

THE FIRE FIEND.

Terrible Holocaust at Philadelphia This Morning.

A LARGE FURNITURE FACTORY DESTROYED

And Many Persons Were Burned to Death.

HEART RENDING SCENES WITNESSED BY THE SPECTATORS.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 25. — Up to 11 o'clock three bodies have been removed to the morgue as the result of a fire, which started just one half hour previous in the nine story building of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., furniture manufacturers. So inflammable was the material that flames burst from every window in a few minutes and spread so rapidly that employees were unable to escape.

Some were killed by jumping from the fire escape. Lying over a fire escape at the fifth story in full view is a body roasted to a cinder, other objects noticed on the fire escape is believed to be bodies.

Hundreds of men and women employed in the factory, and it is believed a great many were killed and injured.

The fire is still burning fiercely, and has crossed the street. Several large buildings have caught. Wannamaker's great store and the city hall are close by, but the wind is blowing from the opposite direction, which will save them.

Philadelphia, Oct. 25.—Later—At 11.30 the high walls of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co's building fell covering several bodies which were lying in the small street to the rear with tons of bricks and twisted iron.

The police say that twelve are known to have been killed and estimate that number of bodies to be in the ruins.

The falling walls enabled the firemen to work on other buildings, and at noon the fire was under control.

The police now estimate that at least seventeen persons are dead and several fatally wounded. The property loss is over half a million dollars. The fire is supposed to have been caused by an explosion of benzine or naphtha.

The flames shot up the elevator shaft and in five minutes all the nine floors were ablaze. The walls collapsed while the fire escape was crowded with panic stricken men and women. Several jumped from the upper stories and were dashed to pieces on the pavements.

WOES OF SERVING A WRIT.

Cat, Dog and Parrot Attack a Constable Until He is Forced to Flee for the Time Being.

In spite of a parrot which called him names, a dog which tried to chew him up, and a cat which endeavored to write its name on his face, Constable George Talafous served a writ of replevin at 191 Green street, Chicago, recently.

When the constable approached the house a canary bird was singing in the window. Without a thought of fear he walked to the door and loudly knocked. Mrs. St. Clair, who lives at that number, appeared.

The constable read the writ to her, laying particular stress on the long legal terms. He informed the mystified woman that the writ called for one dog, one canary, a number of photographs, a coffee pot, numerous knives, some chairs, a cat and one parrot.

The constable forced his way into the house despite the woman's protests and proceeded to lay hold of the different articles mentioned in the writ.

The parrot glared at him and then advised: "Go way back—and sit down." The constable took down the canary cage and carried it out. "Dean one," commented Polly.

Then Talafous grabbed the dog, "Sit!" shouted Polly. At that the angry officer reached for the noisy bird.

"Help, murder, thieves, fire, police," came from the cage. "Get out, you! O! Fire, murder!"

With that Polly took a firm hold on the constable's nose, the cat, which he had picked up in one hand, began to work its claws, and the dog completed the "rough house" by taking a firm

grip on the constable's trousers. With the parrot, cat, and dog clinging to him the constable fled from the house.

"O, say, see us go," called out the bird, "Sit us all."

Talafous here took a hand at the shouting. "Take that brute away. Kill this cat. And choke that chattering idiot." His assistant rushed to the rescue.

The animals and property were seized on papers sworn out by Mrs. Lizzie Peterson. The question of ownership will be decided next Monday by Justice Le Buy.

Institute Meeting.

Blackville, Oct. 24.—Blackville Farmers' Institute was well attended last evening by a number of the parish farmers who had not gone to the lumber camps. About forty were out and discussed the questions of stock breeding and cultivation of the soil with Mr. T. G. Raynor, and pork production with the other visiting delegate, Mr. F. E. Sharp, Midland, N. B. The discussions were participated in by Messrs. Wm. McLaggan, Peter D. Coughlan, Jas. Been, D. G. Schofield and Henry Curtis.

Mr. B. N. T. Underhill, Underhill's P. O., acted as chairman and in his remarks said that the farmers as a rule in this locality did not half farm. It would pay many who go to the camps to stay home work their land better and keep more stock. It was claimed that the land was good around here but that some farmers only got 4 bushel of oats from sowing one. They heartily endorsed the establishment of a pork packing plant.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

C. H. Green, of Toronto, is a guest at the Queen.

W. S. McArthur, of St. John, is a guest at the Barker today.

W. H. Murray, of St. John, is among the guests at the Barker.

Miss Amy Blair is visiting the Misses Thompson, Waterloo Row.

W. H. Dibblee, of St. John, is among the guests at the Queen today.

Mrs. W. W. McLellan has returned from a visit to friends in Newcastle and Nova Scotia.

Miss Corker leaves this afternoon for Boston, to enter a hospital in training for a nurse.

Mrs. Catherine Mills, who has been visiting friends at St. Andrews and St. Stephen for some months, returned home yesterday.

Successful Social.

A large number from this city attended the basket social at Lincoln last evening, for the benefit of the school at that place, which was most successful. The young people from this city who were present returned home in the wee small hours this morning, tired, but well pleased with their outing, and are to have another in the very near future.

Guy Fawke's Day.

At a meeting of local Orangemen last evening it was decided to celebrate Guy Fawke's day by a public meeting to be held on the evening of Nov. 5th. The program will include speeches, music, recitations, etc.

WINSTON CHURCHILL SPEAKS.

London, Oct. 25.—Winston Churchill, M.P., in the course of a speech at Leicester, last night, which is much commented upon today, declared that the war in South Africa had become "an unmitigated nuisance."

"The danger is greater today than it was two years ago," Mr. Churchill declared, "and the means of meeting the strain are being seriously reduced. He urged the Government to 'relieve Lord Kitchener of the heavy detail work, and prepare for a new campaign, with a refreshed army and a definite plan.'"

King of the Turf.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 24.—Crescent, king of trotters, driven by George H. Ketcham, his owner, broke the world's mile record for a half mile track this afternoon at the Kansas City Driving club's park. He finished in 2.09 1/4, clipping quarter of a second off the best previous record made by him at Toledo a few weeks ago. The time by quarters: 32 1/2, 1.04 1/2, 1.36 1/2, 3.09 1/4.

The track was fast and the weather perfect. Fully 8,000 persons witnessed the event.

Montreal Star: The theory that one train robber in the United States is equal as a fighting force to two or three hundred presumably more or less honest men, has received a set-back through the plucky fight made by O. F. Charles, the express messenger of the Southern Pacific Overland Express. The robbers held up all the passengers and all the train hands, but Charles returned their shots, threw their dynamite back to them and saved the treasure.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—The Department of Militia has been notified, through His Excellency the Governor-General of the following casualties to Canadians in South Africa:

Harvey Gale Milne, died from enteric fever at Petrusburg, on Monday. His next of kin is J. Z. Milne, of Qu'Appelle Station, N.W.T.

Trooper J. B. DeWolfe, is dangerously ill of enteric fever at Bloemfontein. He is a son of J. DeWolfe, of Ingersoll.

Henry Lusad, reported missing last week has rejoined his troop. His father used to reside in Ottawa, but recently resided to Niagara Falls.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

Soon to Pass from Control of the British Military Authorities Into a Naval Station.

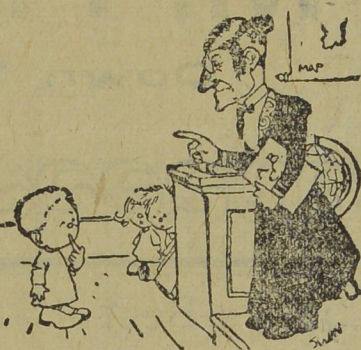
Halifax will soon cease to be a military station and pass exclusively under the control of the British admiralty. This statement was lately made in official quarters, says The Ottawa Citizen.

Halifax has been a military station since 1749, and it is now proposed to make the city one of the greatest naval stations in the world. In addition to the men of the fleet there will be a reserve consisting of about 2,000 soldiers and marines, of which 600 will be marine artillerymen. This naval force will be retained here. Information states also that royal engineers will be retained and continue under and in charge of the submarine department. The royal marine artillery belonging to the reserve force will be required to man the forts, and will, when necessary, be assisted by sailors. It is the intention to station in Halifax a regiment known as the royal garrison regiment. This will be recruited from time-expired men, who will be required to serve four years before going on regular service. The garrison will, of course, be under command of the admiralty, and the British admiral will replace the army general, who has hitherto commanded the station.

It is also stated that the works at Esquimaux will also be transferred wholly to the admiralty department.

A military officer stated in conversation the other morning that he would not be surprised should announcement be made that the Imperial Government had decided to construct and operate a factory near Halifax for the manufacture of small arms and ammunition.

Too Violent.



Teacher—What will your father say, Johnny, when I tell him how bad you've been?
Johnny—I darsent tell yer, miss. Maw don't 'low me ter use dat kind o' language.—New York Journal.

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