

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—At eleven o'clock tonight a fire occurred in the extensive dry goods, millinery and trimming store of Marks Bros., corner of Eighth and Arch streets. A stiff southerly wind soon fanned the flames across Eighth Street to the large millinery store of Adolph Heller, and up Eighth to Shonemann Bros. extensive trimming and notions store, and up to 1 o'clock the following establishments had succumbed: Marks Bros., Adolph Heller, Shonemann Bros., Strouse, Tanhauser & Co., trimmings; W. H. Clark, agent for Butterick's patterns, and a boarding house in the same building. A large number of stores on the south side of Arch Street were damaged by the heat and flooded with water to such an extent that the losses will be quite heavy.

The fire is still burning fiercely at 1 o'clock, but it is thought the greatest damage has already been done. The losses already foot up a million and a half.

At 2 o'clock the fire was under control. Only a rough estimate can be made of the loss, but it will not aggregate much less than the first figure.

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—An explosion of gas occurred today in the Bankruptcy Court. The force of the explosion was so great that the roof was hoisted from the walls, and the windows smashed. One workman was killed and another injured.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 23.—A railway accident occurred this afternoon on the Salem branch of the Delaware & Hudson River Railroad, from the results of which four men will probably die. Many others are seriously but not fatally injured. The accident occurred on a curve about a mile west of Baxterville, between Shushan and Salem.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—A fight between Ike Weir, the "Belfast Spider," and Tommy Miller, the "O'nabla Bantam," took place at Washington Rink tonight. Weir weighed 119½; Miller, 122½. There was considerable wrangling over this, Weir claiming the "100-lb money," as the articles said the weight must be under 120 pounds. The dispute was finally left to the referee holder. The fight was for twenty rounds; Queensberry rules, two ounce gloves, the winner to take 75 and the loser 25 percent of the gate receipts. The men were both in good condition. Weir was seconded by John Donaldson and Jerry Murphy, while Ed. Kothery and Pat. Killeen stood behind Miller. Hank Scigie was made referee. The entertainment began with what was to have been a contest between D. W. Webb and Charles Gleason for \$100 aside. Gleason, however, struck the only blow, and this ended it, Webb being knocked out in 15 seconds after time was called.

At 9:35 Weir and Miller shook hands.

Round 1.—Both fought shy and considerable sparring was indulged in, when Weir caught Miller on his chin with his right. Miller made several hard passes, but was short. The round closed with good fighting on both sides.

Round 2.—Weir got in three hits, the first on Miller's nose, which brought the blood, and which was allowed for Weir.

Round 3.—Weir caught Miller on the cheek with his left, when they clinched. Weir got in his left four times. The round was a circus for Weir. He kept the crowd in a roar by his funny antics.

Round 4.—Weir landed one with his left on Miller's nose. The latter followed with his right on Weir's cheek, when both men clinched. Miller got in another on Weir's face, and Weir followed with three terrific body blows. They were fighting hard when time was called.

Round 5.—Miller fought game, but was groggy and was about used up at the end of the round. The round was mostly clinches.

Round 6.—Weir came up fresh while Miller was unable to guard Weir's lightning blows. Miller, a void punisher, dropped to his knees. Weir pounded him as he pleased and was not hit himself.

Round 7.—Weir played with Miller, when he gave him a terrific right-hander, knocking him against the ropes. He again gave Miller an upper cut, knocking him to the ropes and completely "out." Miller was carried from the stage to his dressing room. Miller fought gamely, but he was no match for the deceiving little "spider."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 23.—Reports from Cuba indicate a most serious condition of affairs. Citizens in Havana and Matanzas have repeatedly demanded of Captain General Prim protection from outlaws and official thieves, business is partially paralyzed, opposition papers are suppressed almost daily and the strictest censorship is kept over messages by cable. Marti Losada has been kidnapped near Santa Clara by bandits, who demand a ransom of \$3,000.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Jan. 23.—This island is completely ice-bound and a number of vessels are caught in the ice.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—A Calumet special says: A cave-in at the Calumet and Hecla mines Saturday made an aperture extending fifty feet from the shaft, but has been successfully closed and the burning shaft is again sealed. Prof. Agassiz, president of the company, says after personally inspecting the condition of the mine, that he considers the fire almost out and the question of its complete extinguishment is only one of a few days and that the shaft

which has been burning can be opened very soon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Col. Charles William Moulton died at three this morning of apoplexy. He was a brother-in-law of General and John Sherman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Viscount das Nogueiras, minister from Portugal, died this morning. He has been minister to this country for the past ten years.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 24.—At a largely attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, resolutions to Congress were adopted asking for the immediate repeal of the internal revenue system, favoring a tariff on imports sufficient to meet the requirements of the government only, and lastly, deprecating any change in the present import duties on iron, iron ores and coal.

NEW YORK, January 24.—An Ottawa special says: It is semi-officially stated that the home government have urged the dominion cabinet to make such concessions on the fisheries question as will bring about a settlement and plainly intimated that whilst the demands of Canada are admitted to be of importance, they must not be allowed to prejudice the larger international interests involved. There are indications of a yielding disposition on the part of the Canadian government under the unusual pressure from Downing Street and the absolute certainty that the Canadian terms would in any case be refused by the American Congress. In official quarters the reports from Washington that negotiations have been broken down are denied.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The divorce court today, in the case of an English woman named Turner, who had married an American named Tomson and who had had the marriage annulled by an American court, the judge held that the woman, having married an American, was entitled to the same laws as her husband and therefore the decree pronounced in America was binding in England without a further decree from an English court.

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—Cox, nationalist member of Parliament, arrested in London yesterday after leading the Irish police such a long chase, has arrived at Ennis, where he will be tried for addressing proclaimed league meetings.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—A special from Catlettsburg, Ky., says: The war of extermination between the Hatfields and McCoy's is still going on in the wilds of West Virginia. On Saturday a pursuing party numbering 20 overtook the Hatfield gang near Captain Hatfield's house. During the fight which ensued, Bud McCoy, of the pursuing party, was dangerously wounded and Wil Dempsey, of the Hatfield gang, killed. The capturing party, which now numbers 40, is still in pursuit. Excitement throughout Pike County is increasing daily, as the Hatfields have warned the people that they propose to kill them and burn their property. They have sent word that they propose to burn Pikeville and extradite their six comrades now in jail there. The jail is strongly guarded day and night.

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 24.—John T. Allen, formerly state treasurer, died yesterday, aged 62 years. He bequeathed his fortune, valued at \$50,000 to the city of Galveston for the establishment of an industrial school.

SOFIA, Jan. 24.—Prince Ferdinand and party arrived at Philippopolis yesterday evening. At various stations along the railroad crowds had assembled which displayed great enthusiasm and presented an address of fidelity to the prince. At Philippopolis the party were welcomed by the commander of the garrison, the prefect, the Greek and Bulgarian bishops, Turkish muftis and Jewish rabbis, who presented Prince Ferdinand with an address. Along the route to Dr. Tschoumakoff's residence, where the party are stopping, the people showed the greatest enthusiasm, cheering the prince and his mother and throwing bouquets to the ladies of the party. The town was brilliantly illuminated.

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Jan. 24.—The members of the Nicaraguan Canal survey expedition are all well. Of the 40 miles of canal route which require location by surveyors, over ten miles have been completed up to January 12.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 24.—The city is considerably excited over the disclosure made in reference to the deficit in the finances of the provinces left by the Norquay government. The amount is said to reach half a million dollars, but it is difficult to arrive at the exact condition of affairs, owing to the manner in which the books were kept.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad has sold \$7,144,000 five per cent general mortgage bonds to a syndicate of German bankers in this country and Europe. The proceeds will be used to retire South Pacific firsts which mature next July.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Exports, exclusive of specie, at the port of New York for the week ending January 24th, were \$6,960,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The Duke of Newcastle arrived here this morning on the steamer Celtic.

NEW YORK, January 24.—An Ottawa special says: The semi-official announcement comes from England that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is likely to succeed Lord Lansdowne as governor general of Canada. It is represented that in view of important questions which are likely to arise, the British government desires to have its Canadian executive one who can not only

keep over-ambitious Canadians in check, but who is conversant with every phase of the social and political condition of the country. It is known that Lord Lansdowne is anxious to return to his Irish estates.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Sir John Pender says the report that the Direct United States Cable Co. is about to raise its tariff from 12 cents to 15 cents per word is untrue.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—The disastrous conflagration in the retail millinery and ladies' furnishings district at Eighth and Arch streets last night was gotten under control about 2 o'clock this morning after half a dozen firms had been completely burned out and some 150 to 200 other establishments seriously damaged by fire and water. It is difficult as yet to obtain definite estimates, but the loss no doubt will aggregate over a million dollars, which is nearly covered by insurance. The estimated loss to Marks Bros. is \$375,000, insurance \$300,000; Showman Bros., loss \$100,000, insurance \$89,000; Adolph Heller, loss \$150,000; Strauss, Tanhauser & Co., \$50,000; J. & L. Baxter, loss \$35,000. Loss on the destroyed buildings occupied by the above firms, \$200,000. The losses to the various other firms will range from \$2,000 to \$6,000.

METZ, Jan. 24.—Regarding the recent incident on the frontier, in which a Frenchman named Barbot was deprived of his gun by a German customs officer named Hahnemann, the *Lotharinger Zeitung* says Hahnemann saw Barbot following game on German soil, and as poaching is a daily occurrence he decided to arrest the intruder. He overtook Barbot a few paces from the frontier on German soil and requested him to follow him. Barbot refused and resisted arrest. During the struggle which then ensued, Barbot was disarmed. The German district director and police commissary are making an official inquiry into the affair, so as to determine whether Hahnemann's story or the story given by Barbot, who said he was chased across the frontier and then arrested, is the correct one.

BELGRADE, Jan. 24.—The chamber of deputies has been dissolved. The elections for new members will be held on March 4.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Navigation of the Revel and Riga is stopped on account of an ice blockade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The subcommittee today reported favorably to the House postoffice committee Representative Anderson's bill relating to the telegraph lines of the Pacific Railroad companies. The bill has been amended in some respects, so that it now requires subsidized railroad companies to maintain and operate their own telegraph lines, and afford equal facilities to all telegraph companies in the reception and transmission of telegraphic business. The bill confers the authority to the Inter-State Commerce Commission to enforce its provisions. The offending railroad officers or agents are made liable to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment of six months, while the company is held liable for civil damages.

THE REPUBLICANS.

The district republican convention to elect delegates to the national convention at Chicago assembled at Willard's Hotel this morning. Most of the delegates were negroes and there were contesting delegations present from nearly all the precincts in the city. In less than half an hour the convention was little more than a howling mob of rival factions. They were struggling fiercely for possession of the stage, and the quarrel, wrangling and shouting continued until 2 o'clock, at which time the police took possession of the stage and cleared the hall. Half an hour later, all persons who could show credentials were admitted one by one and the convention resumed its session. Those of the delegation who belong to what is known as the Chase faction finally succeeded in getting

ground in Swash Channel. She rests lightly, and will be hauled off by tugs at 4:30 a. m., when it is high water.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The steamer *Marconis*, which arrived today from Havana, brought the crew of the bark *D. C. Chapin* of Boston, which sank at sea December 25th. After being in their boat ten days without food or water, and losing by starvation and exposure Captain W. C. Hall, the cook and one seaman, the rest of the crew were rescued January 4th.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—By an explosion of gunpowder at Brest Litovsk, Russia Poland, today, 11 persons were killed and 30 injured.

ST. PAUL, January 24.

The *Pioneer Press* learns from Brown's Valley, Minnesota, that fuel there is not only used up but provisions are also getting low. Should another storm prevent the opening of the road within a few days,

GREAT SUFFERING

can hardly be avoided, particularly among the farmers along the line. The Manitoba Company is making a fight to open the road, but it is in such a bad shape it is not possible to run a plow fast enough to do effective snow bucking. A number of farmers went to Beardley for fuel yesterday, and not finding any coal, they tore down the company's snow fences and hauled away several loads.

JACKSON, Mass., Jan. 24.—The Governor has vetoed the bill providing for holding a constitutional convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—James M. Maase, a recognized leader among the republicans of this city, says he proposes to work for the nomination of George W. Childs for President of the United States.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—At a meeting of the Ohio Wool Growers' Association today addresses were delivered by President David Harpster, Columbus Delano and Judge Lawrence. Resolutions were adopted which recite that the wool-growing industry of the United States

REQUIRES PROTECTION

as favorable as that of 1867, under the conditions then existing. They endorse the schedule of duties agreed upon by the recent conference at Washington City, and demand its enactment into law, and continuance so long as it will accomplish the purpose.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Wm. H. Barnum, chairman of the national democratic committee, in an informal talk with the Chicago committee this evening, said he thought Chicago possessed many advantages as a convention city over any place in the country, and if it did its best in working for the next convention, it would probably get it.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The *Post's* Edmonton, British Columbia, special says: The Pitkanau (Weaselskin) tribe of Indians, whose reservation is a few miles north of Victoria on the Saskatchewan and about seventy miles from here, threaten to plunder the government stores at Victoria. They have no provisions and Mr. Mitchell, the Indian agent of the locality, has just arrived. He states that the flour and meat contractors did not fill their contracts, and this is what has caused want among the Indians and made them threaten to resort to violent means for food. Provisions were obtained from the Hudson Bay Company and distributed, pending the arrival of other supplies from here which they must have or die.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—Mrs. John Wilkins has filed suit for divorce against her husband, alleging he has until lately had five wives, all living in St. Paul. He married complainant in Pennsylvania fifteen years ago. They lived happily until they came to St. Paul a year ago, but here he began his polygamous exploits, marrying in rapid succession Emma Stetson, Kate Fox, Mrs. French and Mattie Bowles, each under an assumed name. The strain of keeping up five separate establishments was too much for him, and in October he took Emma Stetson and left town.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—A Winnipeg, Man., dispatch says: The defalcation in the Norquay government will prove much beyond what was first even hinted at. Already Premier Greenway has discovered a deficit of over \$500,000. The investigation revealed that for sixteen months ending January, 1897, not a single entry had been made in the cash book of the province treasury. On January 1st, the cash deficit and issue of provincial bonds amounted to over \$275,000; in addition, there are a large number of floating debts. The \$250,000 subsidy received early in January has already been spent, with the exception of a few thousand dollars. One of the last acts of the Harrison ministry was to pay themselves and most of the civil servants salaries up to February 15th. Germany intends to get some contractor to finish the Red River Railway outside of the government.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A Key West special says: During the last ten days Havana is in a perfect turmoil and on the verge of mob violence. The trouble is caused by the unscrupulous acts of Captain General Marin and his officials. Although Marin has been in office but three months, his administration is reeking with crimes of every description. The government tax is short \$50,000, and the local board of aldermen have gobbled \$40,000. Cardenas' tax office is short \$10,000 and every office trust is honeycombed with fraud. Two weeks ago indignant citizens made vain appeals to Marin for protection. A mass meeting was held, but Marin ordered

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about the gathering and prevented the speakers from addressing the people. *El Progreso*, a mercantile newspaper, denounced Marin's act and yesterday the paper was suppressed by order of the despot. When Marin learned that several merchants were sending cablegrams of protest to the home government, he placed an armed guard about the cable office. On Sunday there were twelve murders, one suicide, eight highway robberies and four stabbing affrays in Havana and Cardenas.

A special from Havana last night said that the situation is becoming more alarming every moment.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—The hotels are all full for the opening of the third winter carnival here this afternoon, and the fine weather and elaborate programme prepared make the outlook for the "days' frolic" favorable. The preparations are much better advanced than at any previous opening. The palace was finished Saturday, and everything else is ready. The ice palace stands in Central Park and occupies a space of two hundred square feet and rises to a height of a hundred and thirty feet. In its building upwards of 60,000 pounds of ice have been used.

NEWARK, O., Jan. 25.—A fire early this morning destroyed O. G. King's shoe store and damaged Sprague's jewelry, Jones' hardware and Cran Brothers' millinery stores. Loss estimated at \$200,000.

DUBLIN, Jan. 25.—Kennedy and Fitzgerald, of Tarbert, County Kerry, have been sentenced to six weeks each at hard labor for acting as president and secretary, respectively, of a proclaimed National League meeting at Tarbert, in November last.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 25.—Yesterday's snow storm was the worst known here for years. Railway travel is again demoralized. The harbors of North Sydney, Digby, Yarmouth and Annapolis are frozen over for the first time in years.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 25.—The Breweries Union No. 9, whose membership include all the brewers employed in the city, held a largely attended meeting tonight and decided unanimously to stand by the union, as the employers' brewers gave notice yesterday that they must either leave their employment or desert the union. The result will, undoubtedly, be a general lockout tomorrow.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Daily News Cedar Rapids, Iowa: A man was found today in one of the lumber yards with his throat cut from ear to ear. He was Weibel Corney, a Bohemian carpenter. He said he had been at Sioux city where he had been accused of complicity in the Haddock murder, and was threatened with being lynched. This so preyed on his mind as to lead him to suicide. When he was assured Haddock's murderer had been caught he said: "No, they haven't caught him yet." Physicians say Corney is sane, and it is thought he knows much about the Sioux city crime.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—The *Pioneer Press* has from Sioux Falls, Dakota, a peculiar story of an old blind man, Abel Allen of Miner county, Dakota, just brought to Sioux Falls by the sheriff of that county from Oregon where his daughter has held him prisoner since October. The old man has considerable property and has a pension of \$72 per month. To get possession of his money, his daughter kidnapped him in October and ran him off to the Pacific Coast. His guardian located him through a pension office and secured possession of him by a writ of habeas corpus.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 25.—The celebrated trotting stallion, Haps Medium, valued at \$40,000, died this morning. He was owned by Gen. T. Withers.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 25.—About 10 men left this city this afternoon on a special train to witness a fight between two ounce gloves, Marquis of Queensberry rules, for \$1,000, between colored pugilists, George Godfrey, Boston, and McHenry Johnson, of this city. The train stopped fifteen miles from town, a ring was quickly pitched and the fight began at 3 o'clock. The first two rounds were very tame, but in the third Godfrey caught Johnson's right hander on the right side of the neck, knocking him

ALMOST SENSELESS.

Johnson, however, recovered, regained his feet, only to be unmercifully pounded and knocked around by Godfrey without being able to make any kind of a fight in self defense. In the fourth and last round Johnson again got the worst of the fight, being so dazed that he was unable to hit Godfrey. About the middle of the round the men clinched. The referee called to them to break away to which Godfrey paid no attention, but continued to pound Johnson until the men rushed in and separated them. The referee declared the fight at an end on this foul, and gave the money to Johnson, although he was the whipped man.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—The new Episcopal Bishop, Rev. Abiel Leonard, missionary bishop of Nevada and Utah, was consecrated this morning at St. Church, Bishop Vail, of Kansas City officiating as consecrator. Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri, and Bishop Spilmour, of Springfield acted as presiders. Bishop Talbot, of Wyoming, and Idaho, preached the sermon. Visiting bishops were present from Tennessee, Illinois, North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Kansas. Two bishops officiated in the consecration