

GREAT LOSS TO TORONTO.

Exhibition Buildings Almost Swept Out of Existence.

Grand Stand, Transportation Building and the Cattle Sheds Gone.

A Toronto despatch, dated Thursday says: The most spectacular and disastrous fire that has visited Toronto since the conflagration of 1904 swept through the grounds of the Canada National Exhibition last night, and caused damage that at this hour may be roughly appraised at \$1,300,000. The fire originated from some cause unknown in the west end of the colossal grand stand, and before it was discovered had worked its way, fanned by a stiff breeze, through the basement, and finally burst forth from end to end, illuminating the western end of the city. By a long tongue of fire blowing and a solid tongue of fire 725 feet long was being driven across the driveway to the large group of animal sheds. Quickly the inflammable material in the grand stand was reduced to a topping skeleton of posts and joists, and the heavy gale from the east set the tongues of fire across until they lapped the sides of the new Press building and extended almost to the great Manufacturers' building, just missing it by a lucky chance.

The wind took up and carried its millions of burning cinders until they fairly rained over the grounds and on the residential area of the west. Effects were hastily packed, and the hurriedly-dressed citizens in that locality prepared for the worst. A drenching downpour of rain in the morning added to the handicap under which the firemen worked.

For the first time the thousands lost their curiosity in the presence of a great danger. There was now practically a circle of fire with the grand stand, stock buildings and Annex all contributing to the conflagration. The people rushed en masse toward the Manufacturers' building towards the lakefront, and found an exit from what might have been the scene of a disaster.

The police were the first to see the danger, and were at once sent to headquarters for assistance.

"Those people are in danger of being hemmed in," decided a police sergeant, as he nervously awaited central at a nearby residential telephone.

There are freakish features to nearly all conflagrations, and it is notable that while the fire destroyed the grand stand, stock sheds, and the big Annex, a considerable distance to the west, the Press building and other modern structures which lay between escaped damage.

The tight little Press building, though at one time literally wrapped in flames, stood the test as though its walls were of asbestos, and the explosion occurred in the Horticultural building had a remarkable escape. It was the scene of the last heroic and effective stand of the fire-fighters.

The firemen cannot be spoken of too highly for their magnificent fight that left to the Canadian National Exhibition a building of horticulture.

It was at 12:30 that the upper north side of the Transportation Building collapsed, and after sending skyward its millions of cinders, with the consequent pyrotechnical features, the fire settled into a pit, which gave the firemen an opportunity, and they followed up the rout with a deluge of water.

It was the troopers of Stanley Barracks who first discovered the flames about half-past 10 o'clock last evening, shooting from the west end of the grand stand. Though tired out with strenuous efforts at the slam fight at the soldiers quickly went to the rescue.

While a number of men were detailed to fight the flames others were told off for police duty and some of the latter were fully armed in case any trouble should arise in handling the crowds. Throughout the entire progress of the fire the soldiers rendered invaluable service to the police and firemen.

Losses and Insurance. The following figures of losses and insurance were given out officially at 2 o'clock this morning: The total loss will be at least \$1,300,000.

The Insurance. Transportation building—\$40,000. Annex—\$12,400. Grand stand, kitchen, lunch rooms, ticket boxes, entrances and fences—\$54,000. Cattle sheds—\$5,000. Total—\$112,400.

Today's areas of smoking desolation are all that remain of the Crystal Palace, the original main building of the exhibition, put up over the dome of the century ago and now used as the Transportation building; of the Grand Stand, a vast structure capable of seating fifteen thousand people, and erected at a cost of almost \$1,000,000; and of the horse stables and cattle sheds, that will not be replaced for less than \$800,000.

The great new buildings of the Exhibition being of brick and iron are safe.

ASIA FOR ASIATICS.

JAPAN FOSTERING FRIENDLY FEELING WITH INDIA.

St. Petersburg Despatch Tells of Anglophobia in Japan—Tokio Schools Said to be Disaffecting Hindu Students.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 22.—The St. Petersburg telegraph agency has received a despatch from Tokio, saying that the anti-British movement in India is receiving much encouragement from Japan, where every effort is being made to foster a feeling of kinship between the two dark races and to preach the lessons of the Russo-Japanese war. The Buddhists of the two countries are fraternizing and exchanging visits, and steps are being taken to encourage the coming of Hindu students to Japan, where they will be surrounded by an atmosphere of disaffection.

The Hindu students now in Tokio,

the correspondent of the agency continues, have just published an address in which they appeal to India to heed the call of "Asia for the Asiatics," and to rise and cast off the British yoke.

CARNIVAL OF CRIME.

MURDER TRIALS IN ALL THE JUDICIAL DIVISIONS OF MANITOBA.

Nearly a Dozen in Winnipeg—Seventy Indictments to be Presented at Winnipeg Assizes—Two Important Cases.

Winnipeg, Oct. 22.—The Fall Assizes for the four judicial districts open this month and the big lists are published tomorrow morning. The calendars are such as to indicate that during the last half-year there has been an awful carnival of crime throughout the whole of Manitoba, it being confined to no particular district, though in the eastern portion it is most alarming to note the number of men charged with murder.

For the first time in the history of the province juries will have to try men for capital punishment in each of the judicial divisions of Manitoba. In Winnipeg charges of murder will be preferred against nearly a dozen men and charges of a like nature will be laid in Brandon, Portage la Prairie and Morris.

It is estimated that about 70 indictments will be presented to the grand jury at the assizes, which open here next Tuesday, all of which are of a most serious character, the gravest offenses being against the Galician and other foreign elements in the north end of Winnipeg.

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POWER IN ENGINE.

SAMUEL BAIN IS BLINDED BY TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Was Working With a Threshing Machine on the Farm of John Oldham, Georgina Township.

Toronto despatch: Perpetrators of a dastardly outrage by which Samuel Bain, a Georgina township farmer, has been totally blinded, are being sought by County Constable John Brown, who has been detailed on the case by the county crown officers in this city. Bain was injured by an explosion of gunpowder placed in a threshing machine engine by some malicious persons last Saturday morning. The engine was on the farm of Mr. John Oldham, near Baldwinsville, and the explosion occurred when Bain started a fire about 6 o'clock.

Bain was badly burned about the face and hands, and his eyesight is believed to have been permanently destroyed. The injured man is an employee of Mr. Henry Stephenson, also a farmer of Georgina, who owns the threshing machine and engine.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

RUN MAD IN THE BOROUGH OF BATTERSEA.

Town Piling Up Enormous Debt With Municipal Libraries, Baths, Billiard Rooms and Other Public Utilities and Novelties.

London, Oct. 22.—An illustration of what municipal trading is apt to bring upon a municipality is seen in the situation in which the borough of Battersea finds itself. The devotees of municipal ownership seem to have the borough in a tight grip, and it is feared they will not stop expanding its municipal activities until they bankrupt it. Not content with the libraries, gymnasiums, baths, billiard-rooms and the infant milk depot they have already established, they promise the voters if they are returned to power at the coming election that they will give the borough more of these things, and in addition will establish municipal public houses, municipal bake-houses and other municipal novelties. They are piling up an enormous debt for Battersea, but this thought does not trouble them.

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LOOKS ON BRIGHT SIDE.

MR. BRYCE NOT ALARMED BY POTATO FAMINE.

Extent of Distress in Ireland Not Fully Determined—Secretary Will Recommend Such Relief Work as Will be Permanently Valuable.

Dublin, Oct. 22.—Replying to-day to a deputation which urged the beginning of relief works in the west of Ireland in consequence of the potato famine, Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Bryce, said he did not yet know the extent of the distress, and was, therefore, unable to say what would be done in the way of relief. Speaking generally, the Secretary said he did not think things were as bad as they had been described, and he did not take a gloomy view of the situation. If, however, he found that some of the work suggested was likely to be permanently valuable, he would recommend it, but he explained he did not control the money and could only make representations.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

CANADIAN.

Mr. Richard J. Wright, one of Napoleon's most prominent citizens, is dead. Typhoid fever has assumed an epidemic form in some localities of New Ontario.

Harry Cummings, a Barnardo boy, was accidentally killed while hunting at Metcalfe yesterday.

Arthur A. Perley, son of Senator Perley, died at Wolseley, Sask., last evening from typhoid.

Toronto Junction has asked the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for 10,000 horse power.

The Church of Christ, Chatham, has extended a call to Rev. M. M. Amunson, of Wabash, Ind.

Mr. Nicholas Gascoigne, a retired farmer, who moved into Petrolia lately, dropped dead in his garden last evening.

Philippe Hamel was sentenced at Montreal to ten months in jail for robbing the Railway Telegraphers' Brotherhood.

A statue of Burns was unveiled at Fredrieton, N. B. Lieutenant-Governor Fraser, of Nova Scotia, made the oration.

The body of a new-born male infant was found in the grounds of the Sisters of the Church on Beverley street, Toronto.

Nobles of Rameses Temple, Mystic Shrines, held their semi-annual fall gathering at the Exhibition grounds, Toronto.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Victoria, which ran on the rocks at Fiddler's Reef, near Victoria, B. C., was released without damage.

Mr. Agenor Dubois, machinist of Warwick, Que., aged 67 years, was accidentally killed in the Canton Company's factory yesterday afternoon.

John Riordan, aged 20, and William Goddell, aged 22, both students of the law, were drowned in Mill Lake a few miles from here, last night.

Wm. Connell, brassworker who lives in London, will die as a result of injuries received by falling from a fast moving G. T. R. train near Konoka yesterday morning.

It is reported that the Provincial Government has completed negotiations for the purchase of a residence in the vicinity of Peter and Wellington streets, Toronto.

Seventy-nine sacks of mail from Canadian points, which were to have been taken to Europe by the steamer Teutonic, were left behind when she sailed on Wednesday.

Mr. C. H. Reynolds, General Manager of the Pacific Cable Board, speaking in Montreal, referred to the rapid increase of business, and expressed the hope that the cable would soon be paying.

Archbishop Matheson, Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, was married on Thanksgiving day in St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, to Miss Talbot, formerly principal of Caledon School, Winnipeg.

A motion will be made to transfer the indictment against the Toronto Railway Company for maintaining a common nuisance from the Court of General Sessions to the High Court of Justice.

The date of the meeting of Parliament will probably be settled this week. It looks as though Nov. 22 would be selected, although the Government would prefer an earlier date than that if possible.

A Lockjaw resulting from a fall off a street car caused the death of a six-year-old child of the Hospital of William G. Watkins, aged 15 years, and a son of Alfred J. Watkins, 125 East avenue, Toronto.

A youth named S. Brooks, son of Grenville Brooks, London, was dangerously wounded by a charge of birdshot when starting out on a shooting expedition yesterday morning.

L. K. Silverthorne, at one time one of the most prosperous farmers in Kent county, ended his life some time on Wednesday afternoon by hanging himself from a beam in his barn.

Ray Bone, 29 years of age, who went to Paris two weeks ago from Glen Williams, accidentally shot himself yesterday afternoon. He was cleaning a revolver when the weapon was discharged, the bullet piercing his heart, and killing him instantly.

James Dale, a boarding-house keeper of Marmi, B. C., who shot and killed two men and wounded a third, was captured yesterday at Greenwood. David Smith, the third victim, is believed to be dying. Dale said he was intoxicated when the shooting took place.

Conference at Montreal, who has returned to London, speaks of the attachment of Canadians to the old country and the immense possibilities which Canada offers to energetic young men.

The Motion Picture, here, he says, is a live Church, and Canada is well advanced on the liquor question. Altogether his visit to the Dominion was a tonic.

The C. P. R. is pushing forward the work of construction on several branch lines to open, and on Nov. 1 they hope to open for traffic the section of the Toronto & Sudbury line between Bolton and Craighurst, fifty-two miles in length. The section of the Guelph & Goderich line between Elmira and Milverton, thirty-five miles, will also, according to present intentions, be opened on the same date.

It is authoritatively announced that the McClary Manufacturing Co. of London, are about to add to their capacity at the southeast end by adding a five-story building, 100 by 250 feet, to be used for storage purposes, the present storage warehouse used as a factory.

The new British battleship Dreadnought has stood her gun tests splendidly. The sentence of death imposed on four Russian officers for surrendering has been commuted.

The steamer Dundee, intended for the Canadian lake grain trade, was launched on the Clyde.

The explosion of a gasoline engine at Fort Recovery, O., caused the death of four persons.

Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Manila yesterday evening. No damage was done.

Two workmen were killed and one fatally injured by the collapse of a stone bridge at Whitehaven, Pa.

Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, says that the recent economies will not injure the British navy.

A depot at Bordeaux, France, filled with valuable merchandise, was destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$400,000.

Robert Hawkins Sprague, a negro, said to be 70 years old, died on Tuesday at Northampton, Prince George County, Maryland.

The Hall of Records, New York's \$10,000,000 office palace, just six years behind the promised date of completion, is at last ready for occupancy.

A disastrous fire broke out in the Southern Pacific freight house, at Fifth and Berry streets, San Francisco, last night. Much damage was done.

Commander Spain's investigation of the loss of the steamer Princess Victoria in Winnipeg impels him to cancel the certificate of Mate Joseph A. Joyce.

The Vima Polish Theatre, performances in which had been prohibited for 40 years, was reopened yesterday with much ceremony in the presence of the Governor-General.

Brigadier-General Samuel Dalton, for many years president of his term in the management of the State of Massachusetts, died at Aburndale, Mass. General Dalton was 66 years old.

As a result of race troubles, Seneca, S. C., is in ashes. The work is claimed to be that of incendiary negroes, seeking revenge for the dynamiting of the negro college there last week.

Twenty-four sections of Indian lands south of the Ottawa valley were sold by auction by the Dominion Government at Regina. Big prices were realized, in some cases over \$20 per acre.

Contessa Pauline Barri Corrado, of Bergamo, committed suicide yesterday by throwing herself from a railway bridge near Bergamo into the River Adige.

It is rumored in India that Lord Kit-chener, on the expiration of his term in India, will visit Australia and afterwards Canada with the object of putting the land forces there on a satisfactory basis.

Prince Waldemar of Denmark and Prince George of Greece started yesterday on a far eastern trip, from which they probably will return by way of the United States. They will be absent five months.

Clarence Foster, sixteen years old, a fireman on the N. Y. C., was killed yesterday in the East Rochester yards. In jumping from his engine his coat caught and threw him under the wheels of the train.

Late last night Dr. Brouwer hung out the sign that had been removed from his office door, indicating the cessation of staying at Tom's River, N. J., instead of leaving, as he said he would if his opinion was against him.

A Bloomington, Ill., despatch announced the death of Lord William Scullin in London, England. He held 40,000 acres of land in Central Illinois, 60,000 in Nebraska, 50,000 in Kansas and 40,000 in Missouri. He owned a house in Washington and had lately become naturalized. His fortune was estimated at about \$30,000,000.

Paris Bartley, cashier, and F. C. Stokes, assistant cashier, surprised two robbers at work in the State Bank at Auxvasse, Mo., yesterday. Armed with shotguns, the bank officials fired thirty shots at the robbers, who, after firing fifteen revolver shots in return, escaped on horseback, getting away with \$200. One of the robbers was wounded.

As a sequel of the South African war stores scandal, Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, and the Army Council are arranging to create a new army supply department. This department will be composed of trained officers, assisted by civilian experts, whose business exclusively will be the purchase of every kind of military supplies on commercial principles.

the weapon, he plunged through the plate glass door of Nicolet's grocery store, cutting himself severely. He may die. Gurofsky was arrested.

Mr. John McKane, the Miramichi, N. B. multi-millionaire, a native of Scotland, is to enter the arena of British politics. Friends in his native constituency are pressing him for the nomination in the Conservative interests for the seat now held by the Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Premier of Great Britain, who may be raised to a peerage shortly.

James J. Hill's address at a recent banquet of the Chicago Commercial Association, impressing the necessity of keeping the boy on the farm, has been responsible for an annual donation of \$5,000 by J. Ogden Armour, through the International Live Stock Exposition, for scholarships to be competed for by the State Agricultural Colleges at the live stock shows.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

DEACON GRAHAM'S HOT SPEECH AT BAPTIST GATHERING.

Convention Devotes the Day to Home Missions—Excellent Work of the Church Edifice Board—Election of Officers.

A Peterboro' despatch: Deacon Peter Graham, of Gilmour Memorial Church, near Peterboro', and an Orangeman, gave zest to this morning's session of the Baptist convention by making antagonistic remarks about the Catholic Church and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada.

"We thought we had a noble grand old man at the head of our Government," he said, "but he has proved a traitor and a Jesuit."

The Church Edifice Board was reported by Rev. William John Scott, Toronto. During the year the permanent fund was increased by \$1,900. The number of churches contributing to the fund increased from fifteen to forty-five. Extension Boards have been organized in Hamilton and Montreal.

Adelphi Street Church, London, has been enlarged. Maitland Street Church has been rebuilt and enlarged.

Loans have been repaid by the following churches: Park Street, Peterboro'; Medora and Caledonia. During the year six loans were made, totalling \$2,550.

The following were elected on the Church Edifice Board: Rev. J. R. Webb, Montreal; Messrs. Wm. Raives, Toronto; Henry New, Hamilton, and A. T. Gregory, Toronto.

The report of the Committee on Western Missions was presented by Rev. Jas. Grant, Dundas. Methods of bringing western missions before the people were referred to. Work in the west was encouraging. There were twenty German Baptist churches, thirteen Scandinavian churches, and active mission work among Russians, Galicians and Hungarians.

The Treasurer's statement showed receipts of \$10,872.

Rev. W. E. Norton, superintendent, Toronto, this afternoon presented the fifty-fifth annual report of the Home Mission Board, which was very optimistic.

Mr. Norton and the convention were congratulated on the report, which was characterized as the best ever presented at a Baptist convention.

The following were elected to the Home Mission Boards: Rev. B. H. Perry, Rev. Dr. Tracey, and Mr. Thomas Lythart, Toronto.

The Treasurer's report, read by Rev. E. V. Fox, Toronto, showed receipts of \$21,505.98 and expenditures of \$29,041.54. The deficit of \$7,000.56, was regarded as fairly satisfactory.

Rev. D. Laing, R. Garside, H. Moyle, S. E. Grigg and A. P. McDonald were appointed to the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee.

This was home mission day. The church was crowded at the evening meeting.

Rev. James Grant, Dundas, whose subject was "Church Edifices," referred to the church edifice board as the "little sister" of Baptist churches, whose assistance was greatly appreciated.

The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to Rev. J. L. Gilmour, of Montreal; W. A. Newton, Durham; Rev. J. T. Bennett, Hamilton; Henry Graham, Kilmouth, and Rev. Thos. Bone, St. Catharines, who are ill.

Rev. J. G. Webb, of Montreal, reported for the Nominating Committee and recommended the election of the following officers for the coming year: President, Rev. R. S. Warren, Georgetown; First Vice-President, Rev. Wm. Walker, B. A., London; Second Vice-President, Rev. A. L. Thierrien, Montreal; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, M. A., Simcoe. The report was adopted.

The report of the committee was read by Rev. G. R. Welch, B. A., of Lindsay.

MODIFIED FORM OF HOME RULE.

Extended System of Constitutional Government to be Granted.

Liverpool, Oct. 22.—In an address delivered here to-night Richard Robert Cherry, Attorney-General for Ireland, announced that the Government would introduce a measure for the establishment of an even more extended system of constitutional government for Ireland, thus giving the Irishmen a great degree of management of their own affairs.

SUN LIFE INVESTIGATION.

MR. MACAULAY ON WRITING DOWN SECURITIES.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—T. B. Macaulay, actuary of the Sun Life, took the stand again to-day at the insurance inquiry. Before dropping the question of principle, which should be adopted in writing down securities, he wished to offer explanations. The company had been criticised for writing down securities on real estate and other securities before the losses had been actually realized upon certain of them. The impression had got abroad that the company's course had been wrong, but the witness held that they had been absolutely in accord with the course pursued by all the banks and all commercial corporations.

Mr. Shepley—The question is whether in the first place you disclose exactly what has been made on other securities and set up one against the other.

Proceeding Mr. Macaulay said that as soon as he learned that the return made by the company to the Government was defective he wrote to the Inspector of Insurance explaining the situation along the lines required to complete the return.

He explained the basis of the plan for setting aside 4 per cent. of the profits on the side of investment for the benefit of shareholders, and this plan was begun in 1901.

U. S. FISHERMEN.

THEY ARE THE TRANSGRESSORS ON THE LAKES.

Report to Washington by Captain of Revenue Vessel Places the Blame on His Countrymen—Most of the Fish on the Canadian Side.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The controversy which has been waged between the American and Canadian lake fishermen for the past 20 years has been placed in a different light by a report made to the State Department by Capt. E. C. Chayer, commanding the United States revenue cutter Morrill on the Great Lakes. The report shows that the American fishermen have been transgressors and that they have been treated with the greatest consideration by the Canadian fishing patrol.

Some time ago the American State Department considered favorably a plan of settling temporarily the vexed question of fishing rights on Lake Erie by placing a series of buoys in the middle of the lake to define international boundaries.

The Canadian Government cordially accepted his proposal, and Capt. Chayer was instructed to place the buoys. As it was apprehended that honest differences of opinion as to the location of the boundary might arise from differences between the automatic logs of the American and Canadian patrol vessels and the use of different charts, Capt. Chayer was instructed to compare notes on these points with Capt. Dunn, of the patrol boat Vigilant.

Under date of Oct. 12th he reports from Erie that he started from that port on the 8th inst. on the Morrill, accompanied by Capt. Dunn on the Vigilant, to place the buoys. He found that there could be no question of differences in charts, because the Canadian vessel was using the American hydrographic charts, while their logs exactly corresponded and in the course of several days buoys were placed at intervals of five miles.

Then Capt. Chayer added that the American fishermen crossed the boundary for the reason that there are comparatively few fish south of the line, and they are bound to follow the fish. He says that Capt. Dunn, contrary to report, has been lenient towards these fishermen, always giving them the benefit of any doubt as to location and for the past ten years he has observed the international ocean.

As indicated on United States charts, no Canadian fishermen possess on the American side of the line for the same reason. The fish are in Canadian waters.

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CHEEKY THIEF.

DARING FEAT OF GERMAN ROGUE DRESSED AS OFFICER.

Soldiers Were His Tools—Presented Forged Order, and With Their Aid Gathered in Aldermen in Kaiser's Name.

Berlin, Oct. 22.—A robbery that was as novel as it was daring was carried out this evening at Koepnick, an outlying suburb of Berlin. While the Mayor and municipal officials were holding a business meeting in the town hall an infantry captain entered at the head of a squad of soldiers and informed the meeting that the Government had discovered irregularities in the municipal government. He ordered the arrest, in the Emperor's name, of all those at the meeting. The frightened officials protested, whereupon the officer threatened violence unless they were obedient in the face of an emergency force acting under the Emperor's order.

The officials then submitted to arrest, and handed over the keys of the town's safe. The officer seized the contents, amounting to about \$300 marks (\$1,000) and official documents. He then left after instructing the non-commissioned officer to wait half an hour and then convey the prisoners to Berlin.

These orders were carried out, and the Mayor and the other officials were brought to the capital, where they soon found they were the victims of an ingenious robbery by the pseudo captain, who cannot be traced. It seems that he met in the street a squad of soldiers commanded by a non-commissioned officer, who were returning from rifle practice. He showed the cap and order directing that his instructions be followed. The soldiers unsuspectingly obeyed him. The thief wore the correct uniform of a captain of the Foot Guards.

THE TYPHOON AT HONG KONG.

AWFUL SCENE WHEN 10,000 PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES.

Seventeen Steamers and Sailing Vessels Wrecked, and Over a Thousand Junks Dashed—Mangled Bodies of Crew Dashed Against Stone Walls.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 22.—Ten thousand lives were lost, seventeen steamers and sailing vessels were wrecked or badly damaged, over a thousand junks swamped, turned over, or battered to pieces against the stone walls of the Praya, launches, yachts, and small native craft went to pieces, and many wharves were wrecked, and many damaged, as the result of a typhoon lasting but two hours at Hong Kong on September 18, according to letters brought by the steamer Empress of Japan, one of the few vessels to escape the disaster.

The junks scurried for shelter, colliding with each other, cutting down yachts, house-boats, etc., striving in a driving rain to reach Causeway Bay.

Thousands were thrown into the sea, lashed to a fury, with waves 20 and 30 feet high. The wind blew the junks around, and sent them swirling and twisting, to be dashed by pieces against the Praya, where hundreds of junks and sampans were dashed to matchless pieces. The mangled bodies of the crew battered against stone walls, within sight of those on shore, were less to lend aid. The storm ceased as quickly as it began. The sun shone then on scenes of unparalleled destruction at Hong Kong. This typhoon exceeded all others experienced there in severity.

Hundreds of Chinese gathered on the sea front walling, hundreds of newly made widows wept bitterly, and many stood stoically looking on as Chinese usually do. Hundreds of bodies were being thrown ashore, and the work of carrying them to the morgue was a task of prompt mortuary duty. One of the corpses being photographed at once, and tagged for identification.

Hundreds of mangled bodies were piled among the debris, and the scenes were sickening. It was evident soon after the storm began that the shipping would not ride out, and was driven on shore, some being piled right after the stately buildings which line Hong Kong's sea front.

DOWN SOUTH.

Policeman Fired for Calling Negroes a "Lady."

New Orleans, La., Oct. 22.—Officer Simon Chais was discharged from the New Orleans police