to hold in view of Lord Methuen's early approach."

"Major Scott-Turner then turned his attention to the Boer laager, which he captured in the style, in spite of the enemy's heavy fire. All the camp equipments were captured or destroyed. Finally the British stormed the ridge and captured three redoubts after severe fighting."

"In leading the men who were storming the fourth redoubt Major Scott-Turner and Lieutenant Wright were killed and the death of Major Scott-Turner compelled the British to retire upon Carter's farm, the whole affair lasting four hours."

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Pretovia, Dec. 6.—Official dispatches received here from the different Boer forces say all is quiet except at Kimberley, where an armored train made a sortie this morning.

The Orange Free State has proclaimed the annexation of Dordrecht, Cape Colony.

The Tugoe bridge, it is also announced, is so completely ruined that it will be a work of great magnitude for either belligerent to restore it.

The British fired on some republican scouts south of Tugoe this morning. There were no casualties.

A newspaper correspondent named Lynch, who entered the Boer lines at Ladysmith on Monday with the alleged purpose of exchanging newspapers, has been made a prisoner and will be brought to Pretoria.

Quiet at Kimberley.

Kimberley, Monday, Dec. 4, via Modder river.—Everything has been quiet here during the last three days. The theater and the convent have been closed as hospitals. A number of our cattle have been captured by the enemy.

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A Checkmate for the Bear in China Prince Tuan Is Now in the Saddle.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. Shanghai, China, Nov. 9.—There is a radical change in the balance of power at Peking. It was expected in the East that Russia would seize the opportunity afforded because of the British-Boer war to bring on pressure to bear on the effete Peking regime. This was attempted, but thus far it has utterly failed for a third party has appeared on the scene. Japan is undoubtedly in the confidence of the empress dowager and Japan is utilizing the opportunity.

During the last week there has been a gathering of Japanese statesmen at Peking. Baron Nishi has been appointed minister from Japan. He has had 15 years' experience as Japanese minister at St. Petersburg and is known as the leading statesman of the empire. Nishi has resigned as minister to Peking, and at the direct request of the empress dowager has been appointed "foreign advisor" to the Chinese government.

There are at Peking two opposing factions, each striving for the dowager's good will. Jung Lu, the famous general who was instrumental in dethroning the emperor, has been one faction, and Prince China, who is president of the Young Men's Association, is the leader of the other. These men are at swords' points. But Prince Tuan now looms up as the neutral between these factions and the one who has been able to bring Japan into the Peking councils to such effect that Russia is at present checkmated.

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