

DICKENS' BIRTHPLACE AT AUCTION

Sale of House Where He Was Born

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

London, Sept. 29—General hope is expressed in literary and artistic circles that the house in which Charles Dickens was born, 357 Commercial Road, Landport, Portsmouth, which was put up for sale at public auction today, may be acquired either by the town authorities or some society and converted into a Dickens Museum.

For very many years the house has been the property of the Pearce family, of Portsea, and the grandfather of Mr. Pearce, the present owner, was the landlord of Johnniekins, and is spoken of as the original "Mr. Micawber." Among other articles in the possession of the Pearce family is the rent book, which proves the novelist's occupation of the house.

Charles Dickens was born in the house on Feb. 7, 1812, and was the second son. His father was a clerk in the navy pay office, and had married the sister of a fellow clerk. The house has six or seven rooms, with a garden at the back, and was old-fashioned throughout.

Bombardment of Vera Cruz

We are indebted to Mr. Robert Starkey, of Marshfield, for the following account of the capture of Vera Cruz and the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa, in March, 1847, in which he participated during the Mexican War.

General Winfield Scott was in command of the army, and Commodore Matthew H. Perry of the navy. The naval battery on shore was in command of Post-Captain John Aulick, Frigate Potomac, second in command of the fleet.

The description of the bombardment is from the pen of Lieutenant Newton who died at Fort Ewall, Texas, in August 1853, being then a Captain of Mounted Rifles.

"Dear Sir:

Being obliged as an officer of the guard to sit up all night, I thought I would employ a dull hour in detailing to you the stirring events that have taken place within a month; in all which I was an eye witness, or bore a part.

It is unnecessary for me to state that Vera Cruz and the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa have fallen; undoubtedly you have read the mode by which its downfall was accomplished; one word tells the whole story—shells. These demolished the houses and compelled the Gibraltar of America to surrender, notwithstanding both city and castle were defended by 400 guns of enormous size, with more shells, shot and gunpowder than could be fired away in a month if each gun should fire every fifteen minutes. Besides, the Mexicans are first-rate artillerymen. They were known, during the siege, to fire a 64 pound shot at a single man the distance of two miles and kill him dead. This they did several times, and Captains Vinton and Albertis were the victims of their sharpshooting; also one of our riflemen, as A and B Companies were firing along the sandhills two and a half miles from the battery, with only a small portion of A company in sight, they fired a shot at us, which striking the rifle of one of our men, knocked it against his head killing him instantly. I was within a few feet of the spot, and the concussion of air was so great as to almost throw me to the ground.

Long before we commenced bombarding the town they were continually firing shot and shell at us; but the high sand hills protected us; had it not been for these, many of our men would have lost their lives. Before the bombardment commenced, the city was completely surrounded by our troops in a line five miles in length. On the 24th our guns were placed in battery south of the city, but behind a thicket, so that the Mexicans could not discover its location till the firing commenced. A flag went to demand a surrender was met by a positive refusal; when at 10 minutes past 4, p. m., the most tremendous cannonading mine ears ever heard, opened with shot and shell upon the town. The Mexican batteries promptly returned the fire; and in half an hour the whole city and the batteries of our army were enveloped in a dense smoke that hid them completely from view. The firing continued during the evening, when the huge cannon vomiting forth smoke and flame, and the explosion of bombs in the air, appeared like the bursting forth of a raging volcano. Thus continued the battle for four days, when the firing ceased, and the city and castle surrendered. I visited both immediately, and such a destruction I never before witnessed. Almost every house had been visited by a shell. The south part nearest, suffered most. Shell after shell had driven in their roofs, their chambers and lower floors, forced out windows, scattered down walls, leaving the whole an undistinguishable mass of ruins. I visited the hospital, where the loss of arms and legs plainly indicated the loss of life.

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HEARST CHARGES HEARD

(Special to the Mail.)

New York, Sept. 28—The hearing of the charges brought by W. R. Hearst against the Philadelphia & Reading officers was continued today before the interstate commerce committee, after an interval of several months. The charges are that defendants control coal mines and arbitrarily fix prices.

WILL SEND ERWIN TO WASHINGTON

(Special to the Mail.)

San Francisco, Sept. 28—The United States commissioner intimated today that he would order ex-Postal Inspector Erwin sent to Washington. Erwin has been fighting against this.

STOCK MARKET SHAKEY

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

New York, Sept. 28—The situation on the stock exchange is a source of much worry. A number of conferences were held today after the close of which a number of important interests banded together and will at all hazards, prevent a panic. Stocks closed weak.

Prineville is to have a big race meet October 27 to 31.

There will be no foot-ball team in Albany college this year.

Hops are going up. 25 cents has been paid for same recently in the valley.

The District Fair at Eugene begins today.

BRITISH SHIP WRECKED

Goes Ashore on California Coast

(Special to the Mail.)

San Francisco, Cal.—During a heavy fog last night a British ship, supposed to be the Gifford, went ashore at Mussel rock, 15 miles below the Golden Gate. She was just arriving with coal from Newcastle.

As the weather is rough she will probably be a total loss. She was consigned to J. J. Moore & Co. The Life-Saving crew rescued Captain Michie and all hands.

The wrecked vessel is the Gifford. She went ashore at 6 o'clock last night and the water is now filling her hold. Captain Michie and the first mate are still aboard. The waves are dashing clear over the ship.

TWO MEN CRUSHED TO DEATH

(Special to the Mail.)

Redding, Cal. Sept. 26—John Morrillo and C. Mesino were killed while unloading logs at McCloud this morning. Both were crushed to death by two logs that rolled from above.

TEXAS MINERS VICTORS

(Special to the Mail.)

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 26—The conference of miners and owners closed today. It was a victory for the miners. They get eight hours work and an increase of 17 1-2 cents per ton. The owners say the increase will amount to a quarter of a million annually.

FINNS RAISE RIOT

Enraged at Inability to Get Pay

Militia and Regular Called in

(Special to the Mail.)

Sault St. Marie, Mich. Sept. 28—Fifteen hundred Finns, enraged at their inability to cash checks on the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, started a riot and attacked the company's offices this morning on the Canadian side.

The police were unable to quell the riot and secured the assistance of Company of Militia from the American

and side dispersed the crowd.

All the saloon and hotel bars have been ordered closed. The streets are crowded and a renewal of the trouble is feared tonight. The authorities this afternoon telegraphed to Toronto for regular troops to preserve order.

This afternoon the officers and the mob clashed, and two policemen were clubbed and stoned into unconsciousness and were removed to a hospital. Two Frenchmen were shot, one through the neck, the other in the leg.

Ball cartridges have been issued to the militia, with orders to shoot if necessary. The ferry boats are now tied up, to prevent the rioters from crossing over and attacking the Michigan too.

ANOTHER 'FRISCO MURDER

Young Fool Shoots Girl Then Himself

Both Fall Dead at Door of Her Home

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 29—Edward de Labrouffe shot and killed Marie Jordan at noon today. Then he put a bullet into his own head and will die.

The deed was premeditated as he left a letter for his sister, which states that he loved the girl, but her sisters prevented him from seeing her.

De Labrouffe and the Jordan sisters worked in the City of Paris store, Marie working in another department store. The killing was done at the lunch hour in the Jordan home.

Labrouffe went to the store where the girl was working and together they set out for home. On the way they quarreled, and when they came to her gate both walked into the little garden, when Labrouffe grabbed her by the shoulder and fired two bullets into her. She fell groaning to the grass. The murderer placed the smoking revolver to his ear, but the pistol did not work. He then shot a bullet into the ground to see if the gun was all right, when he put a bullet through his head. Both were lying together.

WESTERN STRIKE SETTLED

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 29—The California & Northwestern strike was settled this morning. The company agrees to take back all the men who have done no property damage to the road. There will be no increase of wages, no change of hours and no reinstatement of the men who caused the strike.

Inspiration may be a good thing in advertising but the man who depends on inspiration will find it disappoints him just at the wrong time. Keep the advertising up to as high a point as hard work will take it and remember that what has been accomplished by hard work can be continued by hard work.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENES

All the Big Colleges Will Take Part

(Special to the Mail.)

New York, Sept. 22—Foot ball is here for the season of 1903. Games of the practice variety began this week at nearly all the colleges throughout the east, and another week will see the playing season well inaugurated.

Candidates for the various elevens have been in training at several of the prominent institutions for several weeks. Coaches have been busy studying the rules and skirmishing for prominent players, and the rooters have already begun to dream of the victories and championships which are coming to their favorite teams as surely as does Thanksgiving day. From today until the last of November the long-haired youths all over the country will hold undisputed possession of the athletic stage.

There is every indication that the football season will be one of the most successful since the introduction of the game into American college life.

With the exception of the differences between Annapolis and West Point all is harmony among the prominent institutions.

The schedules for the most part are practically the same as in past years. Where changes have been made they have been in the way of renewing old ties which had been temporarily broken.

The outlook is reported unusually bright at Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Columbia while the smaller institutions are likewise looking forward to a very successful season.

The principal games scheduled for the East today are: Harvard and Williams at Cambridge, Columbia and Wesleyan

at New York, Cornell and Hobart at Ithaca, Amherst and William at Amherst, Georgetown and Maryland Agricultural college at Washington, U. S. Military Academy and Colgate at West point, University of Pennsylvania and Dickinson at Philadelphia, Carleton, Lafayette and Villanet at Eaton.

TALKED ALL THE WAY ACROSS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

New York, Sept. 26—The Lucania arrived today from Liverpool. She has the distinction of being the first vessel to cross the Atlantic in constant wireless communication. She exchanged messages with 10 vessels en route.

Bears are growing quite numerous at St. Helena.

The recent marriage of a couple of cripples, each having only half the proper complement of arms and legs, was noted by the press as a "conubial curiosity." But who notes the marriages which occur daily in which both parties are cripples in health?

Crippled health means, as a rule, insufficient nutrition, and lack of nutrition points to disease of the stomach and digestive and nutritive tract. Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect nourishment of the body, and so builds it up in sound health and strength.

"I had been a great sufferer from indigestion for the last nine years," writes Mrs. Margaret Single, of Orestes Mills, Eastman's Co., Ill. "I was such a wreck I seemed dead was near, but to-day can say I feel like another woman. I have received much and lasting good from Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Favorite Prescription.' I have taken twenty-five bottles in all, and followed the advice of Dr. R. V. Pierce, and am happy to say that life is worth living now. A thousand thanks for your treatment."

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