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BIG FIRE IN LONDON

A Most Disastrous Conflagration Visits the City.

SCENES OF EXCITEMENT

The Flames Devour Fancy Christmas Goods.

Fanned by a Strong Wind, the Fire Breaks Down All Barriers--Panic in a Large Factory--Several Firemen Almost Buried in Burning Ruins--Frantic Efforts of Shopkeepers to Save Their Wares.

London, Nov. 19.—One of the most disastrous fires in London's history since the great fire of 1666, broke out in a large block of buildings lying eastward of Aldersgate street, and between that thoroughfare and Redcross street, just after 1 o'clock this afternoon. The flames were fanned by a strong wind and were fed by highly inflammable stocks of Christmas fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all descriptions, that crowded every floor of the six-story buildings in the old street.

The first fire was seen at the corner of the street, where a small shop was burning. It was soon far beyond any possibility of being checked by the few engines which were early on the spot. For four hours and a half the flames fought their own way and it was only after more than a hundred engines had worked an hour that the chief of the fire brigade sent out the signal that the fire was under control. At 11 o'clock tonight the fire is still the scene of great excitement. Fifty engines are playing on the ruins; wagons are hurrying up coal, and tons of water are pouring onto the fiery debris.

PANIC IN A FACTORY.

Their large factory was crowded with gels when the fire broke out and it was instantly the scene of a semi-panic, the frightened operatives rushing to the roof of the building and there crossing to other buildings and so affecting their escape while the flames were pouring out of the basement. In less than a quarter of an hour the flames had enveloped the adjoining warehouse, and thence they leaped across the street to an enormous paper warehouse which was fully alight in less than ten minutes.

GAGE ON THE CURRENCY.

Will Take That Topic for His Speech at Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT SUNK.

Two of Them Collide While Manoeuvring off Algiers.

Dutch Pete Indicted.

Smuggler Mine Fire.

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TO STOP KILLING THE FUR SEALS

Canada Agrees to That Condition of a Commission. RESULT OF SIR LAURIER'S VISIT Will Send One Here to Confer on International Issues--Laurier Says Seal Controversy Cannot Be Settled Independently--No Purpose to Upset Canada's Preferential Tariff with England--This Government's Proposals Agreed To.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Louis Davies have returned from Washington. Within two hours after their arrival a meeting of the cabinet was held at which the premier explained the recent negotiations with President McKinley and his ministers. As a result of this meeting, it is announced that the cabinet has decided to send a commission to Washington composed of men familiar with the various questions involved, to meet with a similar body of men appointed on behalf of the United States, with ex-Secretary Foster at its head, and endeavor to reach a settlement on all boundary and other questions at present at issue.

THE FIRST CHECK COMES. There was no abatement of the blaze before 3:30 p. m. Then the check came. The fire was extinguished on the right-hand side of that thoroughfare was the means of saving the last building in the street. The width of Redcross street, a comparatively broad thoroughfare, also formed a barrier there.

DECISION OF THE CABINET. Washington, Nov. 19.—The dispatches from Ottawa announcing that the Canadian cabinet has decided to send a commission to Washington to negotiate with a similar commission to be appointed by the United States government, touching all the questions at issue between the United States and Canada, has had the effect of drawing forth here, for the first time, a statement of the exact proposition that was laid before the Canadian cabinet when they were in Washington a few days ago.

ENGLISH ENGINEERS' DEMANDS. Declared Unreasonable in View of American Competition.

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MISS BREWSTER'S TRIAL.

She Has Been Arraigned on Charge of Having Murdered Annie Wheeler. Montreal, Vt., Nov. 19.—Miss Brewster was arraigned in Washington county court here today, charged with the murder of Annie Wheeler, of this city, on May 29. Miss Brewster pleaded not guilty and was remanded to await trial, to which it is expected will be begun within a few days. The crime with which Miss Brewster is charged was committed as the result of jealousy. The defendant was in love with John Wheeler, a granite cutter, who was engaged to Annie Wheeler. Hearing that Wheeler had asked his fiancée to accompany him to the Decoration Day celebration at Barre, Miss Brewster purchased a revolver, and while the Wheeler girl was dressing to keep her appointment, called at Miss Wheeler's boarding place. The two girls left the house together, and as they were passing along a by-path, Miss Brewster drew her revolver and shot Miss Wheeler and then herself. Both girls were unconscious when found.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE LONG.

His Reply to Labor Leaders' Request for Attention. Washington, Nov. 19.—Cabinet day at the White House caused a death of visitors. Those who saw the president were those who had appointments. President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, urged him to incorporate in his message recommendations for the better protection of labor. The president informed Messrs. Gompers and Morrison that his message would be very long on account of the many subjects already treated and necessary to discuss. He said that at some time in the future he hoped to give attention to labor matters either in a special message or some other satisfactory manner. The labor leaders want the immigration law amended so as to reduce the number of immigrants.

AMERICANS RELEASED.

Under McKinley Administration 27 Citizens Leave Spanish Prisons. Washington, Nov. 19.—Since the present administration came into office, March 4 last, twenty-seven American prisoners have been released in Cuba. The list as shown by the state department records is as follows: Sylvester Schoen, released March 10; Frank J. Larrien, March 13; Oscar Caspades, March 16; Charles Scott and Esteban Venero, March 20; F. J. Cazanas, March 23; Jose D. Amieva, April 9; Jose Gonzalez, April 13; John J. Kelly, April 20; George W. A. Smith, April 24; J. L. Cepero, May 1; Jose J. Dumais, May 17; Fernando Jovin, May 22; Antonio S. Del Villar, March 9; Francisco Millan, May 29; Vargas Remedios, June 12; Manuel Ruiz Porras, June 16; A. C. Belmonte, June 19; George Newton, August 10; Peter Maffei, August 10; Montes, Frank Agramonte and Thomas Julio Sainz, November 1; Alfred Latorde, William Glides, Aun Melton, Charles Barnett, William Leavitt, November 15.

ENGLISH ENGINEERS' DEMANDS.

Declared Unreasonable in View of American Competition. London, Nov. 19.—Commenting upon the letter from A. E. Yarrow of the famous English shipbuilding firm, who is now on a visit to the United States, dated Philadelphia, Nov. 9, showing that the English engineers demand a settlement in ten hours a day, the "Globe" points out that this fact emphasizes the impossibility of the demands of the striking engineers of Great Britain, who are asking for an eight-hour day of work, adding: "The English engineers are not only a competitor in the engineering trade and it will be impossible to compete with it if British engineers work a day and a half less weekly than their American rivals."

ECKELS' RESIGNATION.

The Controller of the Currency to Tender It in a Few Days. Washington, Nov. 19.—James H. Eckels, controller of the currency, has returned from his trip to Chicago, where he went to make arrangements for assuming the presidency of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago. Mr. Eckels has not yet handed his resignation to President McKinley, but he said today that he would do so within a few days. The resignation will take effect early enough to allow Mr. Eckels to be in Chicago on Jan. 1, 1898.

THE DREYFUS MYSTERY.

French Army Officers Punished for Favoring Investigation. Paris, Nov. 19.—Owing to their attitude in supporting the agitation in favor of reopening the case of Alfred Dreyfus, the minister for war, General Billot, has relieved the governor of the military prison of Cher de-Midi, Major Forencetti, of his post, and has condemned Major Paulin de Saint-Merel to a month's rigorous arrest.

Death of John Britton.

New York, Nov. 19.—John Britton, late major of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, died here yesterday, aged 63 years, from a complication of diseases, primary cause being a wound inflicted on his head by a sabre at Hagerstown, Md., in 1863. He was engaged in forty-nine battles among them being Bull Run, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and Culpeper and was one of the five thousand picked men who participated in Kilpatrick's raid on Richmond, Va.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Nov. 19.—Cleared: La Gasconne, Havre; Umbria, Liverpool; Norzanna, Marseilles; Arrived: Campania, Liverpool; St. Louis, Southampton; Hamburg-Arrived: Fuerst Bismarck, New York; Rotterdam-Arrived: Spaarndam, New York; Plymouth-Sailed: Veendam (from Rotterdam) with Massena's passengers. Liverpool-Arrived: Campania, New York.

READY FOR THE GREAT STRUGGLE

Foot Ball Enthusiasts Gather at Philadelphia. THEY ARE ALL PREPARED TO YELL Pent-Up Enthusiasm Promises to Break Out in Resounding Echoes When the Opposing Athletes Make the First Rush on the Sodded Field. Pennsylvania's Condition Excellent.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—"Red and blue and crimson too" greet eyes and ears almost every part of the city tonight. It is not too much to say that fifty thousand persons would gaze and yell at tomorrow's grand gridiron struggle if there was sufficient space around Franklin field to accommodate them. If the demand be any indication, fifty half that number will be there, for already the excitement is so great that the stand erected for the occasion as well, and scarcely a place is to be had tonight for love or money.

The business section of the city is filled with the colors of Penn and Harv. and some notion of the quality of the enthusiasm may be gained from the fact that the millinery stores are doing a brisk business in "dreams" of red and blue and crimson headgear for feminine "rooters." The two teams are, of course, resting to-day tonight for the battle tomorrow. The Harvard eleven arrived here at 11:25 o'clock this morning and were driven to the Aldine hotel. There were about fifty in the party. After a hearty lunch and a little rest, the entire football squad, at the invitation of the University Athletic association, went out to Franklin field for practice. There they put in about two hours, practicing signals. Tonight the team went through secret practice in one of the upper rooms of the hotel. After this, Captain Cabot was asked for his line up, but he refused to tell. He said the exact line up will not be made known until the men go on the field. The physical condition of the men, he added, was good, although in two or three instances it could be better. Of himself he would not speak, but he will almost surely be seen at left end when the team lines up.

PENNSYLVANIA SQUAD.

The Pennsylvania squad, which has been at Delaware Water Gap since Wednesday, breathing mountain air, secretly practicing, and gunning and fishing, reached town at 6:40 this evening and were accorded a most enthusiastic welcome. About 200 students, preceded by a brass band, marched from the university to the Pennsylvania railroad station, and there awaited the arrival of the team. On their way the orators stopped at the Harvard headquarters and serenaded the team. When the train pulled into the station, the crowd of fans and college boys, aided by a horde of red and blue followers, yelled themselves hoarse. The crowd got into marching order and escorted the Quaker foot ballers to their training house.

AT CORNELL.

Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 19.—As the Cornell foot ball management left its schedule blank for tomorrow in view of the nearness of the Pennsylvania game, the regulars will enjoy a rest until next Monday, notwithstanding that today's practice was light and short. Head Coach Warner, Captain McKeever and Manager McLaughlin will leave for Philadelphia to witness the Harvard-Philadelphia game tomorrow. Coach Beaman will join them there later. They will pay close attention to the play of Pennsylvania and are expected to bring back some interesting formation. Practice was today participated in by all the "varsity." After they had indulged in several scrimmages with the scrubs, during which Young dropped a pretty goal from the field, several substitutes went in. Goal and the scrubs won a deserved touchdown late in the practice.

Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 19.—The annual foot ball game between Lehigh and the Naval Cadets will take place at Annapolis tomorrow. Lehigh's eleven will play for Cornell against Annapolis on the 27th will be partly decided upon.

Death of a Capitalist.

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 19.—J. Herman Roser, a Carlisle capitalist, died last night, aged 63 years. He was one of the wealthiest men in Cumberland county. His heaviest investments were at Carlisle and in Nebraska. Judge E. W. Hiddle, of Cumberland, is his son-in-law.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Threatening Weather; East Winds. General--London's Disastrous Fire. Laurier's View of the Washington Conference. Cabinet Pleased with Sagasta's Policy. Collegiate Foot Ball Players Before the Battle. State--Serious Charges Against Management of the Wernersville Asylum. Local--From the Top of Lookout Mountain. Court Proceedings. Editorial. Comment of the Press. The Week in Musical Circles. Saucy Bess' Comments. Local--Flag Hauling at Green Ridge. Local--Death of J. Alton Davis. Sessions of the Poor Board. Local--West Side and Suburban. The Week in Musical Circles. Lackawanna County News. Story--"Railway Guard's Story." Sunday-School Lesson for Tomorrow. Cause of Poverty in Great Britain. Neighboring County Happenings. The Markets.

MEETING OF THE CABINET

Important Reports from the Treasury and War Departments. THE CUBAN QUESTION

It Also Comes Up for Consideration. Good Feeling on Account of the Release of the Crew of the Competitor--A Wide Variety of Opinion on the Proper Policy to Be Recommended for the Financial Question.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The cabinet was in session for two hours today, devoted largely to a discussion of the annual reports of the different departments. The more important reports from the treasury, war and navy departments have not yet been made public, and these were given consideration at the session today. The president also discussed various features of his message. J. J. McCook, of New York, called during the cabinet meeting and saw Secretary Foster. The two subjects which engaged the special attention of the cabinet were those relating to the manner in which the Cuban problem and the question of the finances should be handled in the president's message. The opinion was generally expressed that the Cuban situation as it affects the United States was even more favorable than could be expected, and there was especial good feeling over the release of the Competitor. This and other concessions were accepted as indicating a genuine desire on the part of the Sagasta administration to meet the wishes of the authorities of the country and bring the war to a hastier termination. If there was any doubt expressed as to Spain's maintenance of this policy it was not made public, but there was no dissent from the opinion that so long as that country would continue in her course of conciliation there was nothing left for the administration but to encourage it.

TANNER MAY ISSUE A CALL.

Republican Legislators in Illinois to Hold a Conference. Springfield, Ill., Nov. 19.—A circular letter has been sent out for a conference of the Republican members of the forty-third General Assembly, to be held next Tuesday evening. The call is the result of a conference between Governor Tanner and six leading Republicans, and is for the purpose of arranging a plan of senatorial apportionment, that will command the support of a majority of the members of the Assembly. Should such an agreement be reached, Governor Tanner will be asked to call a special session of the legislature.

DUTCH SUGAR TRAFFIC.

Report of Decision by the Attorney-General. Washington, Nov. 19.—The little boom in sugar stock today on the report that the treasury department had made a decision in the Netherlands sugar case, was a false alarm. Assistant Secretary Howland, who has charge of this case, says that he had no idea about when he will be able to make his decision, but he intimates that it will not be for several days yet, as there is a big batch of papers in the case to be examined.

BLOODHOUNDS FOR WHITECAPS.

Will Be Used to Run Down the Associates of Three Miners. Massachusetts, Nov. 19.—Martin Bartholomew and George Roehl were fatally injured, and Robert Loren was severely taken as the result of an attack of twenty masked men on the night shift of miners at the Kolb coal pit near here. Both of the fatally injured men have families.

ELECTROCUTION IN OHIO.

Albert J. Frantz, Murderer of Bessie Little, Executed at Penitentiary. Columbus, O., Nov. 19.—Albert Frantz, murderer of Bessie Little, of Dayton, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary at 12:22 o'clock this morning. It was late in the afternoon before Governor Bushnell's message refusing to interfere was received. The officials were slow in fastening the straps and adjusting the electrodes. The first shock did not cause death, and the current was applied again before life was pronounced extinct at 12:25 o'clock.

CONSUL-GENERAL DUBOIS.

To Leave for His Post in Switzerland on Tuesday Next. Washington, Nov. 19.—James T. Dubois, United States consul general to Switzerland, will depart for his post on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse on Tuesday next. He will be accompanied by his wife and family.

LEXINGTON RACES.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 19.—Weather clear, track slow. First race, 5 furlongs--Lena Myers won, Ray Lazio second, The Star of Bethlehem third; time, 1:07. Second race, 4 furlongs--Rollins won, Loyalty second, Lakesview Palace third; time, 1:24. Third race, one mile--Liswanna won, The Sunstar second, Julia Clark third; time, 1:54. Fourth race, 5 furlongs--Johnnie Williams won, Amateur second, Onward third; time, 1:09. Fifth race, eleven-sixteenths--Gammadion won, Albert Vale second, Jess Thum third; time, 1:24. The Markets.