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SIR F. BATEMAN DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 10.—Sir Frederick Bateman, M.D., born in 1824, died this morning at Norwich. He was a member of many societies, a consulting physician of the Norfolk and Norwich hospital, and author of numerous medical works.

CAR BARNs DESTROYED.

(Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 10.—Fire yesterday destroyed the street railway barns and adjoining property, to the extent of \$30,000. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

TWO ASSASSINATIONS.

Head of Forest Department and Chief of Police Murdered at Nakhchivan, Russia.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 10.—A special cablegram to the Sun from Berlin says:

"The Vossische Zeitung says that Tregubenko, head of the forest department, and Chief of Police Kuzenoff have been murdered openly in the streets of Nakhchivan, Russia."

FIRE FIEND'S HAVOC IN CITY YESTERDAY

The Flames Guttled Part of Albion Iron Works, Where the Blaze Originated, and Almost Completely Wiped Out Two Blocks of Residences.

Damages Estimated at One Hundred Thousand Dollars--List of the Dwelling Houses Which Were Destroyed--Number of People Lost All Their Possessions.

A considerable portion of the Albion Iron Works and about thirty-five houses, including an entire block of residences, were wiped out by fire yesterday afternoon, representing a loss of approximately one hundred thousand dollars.

The conflagration started in the pattern department of the big iron establishment and spread with appalling rapidity, the high southwest wind carrying particles of burning wood several hundred yards to houses north of Douglas street, which fell an easy prey to the fire fiend.

The firemen, assisted by bluejackets, soldiers and citizens, worked desperately for three or four hours before the flames were brought under control.

With the exception of two structures, the block bounded by Douglas and Blanchard streets, Queen's and Princess avenues, was completely destroyed, while rows on Douglas and Pembroke streets were also cleaned out.

The progress of the fire in the residential section was arrested by Finlayson's fields, or the area devastated would have been vastly greater.

The firemen and assistants were much hampered by the scarcity of water, but for which a number of houses would have been saved.

Besides being rendered homeless, many families were bereft of their personal effects, although the fact that the deplorable outbreak occurred in the daytime, and the efforts of the salvage corps enabled some of the sufferers to save a considerable portion of their goods.

Blackened ruins and wrecked machinery where the Discovery street section of the Albion Iron Works existed, rows of chimneys desolately standing in a charred waste along Queen's and Princess avenues, above Douglas street, mournfully attest the havoc worked by the fire fiend yesterday afternoon, when Victoria was visited by the worst conflagration in her records. Families, who 24 hours ago were happy in the possession of their homes, this morning sadly contemplated all that was left, a few bricks and a mass of debris.

There have been fires in this city involving a greater financial loss in proportion to the extent covered, but the outbreak of yesterday spread destruction over an area which runs into acres. Seldom indeed have fire-fighters been

AT THE ALBION.

Whole of Brigade Turned-Out to Fight Fire When Alarm Reached Headquarters.

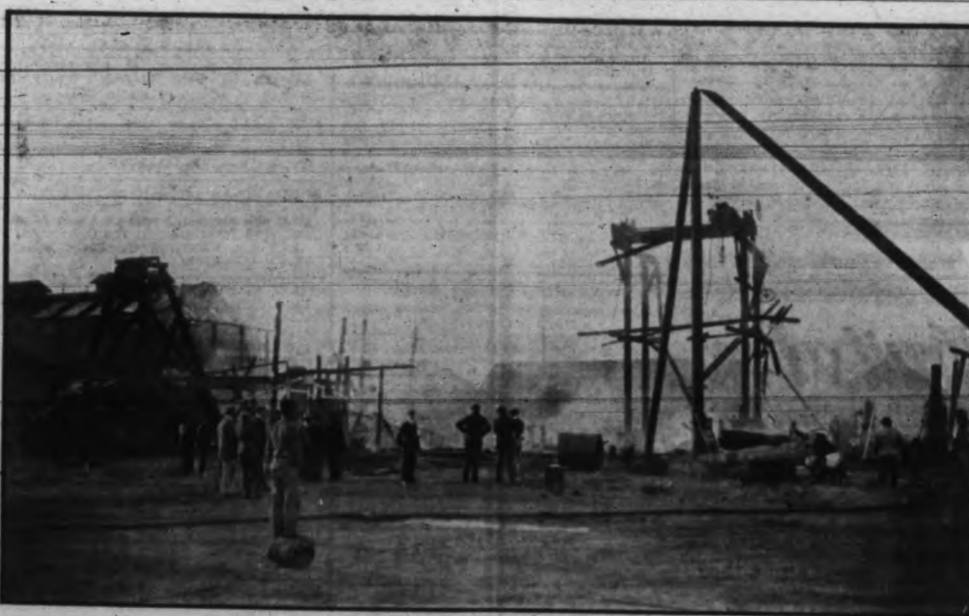
A general alarm was run in to headquarters shortly after 4 o'clock, and realizing the danger all the fire-fighting apparatus in the city was summoned to the scene. This consisted of the two steamers, chemicals, hose reels and other conveyances manned by the whole force in the service. When they arrived at the Albion they found the flames leaping up from the pattern and store shops of the big concern, where it broke out, while against them were arrayed the works' staff with all the facilities at their disposal. Quickly a number of streams were directed on the fire, but the unusually high wind carried it from one shop to another, until all the buildings on Discovery street, as far as Government street, were in the grip of the foe.

not more northerly, or the conflagration would have destroyed the lumber yards and then the gas works would have been imperilled. What the consequence would have been had this occurred is awful to contemplate. But there was more destruction at hand and lots of it.

ON PEMBROKE STREET.

Burning Particles of Wood Started Blaze and Several Buildings Were Destroyed.

Around the corner via Government street and a few yards up Pembroke the house occupied by Mr. Gallagher was discovered to be ablaze. Burning particles of wood from the main fire blown to the roof of this residence had ignited it. Thither hurried a detachment of the fire-fighters and the crowd, but all their efforts were useless. The place was as dry as a match box and burned just as easily. Darting to the cabins on one side and to a cottage on



THE FIRE AT THE ALBION IRON WORKS.
FROM A PHOTO TAKEN ABOUT A N HOUR AFTER THE OUTBREAK.

face to face with a foe so startling cunning, and it is not putting the case too strongly to say that seldom indeed have they fought under such a combination of adverse circumstances. As a tribute to the enemy Victoria has lost 35 houses, outside of the structures on the Albion Iron Works and Shawnigan Lake lumber properties, and the amount of damage resulting is estimated at \$100,000.

Across the street to the lumber yards of the Shawnigan Lake lumber yards flew the fire, and the firemen were more than ever convinced that they had the toughest proposition of their lives on their hands. The ends of three planing sheds caught ablaze, but the firemen, assisted by the lumber company people, fought the fire off; then it jumped clean over the lumber yard and laid low a stable, scorching the dressed lumber shed behind it. Fortunately it was indeed that the direction of the wind was

the other it gathered the lot in its embrace, despite all possible resistance. Adjoining these was a vacant lot, but just around on Douglas street were three houses directly in the path of the destroyer. Here splendid work was done by volunteers under Messrs. W. Northcott and E. W. Bradley, assisted by a squad of blue jackets. Monning the roof they time and time again extinguished the flames which persistently and insidiously attempted to gain a foothold, until they finally were out. But after

all, this was merely a glance at the work of destruction on the fire fiend's programme.

SPEED OF FLAMES.

Dwellings on Douglas Street and Princess Avenue Fell Victims to Fire Fiend.

Even while the house occupied by Mr. Gallagher was ablaze, and while desperate efforts were being made to stand off the flames, a half dozen houses higher up caught on fire. There were four on Douglas street between Pembroke and Princess avenue, while on both sides of Princess avenue, roofs, smoke and tongues of flame indicated that half a dozen or more fires had added to the lurid complication. People who stood gazing at the fire in the Albion looking towards their homes saw that they too had fallen victims and they hastened to protect their property. It was not long before the four houses on Douglas

KOUROPATKIN MAY BE SURROUNDED

NEWS FROM FRONT ALARMS THE RUSSIANS

Main Army Likely to Be Threatened on All Sides - Nervousness at St. Petersburg.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—1 p.m.—Nervousness over the situation at the front seems to be increasing since the



LOOKING UP PRINCESS AVENUE.
HOUSES ON THE NORTH SIDE IN FLAMES.

street, north of Pembroke, were laid in ashes, but strangely enough a house on each corner—Douglas and Pembroke and Douglas and Princess avenues—were left standing. One was a Chinese laundry and the other a one-story brick residence.

By this time the fire was burning furiously on both sides of Princess avenue. On the south side a cottage owned by W. Allen soon went, while three houses belonging to J. Maddey and two owned by Mr. Hicks were quickly laid low. A house owned by Mr. Burgess was torn down to prevent the spread of the flames. Had this not been done it is not unlikely that a building in the rear of John Kinsman's residence would have become ignited and the residence itself destroyed. Although the fire was one of the most

occupation by the Japanese of Wolf hill before Port Arthur. It is stated that the besiegers have now an elevated position whence placed guns can command the fortress, and while still professing that General Stoesel will be able to hold out with his comparatively small garrison against the enormous numbers of attackers and their disregard of men indicated by the reckless manner in which they storm the outer positions, the state of affairs creates more apprehension than the war office or admiralty care to acknowledge. Similar misgivings exist regarding General Kouropatkin's position, with the advantages of the new Japanese base at Newchwang in greatly simplifying the problem of provisioning their army, being fully realized. But it is the report that the Japa-



ALBION IRON WORKS.
VIEW OF THE FIRE FROM GOVERNMENT STREET.

eccentric on record from start to finish, one of its most remarkable freaks was its treatment of the block of which Princess avenue is the northern boundary. It neatly took nearly half the section, indicating with wonderful accuracy the precise direction of the wind.

But if Mr. Kinsman escaped the loss of his home, he nevertheless is a very heavy loser, as a list of the destroyed residences will show. Bad enough was the predicament of the south side of Princess avenue, but it was not a circumstance to that of the opposite side. When the fire fiend got its malevolent grip on this section it never desisted until the entire block, bounded by Princess and Queen's avenues, Douglas and Blanchard streets, was laid in ruins. On the north side of Princess avenue it swept out a cottage and stable belonging to Mrs. Bennett, two houses of Mrs. A. R. Milne, two of McKinnon's, one of Wm. Scott, one of Alex. Anderson, and five belonging to John Kinsman, comprising two semi-detached double houses and one single. Beyond this the fire could not go towards the east for Blanchard street here intersected and across the road was a large field. But unfortunately it spread along Blanchard to the house on the corner of that street and Queen's avenue, occupied by W. Finlayson.

ese are working up westward of the main Russian army which occupies the greatest massiveness. The rumor that they are moving up towards Simuntun, a short distance west of Mukden, with Newchwang, is generally believed. With the Japanese cordons tightening south and east, and a column threatening the Russian line of communication in the rear towards Mukden, the appearance of the Japanese on the other side of Mukden would almost pocket General Kouropatkin, if he has resolved to accept battle with his whole army at Liao Yang.

Shrewd military attaches are extremely doubtful whether Gen. Kouropatkin could now withdraw even if he so desired.

Another alarming feature of the situation in connection with the Japanese western column is the report that it includes many Chinese, who are Japanese subjects, from the Island of Formosa, whose influence on the local Chinese and the soldiers of Gen. Ma and Viceroy Yuanshikai is feared.

SIGHTED JAPANESE WARSHIP NEAR CHEFOO.

Chefoo, Aug. 10.—1.15 p.m.—The steamer Kashing reports having seen a

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SUNLIGHT SOAP advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and text describing the soap's benefits for household cleaning.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

MOVIE.

During the month of July, the St. Eugene mine has been running full blast and 3,000 tons of ore were shipped at an average of 100 tons per day.

PHOENIX.

Dr. G. W. Foster, the district coroner, decided after looking into the cause of the death of Oscar Turquist, who was killed recently by a premature explosion on the V. & E. construction works near here, that an inquest was unnecessary.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the first meeting of the board of directors of the R. A. & L. Society for 1904, Secretary W. H. Kearney made a brief statement. It included references to last year's exhibition, which, though leaving a slight deficit, was fairly successful.

VANCOUVER.

The Ven. Archbishop Pentecost has just returned from a month's missionary tour through the Cariboo and Chilcotin country, where he organized a new mission at the 150-Mile house. During the trip, Archbishop Pentecost travelled over 700 miles by wagon and stage.

It was decided to appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Duff in the street ends case at Monday evening's meeting of the city council. A committee was also appointed to cooperate with the regimental committee to arrange details for a reception to Private Perry, the Vancouver man who won the King's prize.

ROSSLANDY.

Amid a wealth of beautiful flowers at the Methodist church Wednesday, August 3rd, Miss Ethel McLean, daughter of Mr. Neil McLean, was wedded to Mr. John Pelfrey Harper, manager of the firm of McArthur & Harper, prominent dry goods merchants. The church was elaborately decorated with flowers for the occasion.

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Monday morning one of the men employed at the mill discovered the boat in the Second Narrows. A coat and vest, the latter containing the missing man's watch, were found lying on one of the seats in the boat.

At the regular meeting of the school board on Monday the following five new appointments were made to the teaching staff of the city schools: Miss Grace C. Wilson, Miss Mamie E. Holliday, Miss L. Suther, Miss Leta Hurpee and W. E. Davis.

NELSON.

A. H. Tuttle, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Broken Hill Mining & Development Company, which is operating the Wilcox mine, speaking about the recent rich find on the property, says: "In a tunnel, 12 feet from the portal, we have struck a ledge that is five feet two inches in width. Two feet of this carries ore that goes \$11.20 to the ton, two feet that goes \$24 and four feet that runs \$300.80. We are driving another tunnel 135 feet below where the rich find was made.

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