OPERA HOUSE BURNED.

Many Persons Killed and Injured.

PARIS, May 25.—The Opera Comique took fire this evening, and the whole building is now wrapped in flames. Several persons were injured. The fire broke out during the first act of the opera Mignon. One of the wings of the stage caught fire from a gas jet, and the entire stage was immediately wrapped in flames. The fire soon spread to the whole house. Madame Mergvillier and Mme. Tosquim and Bernard were on the stage when the fire broke out. All the actors ran out in stage costume. The audience got out easily, but the gas was turned off before all left the building and it is feared that some were left in the upper tiers. The roof soon fell in, sending showers of sparks to the Place de la Bourse. With the exception of Mme. Sellier, who perished, all the actors escaped, though a number were seriously injured. Five bodies, terribly burnt, were conveyed to the National Hospital, among them beng the body of a woman clasping a little boy in her arms.

The money receipts were saved and deposited in the *Gaulois* office. The firemen showed the greatest courage. M. M. Goblet was on the spot soon after the fire started and remained throughout with the fire officials. The military club rendered great assistance in the work of resisting the crowding of people toward the building. Nineteen persons are known to be dead.

The flames spread with rapidity, and in fifteen minutes the stage was a vast furnace. Several actors escaped by climbing to the roof on the side of the Rue Merviante, where they were rescued by fire escapes.

M. Tosquin implored the audience to remain seated until exits were opened, which they did. If they had made a rush for the doors the loss of life would have been terrible. The police outside were unable to restrain the crowd, who besieged the building, inquiring for friends, until the military gordon was formed.

One man who wanted to rescue his brother and sister, raved, tore his hair and menaced with a stick the people who stopped him from rushing into the blazing building.

The scene outside was one of the wildest excitement. Falling timbers struck horses in the surrounding streets, causing them to plunge and rear. The flames shot out of every window, forcing the crowds into the narrow streets, where the crush was terrific.

Tizarante says there were 150 persons on the stage when the fire broke out. She heard the glass breaking but told the others not to mind it. But while she was speaking a column of flame broke through the wing with a roar, and all rushed pell mell from the stage. Many policemen were injured. It is still unknown how many persons were able to escape from the doomed building.

Only a fortnight ago M. Steinskens called attention in the Chamber of Deputies to the dangerous condition of the Opera Comique, the oldest theatre in Paris. *Figaro* also called attention to the same thing after the recent twelve hour benefit performance. The audience was delayed a few minutes by the dense smoke and insufficient light.

Director Saleil, with wife and two children, escaped without injury. The killed include four firemen. There was not a frantic rush in the theatre but it is believed the stair case became blocked. An iron curtain was lowered in front of the stage. This prevented the fire spreading immediately to the auditorium and allowed the audience to escape. The men who carried away the money chest report that when they left the auditorium was quite empty. The fire brigade distinguished themselves. Many had narrow escapes. Most of the causalities so far reported were due to nervousness. Many persons who were unable to trust themselves to walk the ledge of cornice around the building jumped off in terror. One woman coolly walked around the cornice when the flames were bursting about her, until she reached the fire escape. The victims were most all singers. The streets in the vicinity bounding the theatre were crowded until an early hour this morning. Sewel, Solicitor of the British Embassy, said the audience showed great calmness when the alarm was given.

PARIS, May 26.—The bodies of the ballet dancers who lost their lives by the burning of the Opera Comique, last night, are lying in heaps in the ruins of the theatre. The firemen assert that many bodies are lying in the upper galleries. The number of persons killed greatly exceed previous estimates. An excited crowd surrounds the ruins, which are guarded by military cordon.

Twenty bodies in a terribly mutilated condition have been recovered from the ruins. The remains are principally those of ballet girls, choiresters and machinists.

PARIS, 4 p. m. May 26.—Twenty more bodies were recovered this afternoon from the ruing of the theatre comique. Search still continues.

PARIS, May 26.—The work of searching for the bodies was resumed to-night. A number were exhumed. The official statement says that fifty bodies have already been recovered. Reveillon, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon, estimated that at least 200 persons lost their lives in the fire.

PARIS, May 27.— Examination of the ruins of the Opera House Comique and search for the remains of the victims continue vigorously. Twenty bodies have been found in the dining room. These victims had all met their death by suffocation. The firemen saw other bodies but were unable to reach them. It is believed there are 150 more bodies in the ruins.

PARIS, May 27.—According to official reports sixty bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Opera House Comique up to 7 o'clock this evening. The Municipal Council voted 10,000 francs for the relief of the sufferers.

Terrible Accident.

OGDEN, Utah, May 27.—A fatal accident occurred to-day at the horse races at Hot Springs, a few miles from Ogden. This afternoon, towards the close of the races, a horse ridden by a little boy named Chandler, after passing the winning post, ran into a farm wagon standing near by. The wagon brake was set and the boy was caught on the foot lever, which projected a few inches. The iron penetrated his head and the horse continued its career, leaving the boy dangling in mid-air, Absalom like. He was quickly removed from his fearful position by the by standers. It is unknown as yet whether his injuries will prove fatal.

Killed an Innocent Man.

ROCKVILLE, Mo., May 26.—The shooting to death of John Vanderburg in the court room yesterday, during a preliminary examination on the charge of outraging Jennie Anderson, is now believed to have been a horrible mistake. It is thought that Vanderburg was working for a camping party four miles from the scene of the outrage. The Coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder against the Anderson boys.

BIG BLAZE.

Sixteen Hundred Horses Burned to Death and Two Blocks of Dwellings Destroyed.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Flames broke out at 1:30 a. m. in the south end of the Belt Line car stables, on Tenth ave. between 53d and 54th streets. The building was entirely destroyed together with 1,600 horses and nearly all the cars that were in the building. Two blocks of buildings are also in flames. The flames were first seen by one of the night hands, who gave the alarm. The flames spread rapidly and soon completely enveloped the building in their folds. The building was a five story structure and covered a square block, reaching back to Eleventh ave. The flames spread so quickly that there was no chance to save the books of the company. In the stables there were over 1,600 horses and several hundred cars. Only ten horses and two cars were saved. At 2 o'clock the walls of the building fell in with a crash, sending millions of sparks and blazing pieces of wood high in the air. A call of three-sixes had been made as soon as the fire chief arrived on the scene and engines from all parts of the city, together with the water tower and hook and ladder companies, were rapidly coming to the scene. The heat from the burning building was so great that several firemen and two policemen were prostrated. At 1:45 a. m. the flames, aided by the high wind which was prevailing, had leaped across the wide avenue and communicated to a whole block on the east side of Tenth avenue. The block was composed of six story tenement houses and a coal yard. The terror stricken tenants poured out of the building like bees, praying, fighting and cursing by turns. The scene of terror was indescribable. The buildings burned rapidly, though the fronts facing the avenue were of brown stone. By 2:30 they were completely gutted. The flames spread through the entire square block over to Ninth avenue.

3:40 a. m.—Additional reports indicate that the destruction of property was much greater than at first reported, but figures cannot now be given. Seventy-five dwellings, mostly frame tenements, and inhabited by poor people, a soap factory and a brewery, are among the buildings burned. The losses will aggregate over $1,000,000.

NEW YORK, May 27.—The fire at the Belt Line stables was got under control at 4 o'clock this morning. The stables, with their contents and the frame houses on the opposite side of the street, were destroyed. The loss will not be much less than one million dollars.

LATER.—It is estimated now that the loss will not be covered by a million dollars. There were fourteen hundred horses in the stables, only one hundred of which were saved.

The Loss is now estimated at $1,325,000. The fire raged from 1:30 o'clock till daybreak. The sun rose on a scene of desolation, but with the tired firemen masters of the situation. The bodies of 1200 horses were roasting in the ruins of the stables.

More than one hundred families have been rendered homeless. A number of people have been prostrated by the heat. Men, women and children wandered all night aimlessly over the ruins of their wrecked homes. The insurance will be less than $500,000.

FISHERMEN'S TROUBLES.

One Person Killed and Others Severely Wounded.

ASTORIA, May 25.—The acts of violence of fishermen at Ilwaco, reported yesterday, have resulted in bloodshed and the end is not yet. About 11 o'clock last night A. E. King, owner of a cannery at Ilwaco, Albert Green and Archie Ross, owners of traps, started out with guns to guard a large lot of web, which is used in traps and which was tarred and lying in the open air to dry. This was in a field not far from the beach, surrounded by small timber. Soon the three men on watch saw two dim figures approaching in the darkness and commanded them to halt. The order not being obeyed they followed the intruders, shouting "stop." "Who are you?" "What do you want?" Suddenly, and from several directions, shots were heard and Ross and King fell. The former was pierced by seven bullets and died in great agony about 2 o'clock this morning. King received three wounds, all severe but not fatal. The third watcher was uninjured. Sheriff Turner, of Oysterville, has been sent for and Governor Semple asked for assistance. There is no doubt but that the attacking fishermen are well armed and that their number is large. As the fish traps extend up and down the Columbia river for 20 miles on both sides of the river, and as the river is from six to fifteen miles wide, it will be impossible almost to guard the traps against a well organized mob. The prevailing impression is that the fishermen will make good their motto for the last two years, "The fish traps must go." It seems that Ilwaco is a rendezvous for murderous fishermen.

Later.—It is reported late this evening, on what seems to be good authority, that the shooting last night was a dreadful mistake. It is stated that another party went out to guard the drying web and were mistaken in the darkness by King, Green and Ross for marauders, who in turn were mistaken by the other guards for marauders. The executive committee of the fishermen deny any knowledge of or responsibility for the outrage of Monday night and of last night's killing.

Minneapolis Exposition.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Appliance of the act of Congress approved March 3d, relates to the industrial exposition to be held in Minneapolis, and the Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular to the customs officers directing that no duties, fees or charges for customs services shall be exacted on any articles imported for exhibition, except in case of withdrawal for consumption in the United States. The ports of New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco, on the seaboard, and Suspension Bridge, Buffalo, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago, on the northern frontier, will constitute the ports of entry at which such importations may be received. Goods may be entered at these ports for immediate transportation without appraisement to the port of St. Paul. In cases of the exportation of goods the existing regulations requiring exports to be made in the original packages will be waived.

Commercial Union With Canada.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The *World* will print a series of interviews with prominent men of Canada concerning the reported movement there in favor of a commercial union with the United States, if not of absolute annextion. Several notable representatives of the banking and farming interests express themselves in favor of a commercial union. A correspondent says he finds the sentiment among the farmers practically a unit in favor. He also notes the prevalence of extreme discontent with the Dominion government in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and in the Northwest.

O'BRIEN.

Enthusiastic Reception at Montreal.

MONTREAL, May 27.—The reception tendered O'Brien on his first visit was by the Irish societies almost exclusively. That of to-night was by the Irish societies and other city organizations, French Canadians predominating. The torchlight procession was a brilliant affair. At least eight thousand men carried torches. As they passed St. Lawrence Hall, on the balcony of which O'Brien stood, they set up deafening cheers. On the principal streets along the route the houses were illuminated. Electric lights, fire works, bunting and flags floated from many of the principal buildings and cheers rent the air. O'Brien stood upon the upper gallery of Larin's hotel, from which speeches were made. Spread out in front in the neighboring streets were at least 30,000 persons. O'Brien, after surveying the scene, turned to an Associated Press reporter and said he had never seen anything finer outside of Ireland or even in Ireland. The little French boys shouted "A bas Lansdowne," and thousands of French citizens took up the cry, and with a tremendous burst of applause re-echoed it all over the city. "Down with Lansdowne," "Land for the People," "Lansdowne Must Go," "Home Rule," "God Save Ireland," "The French and Irish Join Hands" and "Down with the Orangemen" were some of the mottoes on the flags.

When O'Brien came to the front an indescribable scene followed. The cheering and waving of hats lasted five minutes. O'Brien began by saying: "Lord Lansdowne said in Ottawa yesterday that our invasion in Canada was over. I think if he witnessed this scene to-night in the principal city of Canada, he would recognize the fact that his troubles in Canada were not over, but only commencing. There is a spirit enkindled in the hearts of Canada to-day, which will pursue him to the last hour when he takes his departure from these shores, (cheers,) and it is a spirit that the Orangemen of Canada and the drilled enthusiasm of the officials at Ottawa will not quench.

O'Brien leaves for Boston to-morrow evening.

Irish Evictions.

DUBLIN, May 27.—The evictions being carried on at Bodicke are attended by exciting scenes. To-day a fight occurred and the police charged the people with batons. The sheriff in command was seized with epilepsy. A truce was had at once, and was used by the people to strengthen their defenses. The persons to be evicted are all barricaded in their homes, and have plenty of friends assisting them. It is believed that severe fighting and even bloodshed is inevitable.

LANSDOWNE.

His Enthusiastic Reception at Ottawa

OTTAWA, May 26.—The Governor General and Lady Lansdowne arrived at home from Toronto at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. They had received an enthusiastic welcome all along the route, and the demonstration at Ottawa was the grandest ever seen in the city. The thoroughfares about the station were blocked for a great distance. The route was along Queen, Wellington, Bank, Sparks and Elgin streets to Cartier square. The procession was headed by the bicycle club and an escort of three hundred mounted citizens. Six brass bands were distributed through the procession. A very large number of vehicles and private citizens followed. There was an enormous concourse in the square, estimates varying from 15,000 to 20,000 persons. The address of welcome felicitated the Governor General on the regard and esteem in which he is held in Ottawa, referred to the progress the city has made during his term of office, and expressed the devotion of the city to the Queen. It contained no reference to O'Brien.

At the conclusion of the address the children sang "God Save the Queen" and other choruses, and the vast crowd cheered themselves hoarse. While the Vice Regal party was leaving, the children started up "John Brown's Body," and after singing a verse or two diverted it into, "We'll hang O'Brien on a sour apple tree." The Governor General's horses were unharnessed by a crowd of young men, belonging chiefly to the foot guards and 43d rifles, and taken at a trot to Rideau Hall.

Good Templars Convention.

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 25.—The thirty-third annual session of the grand lodge of Good Templars of the world is now being held here. Every country in the world is represented. There are really two bodies in session—the Right Worthy Grand Lodge and the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World. In 1876 a disruption occurred, when the English branch seceded. The latter was to have met in South Africa, but for the purpose of effecting a reunion, if possible, the place of meeting was changed to Saratoga.

Right Worthy Grand Templar Finch, of Evanston, Ill., of the American branch, in his report said that the temperance question had narrowed itself down to either prohibition or high license, and he strongly conselled all Good Templars to fight high license and to make their influence felt against politicians.

Secretary R. F. Parker, of Wisconsin, reported about 300,000 adult and 100,000 juvenile members.

Mr. Treadwell, of Scotland, secretary of the English branch, reported 200,000 adult and 100,000 juvenile members.

Anti-Saloon Meeting.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Cooper Union was well filled to-night with an audience about evenly divided between the sexes, the meeting being under the auspices of the anti-saloon Republican committee. Hon. Albert Griffin, of Kansas, called the meeting to order and introduced ex-Judge Noah Davis, as chairman of the meeting. Judge Davis said that it was evidently fitting that the Republican party, as a party which had brought about great reforms in the country, should be the party to counteract the growing evil resulting from the liquor traffic.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury William Windom, of Minnesota, denounced the saloon evil, and Theodore Rosevelt spoke in the same strain.

Republican Clubs.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The New York Republican Club to-night accepted the report of its special committee, recommending the reorganization of the National League of Republican clubs. The committee has received letters from the Republican clubs throughout the country approving the project.

Democratic Clubs.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The Young Men's Democratic Club met here to-night and decided to institute branch Democratic Clubs throughout the country. As soon as the clubs constructed number twenty a national league will be organized and all Democratic clubs which subscribe to the platform will be admitted.

NATIONAL DRILL.

Who the Winers of the Prizes Are.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The parade of troops to-day for review by the President has afforded the first opportunity for seeing at once the entire body of those forming the encampment, and was an unqualified success. The arrangements for the parade were reasonably complete and were carried out almost to the allotted second and without apparent hitch or break. The head of the column started from the camp up Seventeenth street about noon, and reached the stand erected for the President and guests ten minutes later. The reviewing stand had seats for nearly 300 persons, and was well filled without crowding. With the President were Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Marcy, and General Sheridan and several members of his staff, in full uniform, as their escorts. Among the guests at the drill were Governor Lee, of Virginia, and staff, Governor McGill, of Minnesota, and staff, and the staff of Governor Gray, of Indiana, the Governor himself having been detained at the last moment; Secretary Endicott, Senators Sherman and Gorman, the Mexican and Japanese Ministers and their ladies and families, and a liberal sprinkling of other legation and army people. The stand was covered with bunting and stood beneath the shade of the lofty trees which front the White-house grounds.

When the right of the column approached, the President stepped upon a dais, and in response to the salute of the passing commanders raised his hat and bowed. The wide, smoothly paved avenues, erected for the line of march, afforded ample room for display by the company front, and thousands of strangers, with half the population of the city, filled the windows and lined the pavements along the entire route.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The competitive rifle practice on the national drill grounds was completed this morning with firing at 500 and 600 yard ranges. The prizes were a gold medal and $100 for the first man, a silver medal and $75 each to the three next best and bronze medals and $50 each for the four next best. The highest possible total score was 200 and the highest possible score at each of the four ranges fifty, and the total ranges fifty. The total scores of the eight prize winners at the four ranges are as follows:

First, Lieut. Pollard, Washington Light Infantry, 172.

Second, Capt. Chisholm, 2d Maryland, 167.

Third, Private Crossman, company C, 2d Iowa, 166.

Fourth, Private Moring, Virginia Blues, 165.

Fifth, Private Cash, Washington Light Infantry, 164.

Sixth, Lieut. Hobart, 1st Michigan, 161.

Seventh, Private Johnston, Washington Continentals, 161.

Eighth, Private Falk, company A, 1st Minnesota, 160.

The remaining scores ranged from 159 down to 76. The most entertaining feature of the day's pageantry was an individual competitive drill. Sixty competitors were selected—two men from each company. The drill was exceedingly severe. Four keen eyed army officers conducted it. The excitement rose to fever heat when only four men were left standing, to three of whom the prizes must fall. A Belknap rifleman was the first of these to go down and the final struggle lay between a San Antonio rifleman, a Washington Light Infantry man and a sergeant of the Louisville Legion. The Texan finally won the first prize. The contest between the remaining two resulted in giving the second prize to a Washingtonian and the third to the Louisville man. The victors in the contest were private H. G. Stack, San Antonio Fifles; Chas. T. Conrad, Co. B, Washington Light Infantry, and Sergeant J. S. Wagner, Co. A, Louisville Legion.

The Milwaukee Light Battery gave an exhibition sabre drill. The Chicago Zouaves and Keck Zouaves made a protest to-day against the consideration of the drill of the Memphis Zouaves because of their dropping out of the procession on Wednesday on account of the proximity of a negro troop. The protest has been referred to the Captain of the Memphis company for an explanation.

Cattle Quarantine.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Commissioner of Agriculture has declared a rigid quarantine against Cook county, of Illinois, Baltimore, Howard, Carroll and Prince George counties of Maryland, and Westchester, New York, Richmond, Kings, Queens and Suffolk counties of New York. These orders have been certified to by the Governors of all the States and Territories, and warnings will be given to all railroads against a breach of the quarantine. Rewards have been offered for information leading to the detection of any violation of the quarantine regulations.

British Columbia Defenses.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 26.—The Dominion government will at once increase the defense of British Columbia. A battery of artillery will be established at Esquimalt, near Victoria, and with the view of making the corps thoroughly permanent, the imperial authorities have been asked to send out a hundred men from the British army reserve to form a nucleus.

The name of the Canadian National Park in the Rocky Mountains has been changed to "Rocky Mountain Park of Canada."

Report Contradicted.

NIAGARA FALLS, May 25.—Editor O'Brien rested comfortably last night and reports himself feeling considerably better to-day. He was shown the dispatch containing the statement of the London *Standard* that he had declined a seat in Parliament, to which he was recently elected, and was asked if the statement was accurate. Mr. O'Brien replied that he had neither accepted nor declined the seat. He will take no action until he has first had a consultation with Mr. Parnell.

Indian Goods Exempt From Duty.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Assistant Secretary Maynard has informed a correspondent, who asked for information on the subject, that, under the law, the proper goods and effects of whatever nature of Indians passing or repassing the boundary lines are exempt from duty, but that such exemption does not extend to goods in bales or other packages unusual among the Indians.

Indian Contract Awards.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Indian Commissioner Atkins has returned from New York, where he has been for the past two weeks opening bids and awarding contracts for furnishing the Indian service with clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes, hardware and agricultural implements and other supplies for the next fiscal year. The aggregate will reach $1,000,000.

Noted Marriage.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Richard Nixon, correspondent of the New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, was married to Miss Agnes Dolph, daughter of Senator Dolph, at Ephipany church, this evening.

FOREST FIRES.

Seven Millions in Property and Eight Lives Lost.

CHICAGO, May 28.—A dispatch from Marquette says that the forest fires which have devasted the northern peninsula of Michigan during the last fortnight, by a careful estimate caused a total loss of $7,000,000, including $2,500,000 caused by the destruction at Lake Linden, and eight lives are positively known to have been lost. Great destitution prevails throughout the burned district.

Requisition for Kissane.

NEW ORLEANS, May 28.—Advices received last night from Little Rock show that requisition papers have been issued on the Governor of California for Wm. Kissane. The object in bringing Kissane there is to compel him to repay the amount of his forfeited bail bond, which was paid by Col. Thomas Pearce and Judge Thomas Hawley. It was proposed to put him on trial for the Martha Washington case, but it was feared that all the material witnesses are dead, and the decision of the Supreme Court has deprived the Phillips county court of jurisdiction.

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