

flames blew his whistle loudly for assistance, but several minutes elapsed before the alarm was heard by any of his comrades. As soon as assistance reached him an officer was dispatched to call the fire brigade.

But here again there was an unaccountable delay of 20 minutes, before the first engine appeared. Then the fearful dimensions of the fire were apparent and it was decided to circulate a call through the whole metropolitan district. At 6 o'clock the fire was reported to be under control. Cripple-gate church is saved, but is badly damaged.

The general postoffice is on St. Martin's le Grand, on both sides of the street, the new building being a magnificent structure that cost over \$1,500,000.

On the east side of the street is the general postoffice East, built in the Ionic style in 1825. This building is 390 feet in length.

Opposite the general postoffice East is the general postoffice which was built in 1832. The large telegraph galleries measure 300 feet by 90 feet and contain 500 instruments, the number of telegrams conveyed in the year is about 70,000,000. This building cost over \$2,000,000. In November, 1890, the foundation of the general office North was laid. It was finished in 1893. It contains the offices of the postmaster general and cost over \$3,000,000.

The church of St. Giles was built in 1545. It is approached by an archway in Red Crossstreet, also within the scene of the conflagration and contains the tombs of John Milton, who died in 1674, Fox, the martyrologist, Froisher, the voyager, who died in 1594, and Speir, the typographer, who died in 1724.

Oliver Cromwell was married in the church of St. Giles August 22, 1620, and the parish register contains an entry of the burial of Daniel de Foe, author of Robinson Crusoe, who died in 1761.

Milton is commemorated by a bust by Bacon and the late George W. Childs of Philadelphia erected a stained glass window in this church to the poet's memory.

In this church-yard is an old bastion of the London wall and close by in London Wall is a small part of the churchyard of State Phago, containing another large fragment of the old wall built by the Romans.

Aldersgate and Cripplegate are named after two of the gates in Roman London.

The fire broke out in Hamsell street and worked through houses to Wall street, a narrow thoroughfare. There the flames leaped and seized the opposite houses. From that time the conflagration extended rapidly both up and down the street. The flames are rapidly nearing Nicholas square, which is surrounded by tall warehouses.

The fire brigade has given up hopes of subduing the fire, and is devoting energies to prevent its spread. Occupants of threatened buildings are hastily moving books and business documents. No casualties are thus far reported.

At 3:30 this afternoon thirty fire engines were engaged in fighting the flames, and others are arriving momentarily. From all parts of London many thousands of people have gathered to see the fire.

One end of Jewin street is now attacked by the flames. It presents the appearance of a huge furnace. Several large buildings have already fallen, and debris completely blocks the roadway.

The damage is enormous. Most of the buildings destroyed were six stories high and filled with merchandise.

Mascoutah, Ill., Nov. 19.—Martin Bartholomew and George Roel were fatally injured and R. Lorin was severely

beaten in an attack of twenty masked men on the night shift of six miners at the Kolb coal pit near here. Both the fatally injured men have families. Bloodhounds have been secured, the authorities say, to ferret out the guilty ones.

The Kolb Mining company's force before the strike were thirty. Since then only one-fifth as large a force has been at work.

President Kolb says he will leave no stone unturned to bring the assailants to justice. It is not known what caused the attack, but it is supposed to be an outgrowth of the miners' strike.

Prague, Bohemia, Nov. 18.—There were several earthquake shocks Tuesday night at Asch, Falkonau and Caribad, and Wednesday morning there were violent subterranean disturbances accompanied by deep rumblings, and a rocking movement of the ground in several places of upper Vogtland, Saxony.

New York, Nov. 18.—A special to the Times from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. says: Times from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. says:

Sixty students at Vassar College are taken sick two days ago from eating improperly cooked veal. Doctors Kimball and Talber of the college, pronounce the girls out of danger.

Carlton, Mich., Nov. 19.—The boiler in Milton Artley's large wood working factory exploded this morning, killing the fireman, Edward Graft, and injuring Fred Artley, son of the owner, Otis Baker and Cyrus Burrows. The force of the explosion shook every building in town and left the factory almost a total wreck.

The cause of the explosion is unknown.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—The articles of incorporation of the Crockett Sugar Refinery have been filed. The corporation will be known as the California Beet Sugar and Refining company, and its capital is \$2,500,000. The directors are as follows: Louis Sloss, R. R. Rithel, George W. McNear Jr., George F. Fairchild, C. M. Cooke and O. M. Vesper.

In anticipation of handling the product of the big refining establishment from Oakland, the Southern Pacific company will increase its shipping facilities at that place.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The Theosophists of San Francisco are taking a very active interest in the fate of murderer Durrant. It is a tenet of their faith that capital punishment is wrong and they are getting up a petition praying Gov. Budd to stay the execution and to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. The petition was prepared by Dr. Jerome A. Anderson, president of the San Francisco Theosophical society, and it has already received a number of signatures.

Topeka, Kansas, Nov. 22.—Sixteen head of cattle were roasted alive in a Santa Fe cattle car at Wakarusa station last night. The bellowing of the tortured beasts could be heard for miles and attracted the entire inhabitants of the surrounding country to the scene.

The car was in the middle of the stock express. As the train neared Wakarusa, the bedding of the car was discovered to be on fire. All possible speed was made to reach the water tank at Wakarusa, but by the time the train stopped at the tank the flames were beyond control in one car and had spread to the cars on either side.

The burning car was uncoupled from the train and the efforts of the trainmen directed to saving the other two cars. They were broken open and the cattle allowed to escape while the fire in these two cars was extinguished.

For almost an hour scores of spectators watched the cattle in the isolated car slowly roast to death.

Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 21.—A dust cyclone swept over the northwest

portion of the colony on Friday evening. It was especially severe in the Wommerra district, where several towns were wrecked, many churches and prominent buildings being ruined. One town alone suffered damage to the amount of \$250,000. Several persons were seriously injured.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 21.—Mrs. M. A. Trigg, aged 52 years, and her 10-year-old daughter, Ethel, lost their lives in a fire that destroyed their residence in West Eleventh street at 4 o'clock this morning. A son escaped with a broken leg, jumping from a second-story window. Mrs. Trigg had escaped but returned to save her daughter and fell exhausted at her bedside. Her body was burned to acrisp. The girl was suffocated.

Pittsburg, Nov. 22.—The feature of the afternoon session of the National conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was the paper presented by E. G. Conklin, Ph. D., professor of comparative embryology, University of Pennsylvania. The subject discussed was "Evolution and Revelation." The paper came near producing a sensation. During its reading, the attention of the audience was divided, and the general discussion which followed was spicy. Some of the points made by Dr. Conklin were:

"The charge that evolution is atheistic can arise only from the most fundamental misconception of the doctrine. It neither confirms nor denies the existence of a God. It is no more atheistic to believe that species originally came into the world according to the law of evolution than it is to believe that individuals come into the world according to the law of development. The prevalent view of special creation is not founded upon Genesis, but upon the seventh book of Milton's 'Paradise Lost.'

"It is the consensus of scientific opinion that evolution does not destroy the evidences of designing nature, but rather that it gives us a more certain evidence of an infinite and all-embracing design. All the evidences of evolution apply to the origin of man as much as to that of any other organism. The dignity of man does not consist in the fact that recently and miraculously he was launched into the world; his real dignity consists not in his origin, but in all he is and what he may become.

"Evolution explains the moral unrest of human kind, as due to the conflict between the animal and the spiritual, the beastly and the heavenly. It explains original sin as it became his inheritance and redemption from the fall as a conscious yielding of the higher to the lower nature.

"Although evolution points out man's humble origin, it also suggests his glorious and immortal destiny. Through all the ages evolution has been leading to a higher intellectual, ethical and spiritual life."

When the doctor had finished, the opponents of his position came to the front in numbers which showed that the theory of evolution was not universally popular in the congress.

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—When the attorneys interested in the Durrant case assembled in Judge Bahr's chambers this morning, in accordance with the arrangement made in court on Saturday last when the court refused to settle the bill of exceptions in the matter of the proposed appeal from his order refusing to set the Minnie Williams case for trial, Judge Bahr announced that he had changed his mind, after thinking the matter over, and thereupon signed the bill of exceptions, thus perfecting the appeal.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—By a special order of Emperor William, Mme. Regine has been engaged to play Madame Sans Gene, at the Schauspiel Haus.