

HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

Fifty Inmates of an English Insane Asylum

LOST LIVES IN FIRE THAT DESTROYED PART OF ESTABLISHMENT.

Charred Remains Presented Horrifying Spectacle.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

London, Jan. 27.—About 50 insane persons were burned to death by fire at the Colney Hatch Asylum this morning.

The outbreak occurred in the Jewish wing of the institution.

The flames spread with great rapidity, and before they could be got under control, five wooden buildings, including dormitories and doctors' apartments, were gutted.

All the efforts of the officials were directed toward moving the insane inmates, but the latter became so wild with excitement, and panic stricken, that not only were they unable to help themselves, but greatly impeded the operations of those trying to save them. There were nearly six hundred women in the burned annex at the time the fire was discovered and most of them were safely transferred to the main building, which was uninjured.

Some however escaped and are still at large, rendering it difficult to ascertain the exact number of those burned to death.

The work of searching the ruins continues.

The officials admit that about fifty bodies have been recovered, but it is feared that the full extent of the disaster is not yet known. The charred remains of the victims present a horrifying spectacle.

THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—All the representatives of the provinces are here, including Premier Tweedie, and Hon. Wm. Pugsley of N. B. They will meet Sir Wilfrid this afternoon and present their demands. The resolutions adopted at Quebec have not been made public today. They may be tomorrow.

ADDITIONAL SHIPS.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 27.—The British admiralty has decided to strengthen the North American Station by the addition of three cruisers with an additional admiral. The squadron is to be divided into two parts, northern and southern, the latter having its base here.

A LIFE SENTENCE.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Jan. 27.—The sentence of death, passed upon Col. Arthur Lynch M. P., who was found guilty of high treason on Friday last, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

AMONG THE CURLERS.

Visit of St. Stephen Curlers Postponed—Managing Committee Series Opened—Other Games Scheduled.

The St. Stephen curlers were expected to visit Fredericton this week, but President Rutter had a letter yesterday from President Young, saying that the border boys cannot come before Feb. 10, as they desire to take in this city on their trip to St. John about that date. It is probable that four rinks of the Fredericton club will visit St. Stephen next week.

Three games in the managing committee series were played last night, the first of the series, and resulted as follows:

A Series—Rutter beat Hawthorn 12 to 3.

B Series—Dr. Bridges beat Dibblee 13 to 8 and Wetmore defeated Wilson 13 to 7.

The annual points match for the

Grievance medal is being played this afternoon and evening.

Tomorrow evening R. F. Randolph vs. Campbell and Lemont vs. Hodge will play in the managing committee series.

The following local rinks are scheduled to play Thursday afternoon and evening:

McNally vs. Murray.
Hawthorn, J. B. vs. Simmons, C.
Bridges, H. H. vs. Staplee.

The St. John Thistles, three rinks, were defeated at Halifax yesterday by six points. The Thistles played at Truro this afternoon.

A BOOM FOR QUEENS.

New Industry to be Started Giving Employment to Several Hundred Hands.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Your correspondent learned today of an enterprise in New Brunswick likely to assume dimensions of large proportions.

Representatives of American and Canadian capitalists forming the works which own the patent right for the Macadamite metal were in Ottawa yesterday on business in connection with the new metal. It is intended to at once enlarge the works which have been established at St. John, but those interested have a larger plan in view.

It is nothing less than the establishment in the vicinity of the coal fields in Newcastle, Queen county, (N. B.), of works for the manufacture of aluminum, which is one of the elements of the macadamite metal, and for which there is an enormous and rapidly increasing demand.

Two essentials are necessary for its successful manufacture, cheap clay of the proper percentage of oxide of silica, and cheap powder.

It appears that underlying the coal deposits of Queens county, (N. B.), is an abundance of fire clay which has been carefully tested, and found suitable for the manufacture of aluminum. The abundant supply of coal ensures the other requisite of cheap power.

Arrangements have been made with the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Co. for subletting a portion of its coal areas and a company to be called the Aluminum Production Company of New Brunswick is now in progress of organization. The company will use a large quantity of coal in its factories and employ several hundred hands. Large contracts have been entered into for the supply of the metal to railway companies, and others, and those interested are confident of success.

LONDON'S SATISFACTION.

At Arrangements for Settlement of Boundary Dispute.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—A London cable to the Star says: "General satisfaction is expressed over the news on the Alaska treaty and to Canada's section in assenting to arbitration on the United States lines. It is recognized as a concession in the interests of Canada's Anglo-American accord."

"The Times correspondent at Washington attributes the present agreement to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's personal persistence, he fearing a rush of miners into the disputed territory and consequent disturbances. It is hoped Canada will appoint the strongest possible member on the commission, and not merely an ornamental member, as on recent similar bodies."

"Lord Alverstone, who, as Sir Richard Webster, kept so tight a grip on Canada's case in the Behring Sea arbitration, will probably be one British commissioner. The name of Sir Louis Davies is also suggested."

Teachers for South Africa.

A short time ago Dr. Bridges was asked by the British government to furnish two more teachers qualified to take positions in the model school at Johannesburg in connection with the Normal School there. He selected Miss Amy Iddiote, grade 1, Victoria school, and Miss Iva Yerxa, formerly of Leinster street school. Doctor Bridges has forwarded the young ladies' names to Ottawa, and if all is satisfactory they will probably leave for Africa the beginning of April.—Telegraph.

The Weather.

The weather probs today say: Light to moderate south to east winds, fair, milder; Wednesday, milder.

Stubb—This coal famine is bound to be exaggerated in after years. Penn—Yes, I can see some hoary grandfather getting up fifty years from now and relating how he had to burn his wooden leg to keep the family from freezing.

He—Darling, what do you suppose I have done today? She I couldn't guess in a hundred years. I have had my life insured. That's just like you, John Mann. All you seem to think of is yourself.

Linen Sale.

Fred B. Edgecombe's linen sale will be announced tomorrow.—d.

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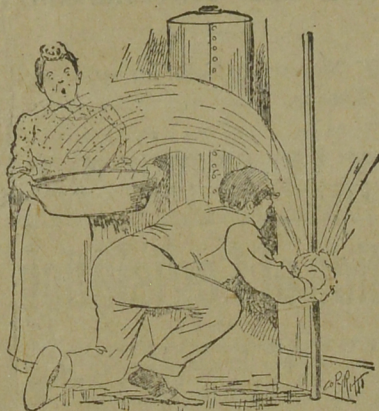
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