

THIRTY THOUSAND CHRISTIANS SLAIN BY TURKS

BANQUET GIVEN LAST NIGHT TO THOMAS DUNN—FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO BURNS MANY

MANY PERSONS SLEEPING IN LODGING HOUSE OVER CHRISTMAS ARE BURNED

San Francisco Rooming House Burns to the Ground and Many Unable to Get Out Perish---Believed That Fire Started From Cigar Butt---Firemen Save Many in Stupor

(Special to Daily News.)
San Francisco, Dec. 27.—A large number of persons were burned to death in the Capitol rooming house early yesterday morning is the opinion of the authorities. Others were rescued by the police and firemen in a stupor.

It is thought that one of the guests of the house, which was filled with people sleeping in the city during the Christmas festivities, dropped a lighted cigar. Before the fire was noticed, the flames had gained a considerable headway and smoke was pouring out of the windows.

Several fire stations responded to the call, and the firemen, aided by the police accomplished

heroic work in rescuing the half clad lodgers. Many of the unfortunate sleepers were found in the smoke filled corridors in a dazed and exhausted condition. They were with difficulty dragged to the windows and handed out to the men on the fire ladders who lowered them to the ground where the ambulances, which were summoned, hurried them to the nearest hospital.

It was with utmost difficulty that the firemen stopped the spread of the conflagration, which demolished the structure in which they started.

It is known that several perished in the house, but the exact number of missing could not be ascertained.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TO HAVE THREE HOTELS ON THIS COAST

DATA BEING COLLECTED IN REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA FOR HOTELS—PRINCE RUPERT TO HAVE ONE—CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.

Victoria, Dec. 26.—There is a revival of the report that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company is seriously preparing at last for the erection of an hotel on its property in Victoria. The present tenants have been notified that hereafter they will be on a monthly basis, terminable at two weeks' notice. The manager of the hotel system, Mr. Bergman, is now on his way to the coast to look into conditions, both at Prince Rupert and here, with a view to ascertaining how conditions will justify proceeding with the new hotels, and additional copies of the plans prepared by architects, both here and in Vancouver for Grand Trunk Pacific hotels have been asked for by the general management.

That the company has made up its mind that the development of the Pacific Coast trade is one of the pressing issues before the transportation men of America is proven by the fact that a conference of all of the executive heads has been called to meet in Montreal the first week in January.

While there is an annual call for the assembly at headquarters of the heads of departments of the railway companies, this is the first time on which the Pacific Coast representatives have been called into the conference.

And it may be significant that the representatives at Vancouver,

Victoria, Prince Rupert and Seattle have, each of them, received instructions to take with them to the conference all the data in their possession as to possible developments, both on world traffic and of inter-Canadian traffic, as it will be affected by the opening of the Panama Canal and the world-wide ramifications which that event will have.

The British Columbia members of the conference will, it is said, take facts and figures to prove that there is on this coast a tremendous opportunity for the extension of the system's operations both by land and sea.

No Damage by Storm.

Times were fairly lively this morning shortly before daylight around the waterfront, when the windstorm was fairly at its height. No actual damage was done to any of the launches and boats that tie up as a rule at the east end of the Government wharf. Nevertheless, every rope and hawser broke, and it behooved everyone to be on hand and see to the safety of their little craft. Several hied away to Seal Cove for shelter. In many cases planking and gangways were torn asunder and most of the floats got the shaking up of their lives.

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Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

PREMIER A CANDIDATE

French Premier Aspires to Be President of Republic—Will Run for Office.

(Special to Daily News.)
Paris, Dec. 27.—Premier Poincaré has announced his intention of standing for election for the office of President of France at the forthcoming contest.

GIGANTIC WAVE WASHED SHIP AND DROWNS MAN

One Killed and Seven Injured When Big Wave Sweeps Boat—Almost Founders.

(Special to Daily News.)
Queenstown, Ireland, Dec. 27.—The steamer Nippon, bound from this port to Philadelphia, had to return yesterday for medical assistance as the result of the damage done by a gigantic wave which almost foundered the vessel, drowning one and injuring seven others.

The wave washed the vessel from stem to stern, picking those on deck up like straws and throwing them against the houses. One man was washed overboard. The boat staggered beneath the weight of water and for several minutes it looked as if she would founder, but slowly righted.

CARTWRIGHT'S WILL PROBATED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The will of the late Sir Richard Cartwright, who died in Kingston in September, was entered for probate at the court house in Ottawa. The total estate is valued at \$228,392.90, but out of this debts amounting to \$155,000 will be taken. This leaves his widow, three daughters and six sons with less than \$80,000 to share between them.

Majestic Theatre.

Albert Dewhurst was the successful youngster at the Majestic Theatre last night. His ticket, No. 871, drew the gold prize. Tonight at this popular place of amusement a strong, attractive programme has been arranged for. It includes, among other excellent features, a two reel photoplay of Charles Reade's novel, "Put Yourself in His Place." One of the most dramatic scenes ever developed in moving pictures is the fight in the deserted church which appears in this picture. A late Gaumont Graphic is also included. This shows the "Spring-locks," South Africa's great rugby team, in action; Liverpool after Ulster Day; a negro baptism, the latest fashions in lady-wear and many other excellent items.

THIRTY THOUSAND CHRISTIANS SLAIN BY TURKISH FANATICS IN ADRIANOPLE

Letter From Besieged City Tells of Awful Butchery of Christians at the Order of Mohammedan Priests---Streets Ran Red With Blood---Women and Babies Cut Down

(Special to Daily News.)
Boston, Dec. 27.—Frightful details of the butchery of 30,000 persons in the besieged city of Adrianople by Moslems immediately after the Balkan alliance declared war against the Ottoman Empire were Monday given by the Boston Globe in a translation of a letter sent by Nazarene Dean Kanbelle, and officer in the Adrianople Turkish army, to J. J. Bosdop, president of the alliance. Ruthless and wanton slaughter of girls, women and babies in arms are related in the letter as published today in the Globe, which in part follows:

"Human speech cannot describe the agony one's soul feels on looking back over the seven weeks of massacre and mutual extermination in which 30,000 were butchered here. "Like lightning from a clear sky came the sudden announcement of the Balkan alliance and before the Turk had time to recover from the shock given him the war was declared. "The gates of armories and barracks were swung wide open. "At the barracks at the Seljiler Mahallely, I heard the commanding officer give orders to kill all the Christians.

"The great bell of the Greek orthodox church began to toll, followed by the bells of other Christian churches. "Every window was thrown up; the streets were crowded with men, women and children, their hands filled with hastily snatched valuables, all heading toward different churches, wherein to find refuge. Half naked people began to run through the streets, spreading the terrible news of the arrival of the Moslem Albanian plunderers.

"At the Tepah near the well at the back of the Greek bishop's house I met a crowd of some fifty girls, who, frenzied with fear, turned and fled. In an instant

they were surrounded by furious Moslems and butchered. The heart rending shrieks of innocent children added to the already terrible scene.

"In half an hour the outlying city was completely devastated. "Meantime, the Moslems of Adrianople, reinforced by the outsiders, took up their fiendish work. Toward midnight the city was hell. The roars of a million tigers could not imitate the death shrieks of the unfortunate thousands. The city was set on fire in many sections and thousands were enveloped in the flames. "In the morning the streets were strewn with dead."

PRINCE RUPERT PIONEER IS GIVEN BANQUET AT PREMIER

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. THOMAS DUNN LAST NIGHT ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR CALIFORNIA—BIG CROWD PRESENT—PROMINENT IMPROVISE FOR 25 YEARS

Last evening at the Premier Hotel one of the most representative gatherings of Prince Rupert citizens sat down at the festive board to a banquet given in honor of their old time friend and pioneer citizen, Mr. Thomas Dunn, on the eve of his departure with his family for San Diego, California.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Dunn had decided to take up his residence for the future in Southern California. Much as he regrets leaving the province, in the making of whose history during the last quarter of a century he has played such an important part, he stated last evening that considerations of his wife's health had entered very largely into his final decision, but that he hoped to return in a few years.

During the evening a gold chain and locket was presented to Mr. Dunn. On one side of the

locket was inscribed his monogram and on the other side "To Mr. Thomas Dunn, by the Citizens of Prince Rupert. December 26th, 1912.

Mr. Frank Mobley presided as toastmaster and in apt and fitting words described the affection and esteem in which their departing fellow townsman was held.

Mr. Fred Stork, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Our Departing Guest," reflected the feelings of the entire gathering when he said that sincere was his regret in having to bid farewell to such an active and enterprising citizen as Mr. Dunn had shown himself to be during his sojourn in Prince Rupert. He had always been identified with every live issue and he felt that in a few years, when Prince Rupert had the boom that it was going to have, Tom Dunn would

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