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HARDWICK OPERA HOUSE BURNED

Fire Caught From Furnace Pipe Early This Morning

(Special to the TELEGRAM.)

Hardwick Dec. 16.—Fire this morning practically destroyed the opera house and town hall in this village. The walls are left standing but the roof will have to be replaced and the furniture and fixtures are a complete loss.

The J. P. Morgan theatrical company gave an entertainment here last night and the hall was well heated for that purpose. It is thought that the fire caught from the furnace pipes under the floor. It was discovered at about 1 o'clock but efforts to save the building were of no avail.

The building was repaired by the town authorities three years ago at the expense of nearly $4000. It was insured for $3000 in the Vermont Mutual.

CRANBORNE DENIES IT

Says Great Britain Has Made No Offer Of Arbitration

London, Dec. 16—In the House of Commons today Lord Cranbourne made the statement that Great Britain has made no attempt to refer the Venezuelan dispute to arbitration.

Caracas, Venezula, Dec. 16.—A movement is on foot here, headed by prominent doctors and lawyers, to request President Castro to resign and to ask Vice President Ramon Ayala to assume the Presidency and form a cabinet without party tendencies. It is also proposed to summon Congress to appoint a temporary President and arrange the question in dispute in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

Gen Hernandez (El Mocho) who has just been released from prison at Maracaibo, is expected at Caracas tomorrow. His partisans are very active and further trouble is apprehended.

The Venezuelan government announces that Great Britain has reopened the navigation of the Orinoco river. Two warships will patrol the mouth of the river and the river itself. This measure applies only to foreign ships. Vessels flying the Venezuelan flag are excluded.

President Castro on Sunday visited the tomb of Bolivar.

London, Dec. 16.—An expression of a desire for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties has been received in London from the Venezuelan Goverment.

Orders will be or have been sent to the British Commander in Venezuelan waters to take no further aggressive action at present pending a decision being arrived at on the proposal for arbitration.

This came in the form of a proposal through the United States Government to submit the claims of British and German subjects to arbitration, which Lord Lansdowne announced later in the day in the House of Lords is "now under consideration by the British Goverment."

Lord Lansdowne added; We are greatly indebted to the good offices of United States Minister at Caracas."

London, Dec. 16.—The howl against the government's Venezuelan policy is growing louder as a result of last night's debate in the House of Commons. Premier Balfour comes in for his share of the blame and in many quarters the premier is scoffed at for not knowing what the German claims are. Criticisms emanate from all parties. The Evening Star is strong in its argument and urges an arbitration consultation.

It says: "Germany will doubtless do her best to prevent us from accepting the proposal for arbitration, but unless the ministers are mad they will accept it and let Germany hoe her own ree and extricate her own chestnuts."

Viscount Cranborne, parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs has shown such a lack of aptitude for foreign matters during the present difficulties that it is believed in ministerial circles he will step down from his position and go to the House of Lords before parliament is closed for the session. The Earl of Percy is mentioned as a probable successor.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The state department evinces a good deal of anxiety over the report that the German cruiser Vineta has been sent to Margarita island. This island belongs to Venezuela and about a year ago negotiations were conducted between Castro and the German foreign office for its transfer to Germany as a coaling station.

Minister Bowen has been instructed to cable in detail the circumstances of the blocade, seizure of vessels, bombardment of Puerto Cabello and everything which occured from the start. The answer should be received today. The entire situation was thoroughly discussed at a Cabinet meeting this morning.

Caracas, Dec, 16.—The Venezuelan government has refused Italy's demands of settlement and minister Rivas has cabled for further instructions.

BANK CLOSED.

Washington, Dec 16.—The National Bank of South Pennsylvania was closed today by direction of the comptroller of currency and National Bank Examiner Mason is appointed temporary receiver.

THE CUBAN TREATY.

Washington, Dec 16. — General Bliss arrived from Cuba this morning with a draft of the reciprocity treaty signed a few days ago in Havana. Gen. Bliss says the provision of the document can be put into effect as soon as the government desires.

There are alternatives in the event that the first instrument is not acceptable as a whole. Officials at the state department do not consider it at all necessary that the treaty again be signed at Washington. It is now in readiness to be presented to the Senate.

PROF. KUPPFEE DEAD.

Munich Dec. 16. Prof. Kuppffe died here this afternoon. He was a member of the Boston society of natural history.

A Large Poultry Plant.

In laying out a large plant do not try to crowd everything on a small area. Fowls lay better, keep healthier and can be cared for with less labor where they have ample space. For a flock of 1,000 hens a prominent New York poultryman advises erecting four buildings 16 by 50 feet in size, with a four foot alley in the rear. Divide these in five pens each and place fifty hens in a pen. He thinks a yard 10 feet wide and 24 feet long ample for fifty hens, but we would rather have it several times longer. The buildings should be separated far enough so that if one burns the others will not catch fire.

Costly Transaction.

"De mule I stoled wus only wuth $20," said the Georgia darky, "en, bless me, ef de lawyer didn't charge $50 ter prove me innocent!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A mob is the scum that rises upmost when the nation boils.—Dryden.

"NO COAL" SHUTS UP SCHOOLS

(Special to TELEGRAM)

Montpelier, Dec 16.—It is probable that when the schools close here Friday that they will not reopen for four weeks at least.

This is on account of the scarcity of coal. The supply is practically exhausted at the present time.

NARROW ESCAPE OF CREW ON CHATEAUGAY

Burlington, Dec. 16.— Ten men of the crew of the steamer Chateaugay had a narrow escape from death yesterday by asphyxiation from coal gas. The men slept in one room in the hold of the vessel. Dampers allowed the gas to escape through the sleeping room. The men were found at 7 when called to breakfast nearly all being unconscious. Restoratives saved them after three hours' work.

Their names are Peter Bridge, mate, Essex, N. Y.; Peter McAlloon, fireman, Keeseville, N. Y.; Wm. Parker, Leon Seymour, Joseph Golden, John Carpenter, David Garron, Henry Roso, deck hands, Plattsburgh, N. Y., Peter Prevost, fireman, Plattsburgh, N. Y., Edward Potvin, Burlington.

$100 FOR SHOOTING DOE

Woodstock, Dec. 16. — Windsor county court resumed work yesterday afternoon after a two days' recess. Robert Walker of Hartland who was arrested some time ago on a charge of breach of the peace was committed to the Waterbury asylum until further orders.

Leonard Ward of Springfield who killed a doe during the last deer hunting season was fined $100 with costs.

John Patton a deserted seaman from the United States steamship Hartford pleaded guilty to stealing a gold watch and other valuables at Springfield and was sentenced to state prison for not less than two nor more than three years.

These divorces have been heard;—Fred Blanchard vs Christie Blanchard petition dismissed. George D. Blanchard vs Almina E. Wood, Hartland, petition dismissed.

HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Prince Alert, 2:00, pacing, made an attempt to beat Star Pointer's time, 1:59¼, at Memphis Nov. 10, and the best he could do was 2:01¾.

J. M. Johnson, Lawrenceburg, Ky., has purchased the bay yearling colt Lord Allerton, by Allerton, 2:09¼, dam Rose Bay, by Lord Russell, from C. W. Williams, Galesburg, Ill.

A movement is on foot to revive trotting at Louisville. The plan is to organize a driving club and secure control of the Douglas track in time to give a meeting next fall.

J. H. Bunnell, Grand Rapids, Mich., has purchased a two-year-old colt by Ashland Wilkes and a bay suckling colt by Ashland Wilkes from J. D. Creighton, Lexington, Ky.

A. H. Merrill, Danvers, Mass., has purchased the bay pacing gelding Erskine Reed, six years old, by Chattenton, 2:18, from W. W. Evans, Lexington, Ky. He has shown trials in 2:12½.

Ed Benyon has the honor of driving to their records below 2:10 the greatest number of those going in 2:10 or better during 1902. He drove Fereno, 2:07¾; Ozanam, 2:08, and Walnut Hall, 2:09¼, to their records in 1902.

Babies Never Get Seasick.

"Babies never get seasick. I have carried thousands of them in my time," said an American line steward, according to the Philadelphia Record, "and in rough weather I have seen their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters keel over like soldiers before a cannon ball; but not so with the babies. Whether it be rough or smooth at sea, a baby is always an excellent sailor—rosy, jolly and with the appetite of a horse. Do you know the explanation of this singular fact? It is as simple as the fact is strange. Babies don't get seasick because they are accustomed to the rocking of the cradle. That movement is much like the rocking of a ship. A baby aboard ship, therefore, is merely a baby in an unusually big cradle, and there is nothing odd to him about the rocking, for it is what he has been accustomed to all his life."

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IN FAVOR OF THE WILLIAMSTOWN ROUTE

The Rutland Herald says: A conference between the local Rutland-Montpelier railroad committee and A. C. Thorp a civil engineer of Buffalo, N. Y., and P. T. Smith, city engineer for Montpelier was held at the Baxter bank Saturday morning. Mr. Thorp and Mr. Smith were in the mountains east of the city nearly all of last week for the purpose of determining the most feasible route for the railroad across the mountains.

The engineers have not yet made their report to the Montpelier committee, but they seem to be of the opinion that the most feasible route would be through the gap known as Chittenden notch, striking the east valley at North Sherourne, then up the valley by way of Williamstown. The engineers stated that the laying of the road across the mountain would be difficult but could without doubt be accomplished.

It is thought that the building of the road will cost on an average $30,000 a mile. As the distance by the Williamstown route is about 65 miles, this would mean a total cost of about $2,000,000.

It is thought that if the cities and towns along the route will give $600,000 toward the cost of construction, the building of the road will be assured.

Mr. Thorp and Mr. Smith left for Montpelier Saturday afternoon They have already been over the entire route except that part lying between Williamstown and Bethel and they will go over this ground at once.

TWO PER CENT JAGS.

(Special to Telegram.)

Montpelier, Dec. 16.—Stewart Disek and George Reed, said to be from Barre, appeared in city court this morning and pleaded guilty to intoxication. Each was fined $5 and costs of $7.79. They claimed to have secured their jag by drinking two per cent in Barre. One had a bottle of whiskey nearly empty in his pocket. He claimed he did not know where he got it. Both were sent back to jail to think up a better disclosure.

SENATORS PLAYED POKER

Montpelier, Dec. 16.—It is stated on excellent authority that before a senator from one of the southern counties in the state left Montpelier papers were served on him in an action of general assumpsit, to recover $90, alleged to have been won by the senator in a poker game from a temporary resident of Montpelier. It is also said the senator offered to refund $40 of the money, but the fleeced individual refused to accept and will resort to the law. The date for the trial and the name of the justice before whom it will be heard cannot be ascertained. It is safe to say that if such a thing is possible, the press will be excluded.

DR. STERN DEAD.

Frankfort, Germany, Dec. 16.—Dr. Josef Stern of the famous Frankfort Gazette died today, aged 69. Dr. Stern was a strong radical and on special occasions was imprisoned for attacks on Prince Bismarck's home policy

VERMONT PENSIONS.

Washington Dec. 16.—Vermont pensions: Increase, reissue, etc, Earl F. Willard, West Dummerston, $12; Francis Forbes. Talcott, $10; Francis M. Whitney, dead. West Concord, $12; widows, minors, and dependent relatives. Olive Guile, Lyndon, $15.

"CAPITAL, CAPITALISTS, CAPITALISM!"

Martha Moore Avery, director of the Boston School of Political Economy, will deliver a lecture on the above subject in the opera house on Thursday evening, Dec. 18th. She comes to Barre by invitation of the Central Labor Union. Everybody welcome. Admission to all parts of the hall, 10 cents. Ladies free. Tickets may now be procured from members of the local unions, and at the box office Thursday night. Doors open at 7, lecture to commence promptly at 8 o'clock. In the opera house Thursday, Dec. 18th. tf

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