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THOUSAND HOMELESS.

Block of Tenement Houses Burned in New York.

Twenty Persons Overcome by Smoke—Plucky Policeman.

Herald Square Theatre on Fire During Performance.

New York, Dec. 28.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed in a fire which burned out a block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and 44th and 45th streets, Brooklyn, today. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but were rescued by firemen. The great Bush Terminal docks on the edge of the fire zone were saved by a fire boat, which kept the flames from sweeping over Second avenue.

Occupants of the blazing buildings were driven, half clad and shivering, into snow-swept streets, and a score of others were dragged unconscious from their apartments by policemen and firemen.

A policeman clashing in his arms the form of a baby boy, was carried tripping from a hallway by his comrades, Reviving, he retreated at once to the work of rescue.

The fire gained great headway before the water was poured on, as the engines were hampered in their rush to the scene by the slippery streets and because the firemen were forced to turn their streams on to the structure of Fifth avenue elevated railroad, from which a large volume of steam was being blown. Practically the whole block had been destroyed before the flames were controlled.

HERALD SQUARE THEATRE FIRE.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fire broke out in the Herald Square theatre at 35th street and Broadway to night ten minutes before the close of the performance of "The Three Twins" and before it was brought under control had done considerable damage to the building, driven the actors and chorists into the streets in their scant costumes and caused great commotion among the theatre crowds on Broadway.

There was no panic and no one was injured, the audience remaining in ignorance of the fire until most of them had passed into the streets.

The fire caught from a large electric sign on the front of the theatre building and spread to the offices, and minutes before the time for the performance to end, when two women came down from the second gallery and reported to the theatre attaches that there was smoke in the upper part of the building. Treasurer Lyon quickly went behind the curtain and explained the situation to the actors, and told them to cut the play short. This was quickly done, and the curtain was lowered without any announcement to the audience.

The big crowd shuffled slowly out, not knowing that a fire was being fought in the upper gallery. Most of them had reached the streets, but some remained behind waiting for their traps to be taken from the coat room. The flames continued to gain headway, and theatre employees urged the tardy ones to hurry out, as there was a fire in the theatre. Some of the men left without waiting for their traps, and braved the driving snowstorm in their evening dress.

Alarm spread among the actors and chorists, and many of the young women left the building by the stage entrance and went out into the storm without giving a thought of their scant and unconventional attire.

DEVELOPS GROWTH.

Effect of Medicine on Woman With Body and Mind of Child.

London, Dec. 28.—The experiment of treating with thyroid extract a girl physically and mentally undeveloped has had remarkable success. The patient, Mildred Hart, although 23 years old, had the development of a child only seven years old and was 32 inches tall. Her skin color and harsh and her features were undeveloped.

The soft spot on the top of a baby's head could be felt on hers. She had no appetite and was mentally unbalanced.

She continued to October last. A physician then diagnosed the absence of the thyroid secretion took charge of the case. He administered 12 1/2 grains of extract of thyroid glands daily. Her skin is moist and her features are considerably developed and she has several new teeth. She is constantly hungry.

JAIL FOR GOMPERS.

President of Federation Sentenced to One Year Imprisonment.

President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison Also Go to Jail.

For Contempt of Court in the Buck Stove Case.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The famous contempt case of the Buck Stove & Range Co., against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, was decided today by Justice Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Gompers was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months.

The case grew out of an alleged boycott of the company's products, and the putting of that company on a "fair list," and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus, which was a test case.

The Bucks Co.'s prosecution of the officials of the Federation began in August, 1907. The original action was a test case, wherein it was sought to enjoin the labor unions from using the "unfair" and "don't patronize" lists in their fights against firms and individuals. Justice Gould, of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, issued an injunction which later was made permanent, forbidding the publication of the company's name in these lists.

President Gompers, in an editorial in the Federationist of January last, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunctions of labor, and in derogation of the injunctive power of the courts, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison subsequently were cited for contempt, and this phase of the case has been before the courts for several months, proceedings taking the form of a hearing of testimony before an examiner.

Judge Wright's decision was a scathing denunciation of the defendants. He rejected the evidence and the injunction, and referred to the fact that had operated as a ten-hour shop and also spoke of the numerical strength of its 2,000,000 members, and of its respect and endorsement of the boycott of the American Federation of Labor, through the official organ, speech, by the Federationists, letters, circulars, etc. The defendant referred to the use of the "We don't patronize" list of the labor organizations, and said that members of labor unions were not to be entered into supporting it, "whether by willing or unwilling, approving or disapproving."

The court read by various methods, resolutions of labor organizations, bearing on the Bucks case, as tending to show the methods of influencing members of unions, "and these methods," the court remarked, "seem to be known as persuasion."

The owners of the stove company, the court said, had been intimidated, "business relations with customers, by direct interference with the sale of their own customers' trade relations with their own customers and the public generally."

THE DEAD ALIVE.

Man Dead for 18 Years Turns Up in Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 28.—Nearly eighteen years ago, in July, 1891, a report appeared in the papers of the Province of the death of Corp. Morgan, of the Northwest Mounted Police, at Fort Macleod, Alberta, who had previously left for England and had, after leaving New York, been found dead in Nicol town, Corp. Morgan was well known in Nicol town, and in Guelph, and the report of his death being confirmed, nothing more was heard of him.

What was the surprise of Mr. S. Broadfoot, of the inland Revenue Department here, when William Morgan, for eighteen years supposed to be dead, walked into his office and greeted him as an old friend. He was immediately recognized and has altered little during the time he was supposed to have sojourned in Nicol town. The mistake occurred over the death of another man of the same name on board ship.

CLIMBED CLIFFS.

Sixty-Five of Crew of Steamer Irada Save Themselves—Six Drown.

Crookhaven, Ireland, Dec. 28.—The 5,000 ton British steamer Irada, Capt. Roberts, from Galveston, Dec. 5, for Liverpool, in a total wreck on the southeast point of Mizzen Head, Capt. Roberts, a stewardess and four men were drowned. The remainder of the crew, sixty-five men, saved themselves by climbing the face of the cliffs.

The steamer was driven ashore by heavy weather during a dense fog. She was loaded with cotton, and the hales of her cargo are now being washed upon the beach.

OIL COMPANIES

Fixed \$50,000 and Driven Out of State of Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision this morningousting the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Co. from the State of Missouri, by forbidding them again to do business in Missouri, and dissolving the Water-Pierce Oil Co. of St. Louis. In addition each of the companies is fined \$50,000.

NO ATLANTIC RATE WAR.

White Star Not Frightening Allans From North Atlantic Conference.

London, Dec. 28.—The Canadian Associated Press understands a German liner threatened in direct competition to the Allan line from Havre. The White Star line Liverpool rumor that the Allan line is to retire from the North Atlantic conference if the White Star enter the Canadian trade. It is rumored in shipping circles in Liverpool. The Allan Company know nothing of any possible rate war.

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CRITIC ON CANUCKS.

What a Sheffield Man Has to Say About Canada.

Canadians Are Ignorant, Profane and Several Other Things.

(Sheffield Weekly Independent.)
The following extracts from a letter by a native of Sheffield will be appreciated when it is remembered that the writer has family ties in Canada. After being out here eighteen months, and having experienced two summers and one winter, am in a position to give a fair idea of the country. The eastern portion of the colony I have had no experience in. Canadian winters are fairly long but usually fine. Last winter was quite mild. We had a snowstorm in September, but the weather was all that could be desired up to Christmas. We had the usual downfall of snow in September this year.

In summer we have very hot days and delightfully cool nights. We never have the oppressive, stifling evenings you do in England. One of the drawbacks in taking a particular fancy to English men, these pests have left their mark all over my body. They settle on one, and insert a needle-like sting; result, a terrible itching. The irritation set the day of the tickler is past as far as the itching is concerned, and they are prepared to hasten the change all over the continent of America.

TICKER OUT OF DATE

GRAND TRUNK TRAINS TO BE DESPATCHED BY TELEPHONE.

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—This afternoon Superintendent Nixon, of the G. T. R., stated that the company will, as soon as practicable, do away with the system of operating their trains by hand. A year's trial of the telephone system as a means of dispatching trains, said Mr. Nixon, "has proved its practicality. Railwaymen recognize that they are concerned, and they are prepared to hasten the change all over the continent of America."

EARTHQUAKES IN MONTANA.

Shock Extended From Yellowstone Park to Virginia City.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—Earthquakes extending from the Yellowstone Park to Virginia City have been continuing for three days, but without much damage. The greatest harm was done to the old town of Virginia City by several shocks of light. Several buildings were cracked and large rents made in the earth, some of them three inches wide. A report from Crater Lake is that the shocks were especially severe there. Fissures were made in the mountain sides, some of them a foot or two wide. The Crater Lakes are formed by the craters of thirteen extinct volcanoes.

SIX MONTHS FOR M. P.

Nationalist Member Sent to Jail for Advocating Boycott.

Dublin, Dec. 28.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of Parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott of certain individuals in the Longford Leader, of which he is the editor and proprietor, refused to give to the court a good behavior, and to-day was sentenced in the King's Bench division to six months in jail.

ROYAL SECRETS WELL KEPT.

King Edward's Investments—Kaiser's Correspondence—Czar's Record.

There is a sense in which monarchs have no secrets. In the nature of things they are compelled by the necessities of their position to take some one into their confidence with respect to almost every detail of their daily life. But for the most part these confidences are jealously guarded, and it is a hard and one who has public curiosity has to satisfy itself with more or less plausible guesses at truth.

The case of King Edward's private investments, these are known, were Cassell's Saturday Review, and three courtiers, and the Kaiser's correspondence, which is well known, is in existence. People are less than to know of large purchases, of West Indian estates, of large contracts for American railways, and so forth. For the most part, however, these securities are held in the names of trust companies, especially in the more remote portions of the Continent, and the contents of the investments, with confidence, it may be said, to know of large purchases, of West Indian estates, of large contracts for American railways, and so forth.

One veteran monarch, to whom the writer's knowledge, conducted his private business with his London agents through the medium of a young Englishman, whose duties were quite unsuspected even by his own relatives. When he came across the Channel he used to get up with a lined driver, whose acquaintance he formed in his boyhood, and by this means his movements were kept secret. If any one had inquired his business he would have produced a case of commercial samples and offered to open an account.

King Edward carries at the end of his gold Albert a gold key which opens his private writing desk, and there is no duplicate. All State papers, however, are kept in duplicate boxes until transferred to the safe in the secretariat, and of these the keys are kept by Lord Knollys. When Knollys has quitted his personal apartment, no secretary has quitted his post until an assistant secretary has destroyed every document in the blotting pads, and even the printed wrappers of newspapers are destroyed every capital in Europe. It is an unwritten law that the private secretary shall not indulge in a gossip diary after the manner of Samuel Pepys—be must, necessarily, confine his diary to the facts and circumstances of his day.

FREED FROM JAIL.

SUFFRAGETTE LEADERS GIVEN A GREAT RECEPTION.

Procession Quarter of a Mile Long Escorts Them to the West End of London—Met the Police Inspector Who Arrested Them.

London, Dec. 28.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Mrs. Pankhurst were released today from Holloway Jail on the completion of their sentences. They were sentenced on Oct. 24 and had the option of a fine or imprisonment. They elected to go to jail.

As anticipated, a great reception awaited them. A procession to celebrate their release took place, starting from Holloway Jail and proceeding through the West-end.

After a long march the Suffragettes had breakfast, at which Miss Pankhurst spoke. She announced that the Suffragettes were engaged in civil warfare.

"We are sending out little Davids to meet giant Goliaths," she said, mentioning David Lloyd-George, the Chancellor, as an instance of the latter.

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