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## HAVOC OF FLAMES

Lives and Property Wiped Out by Raging Fires in Various Places.

MANY PERSONS DIE HORRIBLE DEATHS.

One Entire Family Suffers Torture, Four Being Killed.

FIREMEN BURIED BENEATH WALLS.

Disaster in Mexico with Frightful Loss of Life.

FIFTEEN BODIES ALREADY ARE FOUND.

One of Finest Buildings in the Republic is a Total Wreck—Thousands of Dollars Lost.

DOUBOIS, Pa., Dec. 22.—Word reached here today of a terrible fire that occurred about three miles from Sunnerville, Jefferson county, yesterday morning. The home of John L. Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death. One other is burned in such a manner that recovery is very doubtful and four others are seriously burned and injured.

WILLIAM ASHBAUGH, 22 years old, a brother of the owner of the Ashbaugh farm.

MIKE ASHBAUGH, a 12-year-old son.

HARRY ASHBAUGH, a 16-year-old son; JAMES ASHBAUGH, a 9-year-old son; injured.

Herman Ashbaugh, 8 years old, recovering.

Mrs. Ashbaugh, seriously burned, leg broken and injured internally by jumping from a second-story window.

John Ashbaugh, the husband and father, seriously burned and suffering from exposure.

Two young children, painfully burned.

The affair happened at an early hour in the morning and the fire was undoubtedly caused by an overheated stove.

**Awakened by Flames.**

Mr. Ashbaugh was awakened by smoke entering the room he occupied and found the lower part of the house ablaze. He ran outside with his two small children and hurried back to look for his wife, brother and four other children, who were still in the house. He succeeded in reaching a room that had been occupied by the children, but only one, the 18-year-old boy, Herman, was there. He heard the screams of the three others in another room which he was unable to reach.

Mr. Ashbaugh could not enter their room. The flames were so fierce he was compelled to fight his way from the house. Meantime Mrs. Ashbaugh had jumped from an upper story window and was lying on the ground with a broken leg and suffering from internal injuries and burns. Reports from the injured persons indicate say Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh and the two youngest children are expected to recover, but the condition of the boy Herman is still critical.

**Firemen Perished in Ruins.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—A special to the Age-Herald from Huntsville says:

In a fire which this morning burned the store of the Alabama Feed and Implement company in Commercial row and destroyed or ruined ten other stores one fireman was killed and another seriously injured.

After the flames were under control Firemen Henry Cochran and John Colburn were standing just within the door of the feed store playing a line of hose when the front wall toppled over and the two men were buried beneath three feet of hot brick and blazing embers.

Fully half an hour elapsed before the first man, Cochran, was dug out. His skull was crushed, two limbs broken and his body badly burned. He died in a few minutes. Colburn was protected by a large piece of timber which fell directly over him and his injuries were not fatal. The property loss was \$40,000.

**Entire Town Threatened.**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—A special to the Age-Herald from Goodwater, Ala., says:

For the second time within thirty days the business section of this town was used practically wiped out by a disastrous fire. At 10 o'clock tonight six business houses were burned, the estimated loss being over \$40,000.

For a while it seemed as if the entire town would be burned, but a stiff wind from the east kept the flames from crossing the street. All dry goods and groceries were moved out of the stores in danger on the opposite side of the street, and these goods were badly damaged.

**Two Persons Killed.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Isaac Gil, a tailor, 52 years of age, and an unidentified man lost their lives at a fire which destroyed a four-story sweatshop building on Clinton street tonight. Four people were injured, none of them fatally. About forty men and women were at work in the building. The fire started in the basement and gained such headway that escape was cut off. The people jumped from the windows to save themselves. Many whose names were not mentioned were slightly injured.

The loss is figured at \$10,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Fire today wrecked a five-story building on Reade street, doing damage to the extent of \$75,000. The building was owned by the estate of Thomas Vernon.

**Many Perish Under Walls.**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—A special to the Star from San Antonio, Tex., says: By the burning of the city market house at Zacatecas, Mex., many lives have been lost and over a score of persons seriously injured, some of them so badly that they cannot recover. Fifteen bodies have been taken from the ruins and a large force is at work clearing away the debris in order to recover others, though there is no hope that any of those caught in the collapse of the big structure will be found alive. It is impossible at this time to learn the names of the dead. Among those caught in the collapse were several of the minor officials charged with the management of the building.

The market house was one of the largest buildings in Zacatecas and was used for a cold storage, and it was in the basement section that the fire originated. The flames had gained such headway when discovered that the entire building was seen to be doomed and the efforts of the firemen and

## FACTIONAL FIGHT IN PARIS

Socialists and Nationalists Engage in Dispute at Public Ceremony.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—President Louvet inaugurated today in the Fabourg St. Antoine, to the memory of Deputy Charles Baudin, a representative of the people who died on the barricade of the Fabourg St. H. — December 3, 1851, the day following the coup d'etat of Louis Napoleon. Baudin, so memorable for the reply he gave to the man who refused to defend the barricade, his name Baudin said: "You will see a representative of the people die 10 francs a day."

He then mounted the barricade. The soldiers fired a volley and Baudin fell dead. There was considerable apprehension of disturbances at today's inauguration, owing to the insistence of the nationalist president of the municipal council of Paris, M. Dausset, that he be permitted to deliver a speech at the inauguration, although he was not included in the official list of speakers. The ceremony has already been postponed on account of the attitude of M. Dausset.

The socialists planned counter demonstration to the meeting today. They gathered in the Fabourg, waving red flags and their buttonholes as a party emblem. Owing to the strong precautions taken by the police, however, no serious disturbance occurred, although M. Dausset and some of his colleagues of the municipal council had a narrow escape from rough handling. There were several slight conflicts between the nationalists and socialists.

The official party was driven away when M. Dausset, surrounded by his friends, approached the statue and delivered a short oration, in which he declared that he took over the statue in the name of the city of Paris. His words were drowned by outcries from the socialists. M. Dausset had to be escorted by the police back to the town hall. He preceeded amid shouts and counter-shouts of "Down with Dausset," "Down with the nationalists," while the nationalists sang the "Carmagnole."

Many persons were arrested, but were subsequently released.

## PRINCE CHING IS RESOLUTE

Demands Distinct Modification by Russia in Its Manchurian Policy.

PEKIN, Dec. 22.—The first discussion of the Manchurian treaty between Paul Passar, the Russian minister here, and the Chinese plenipotentiaries, Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao, occurred here yesterday. Prince Ching and Wang Wen Shao displayed much less compliance with the Russian policy than had the late Li Hung Chang. They urged the following substantial modifications:

First.—The stipulation of an early date for the withdrawal of all Russian troops from Manchuria, except the railway guard, the number of which should be limited.

Second.—They opposed the paragraph restraining China from increasing the number of her troops in Manchuria without consulting Russia, thus threatening that China must be at liberty to maintain whatever force was necessary in Manchuria to preserve order there.

Third.—They request that an early date be fixed for returning the new Chang Hsuai railway and the considerable reduction of the indemnity claimed by the Russians for repairing and maintaining the railway.

Fourth.—The Chinese plenipotentiaries proposed giving Russia a monopoly of future mining concessions in Manchuria.

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PARIS, Dec. 22.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram)—Three emissaries sent from Louis Botha the Boer commandant general, to President Kruger, have passed through Paris. They report that five messengers sent ahead of them were successfully killed, while trying to run through the English lines.

The chief of the present party did not object to giving the information, which is only a part of the message sent to Mr. Kruger.

First—General Botha reports that he has under him 24,000 combatants in the Transvaal, the Orange Free State and the northern regions of Cape Colony, all fully armed and nearly all mounted.

Second—That number comprises 14,000 veterans who have been fighting almost since the war began and therefore are seasoned soldiers.

Third—The other 10,000 are mostly Cape Dutch, besides whom there is a slightly growing number of foreign volunteers.

Fourth—General Botha still has plenty of ammunition and food, most of it captured from the English, the rest obtained from sympathetic Cape Colonists.

**DIFFICULT TO MAKE TERMS**

Federal Authorities Are Still Negoti-ating with the Foreign Knights.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—W. W. Peet, treasurer of the Turkish mission in Constantinople, and M. Gargiulo, dragoman of the United States legation here, are still at Salonica, endeavoring to open negotiations with the brigands who had captive Miss Ellen M. Stone and to fix a rendezvous with them.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—According to a sofa dispatch to the Express an arrangement has been made with the brigands holding Miss Stone captive and the American legation at Constantinople, under the terms of which the brigands are to accept £14,000 for the release of Miss Stone. It is said the ransom is to be paid on Bulgarian soil and that Miss Stone is to be liberated in Turkish territory.

**PROTECTORATE OVER TRIPOLI**

Italy Enabled to Decline it Formally Through Treaty with France.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The Allgemeine Zeitung asserts that France and Italy have concluded a formal treaty which enables Italy to declare a formal protectorate over Tripoli.

Dewey to Marry on December 28

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The wedding of Senator Chauncey M. Dewey who arrived at Plymouth December 29, on the North German steamer Kaiser William der Grosse, and Miss May Palmer, has now been fixed for December 28 at Nice.

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## REFER DISPUTE TO EDWARD

Argentina Proposes Calling British Sov-ereign as Arbitrator.

SUSPENDS NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILI

Foreign Minister of Republic Says Every Honorable Means for Set-tlement Proves a Failure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Information was received here today by Senator Garcia Meron, the minister from the Argentine republic, that his government had decided to suspend negotiations with Chili in regard to the whole matter to the arbitration of the king of England for settlement. This news was received in a dispatch from Dr. Anselmo, the minister of Foreign affairs of the Argentine republic, as follows:

"It is my opinion that the best course to pursue is to call for arbitration of the dispute between the two countries."

It is understood that the Argentine

## DEFEAT FOR INSURGENTS

American Lieutenant Wins Approba-tion from General by Bold Command.

MANILA, Dec. 22.—Captain John S. Park, Jr., with thirty men of the Twenty-first Infantry, encountered sixty insurgents last week at Alaminos, in Laguna province. Four of the enemy were killed, several captured and their barracks was destroyed.

General Bell, who is in command of the American forces in Batangas province, Luzon, has praised Lieutenant James D. Tilford, who, while scouting with Troop D of the First cavalry, routed an insurgent force in that province.

Lieutenant Tilford located a rebel stronghold on top of a hill near the town of Batangas. He surrounded it under cover of night and attacked it from all sides.

Thieves Break In from the Outside and Get Sixteen Hundred Dollars.

Each Thinks His Neighbor Is Being Robbed and in the Confusion the Burglars Escape Kansas Vigilantes.

ATWOOD, Kan., Dec. 22.—(Special Tele-gram).—The vault of the county treasury was blown open last night, and at least \$1,600 was taken. Bankers Burton and Howard, each sleeping in his respective bank, one of which is not a half block and the other just one block from the court-house, heard the report of the explosion about 4 o'clock. Each thought his neighbor's bank was being robbed, and in the confusion it was about twenty minutes before they located the correct place. By this time the thief had made away with the vault.

The alarm was given, but no trace could be found of the robbers. Telephone messages were immediately sent to the depot to be sent all over this part of the country.

A message was sent to the Manhattan kennels for bloodhounds. The surrounding church apertures for counterfeiting money.

They are charged with manufacturing silver dollars to pay the insurgent soldiers. Inspector General Breckinridge has returned to Manila from a tour of the provinces.

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