

SWEPT BY FLAMES

PRAIRIE FIRES DO DAMAGE IN OKLAHOMA.

A TRAIL OF RUINED HOMES

A Number of Persons Perish in the Fire and Hundreds of People Along the Black Trail Are Destitute from Ravages of the Elements.

LAWTON, Okla.—Five persons were burned to death and 3,000 square miles of territory in Kiowa and Comanche counties were swept by prairie fire Thursday. Hundreds of people are homeless and it is impossible to estimate accurately the financial loss, owing to the wide extent of country affected.

At Hobart, the county seat of Kiowa county, the fire approached from the east, destroying the stables and fifteen race horses, fifteen residences, two business houses and various small buildings. Spreading to the southwest the fire swept 75,000 acres of government, military and timber reserve and Indian school reserve, destroying several Indians' houses and forty head of government cattle.

Spreading westward the flames covered miles of the homestead district, destroying houses, barns and stock. In this district five persons are reported to have perished in attempting to protect their property. They are Dr. and John Harmon, brothers, and a man named Fischer. The other two were women and their names have not yet been learned.

Late at night the fire began moving southward toward this city. At 12 o'clock, midnight, 5,000 people of this city were battling with the approaching wall of flame. The advance line of the fire was fully two miles in length and came in a semi-circle form.

A thousand men turned their efforts to checking the grass borders of the reservation at the city limits. Water from every source, carried in every conceivable way, was distributed along this line and carried all around the city limits. This served the purpose of checking the advance line of the fire, but was of little avail in hindering the continued rolling of the fire brands into the streets of the city.

In more than 100 places flames arose from dwelling, barns and out-houses, but wherever a blaze grew men were present to quench it with water. As a result of the cool judgment of the fighters the city's loss was only \$10,000.

Stories are coming in of how families lay out on the barren prairie through the freezing night after the fire storm had passed with only the thin clothes of their backs as reminders of once prosperous homes. Hundreds of people are destitute and are suffering intensely in the cold and with the excruciating pains caused by their burns.

A DENIAL BY CLEVELAND.

Calls Down Scott of Kansas for His Statement.

WASHINGTON—In the house a letter was read from Grover Cleveland to Representative Webber of North Carolina denying that C. H. J. Taylor, a negro, dined with him at the White House while he was president, as charged by Representative Scott of Kansas a few days ago. Mr. Scott promptly offered his apology to the former president, saying he never before had heard the statement which he had made denied. A discussion of the race question followed, during which Mr. Williams, the minority leader, criticized President Roosevelt for having invited Booker T. Washington to a seat at his table.

Representative Webber said Mr. Cleveland had been a friend of the negro, but never had held out to him the hope of social equality. Mr. Williams said that objection to the appointment of a negro to a position was met with the statement that there could be no discrimination, but asserted that a Chinaman would not be appointed postmaster on the Pacific coast.

NEBRASKA WILL SWAP LAND.

Interstate Commission Files Report Relative to Boundary Line.

LINCOLN—Nebraska will exchange 1,500 acres of land with South Dakota for 5,000 acres. In brief, this is the report of the boundary commission, appointed by the legislature of the two states, filed on Friday.

The commission fixed the boundary between Union county, South Dakota, and Nebraska at the middle of the Missouri river channel. Reniger's cut-off accordingly shifts to South Dakota, while Hall's survey and Sioux Point travels into Nebraska.

The report of the commission will have to be ratified by the legislatures of both states and then by congress before it will be legal and binding.

The members of the commission were: J. O. Robinson of Hartington, E. A. Lunberg of Wayne and C. J. Swanson of Oakland, representing Nebraska, and E. C. Ericson, S. H. Dixon and J. L. Jolly for South Dakota.

Filipino Tobacco Workers.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Taft Monday submitted to the house the petition of the tobacco workers' guild of the Philippine islands, praying for a reduction in the tariff on tobacco. The guild is declared to represent 6,000 tobacco workers. The petition states that these workers received twice the wages under Spanish rule that they do now, the daily wage at that time being 50 cents. Prices of the necessities of life, it is stated, have increased threefold under American rule.



GEN. RENNEKAMPFF

Gen. Rennekampff, who has started from Russia for the front, took part in the Turkish war and is credited with being an able officer. The dispatches report that when he left Borisoff he was carried to the railway station on the shoulders of fellow members of the Officers' Club. He is a little over 50 years of age and has two sons in the army.

GEN. ROBB HEARD.

Before Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads.

WASHINGTON—The senate committee on postoffices and post roads heard Assistant Attorney General Robb of the postoffice department in advocacy of a bill to prohibit guessing contests, carried on by newspapers and circulars. The bill was prepared in the postoffice department and introduced by Senator Penrose.

During the course of Mr. Robb's statement the subject of the postoffice investigation was referred to, Senator Culberson asking if some men had not been protected by the statute of limitation.

Mr. Robb said that he believed that such was the case.

Senator Culberson then asked if Perry S. Heath was not one of those protected by the statute.

Mr. Robb answered in the affirmative, adding that on account of the position which Heath occupied, both officially and politically, he would have been glad to have prosecuted him.

Senator Scott, at this juncture, declared that Mr. Robb was going outside his province in making such a statement. He declared that the postmaster general did not authorize him to make any such statement and would disapprove his doing so. Senator Scott moved that all reference to the matter be stricken from the record.

The motion was carried by a strict party vote.

Senators Culberson and Clay strongly objected to the proposition to strike the statement made by Robb from the record. Subsequently, Mr. Robb stated that what he intended to say was that if the evidence had warranted the indictment of Heath, he would have been glad to see him take his medicine, on account of the high position he (Heath) held.

OPENS TWO MILLION ACRES.

What Pending Bills, if Passed, Will Accomplish.

WASHINGTON—If three bills that are now pending in congress become laws, there will be opened to settlement this spring, or next summer, nearly 2,000,000 acres of fine lands. The Crow lands compose the largest acreage. Next to these are the Rosebud reservation lands, about 416,000 acres, and the third is the Red Lake reservation in Minnesota, about 300,000 acres. The Red Lake Indian bill has passed both houses of congress and has received the president's signature, but awaits a proclamation from him as to the manner in which lands shall be disposed of. The Rosebud bill is pending in the senate and just as soon as a favorable opportunity presents itself the South Dakota senators will put it upon its passage, recognizing that that is the only thing left for them to do, leaving it with the president whether he shall veto or sign the same and specify in his proclamation opening the lands whether it shall be by sealed bids or by competitive bidding, which method he heartily favors.

Dr. Charles E. McChesney, Indian agent at Rosebud, S. D., is in Washington to confer with Indian commissioner Jones regarding matters relative to the conduct of the agency. It is said that Dr. McChesney is really here to enlighten the commissioner and others relative to the true values of the lands which through the operations of the Burke bill it is proposed to open to settlement.

Grants American Request.

WASHINGTON—The Russian army formally has granted the request of the United States that certain officers of the American army be permitted to accompany the Russian troops.

Bail for Anarchist Turner.

WASHINGTON.—In the supreme court of the United States Monday an order was issued for the release of John Turner on bail and setting the hearing of his case by the court for April 4 next. Turner is a British subject who was taken into custody upon arrival in New York last October on the charge of being an anarchist, and his deportation ordered. He was detained at Ellis Island and instituted habeas corpus proceedings in the circuit court for the southern district of New York.

WHY WHITNEY WAS POPULAR.

Always the Embodiment of Chivalry and Courtesy.

One of the admirable traits of William C. Whitney was his habitual deference to women. Talk turned upon this at the Union League Club last night. "He was a gentleman to the core," remarked a prominent member "Once he told me he found it actually difficult to keep his hat on when conversing with a woman on the sidewalk, even in winter, and yet more so to remain seated when a woman servant entered a room where he happened to be. It was instinctive gallantry—the old-fashioned courtesies, the chivalry whose decadence Burke deplored."

Mr. Stillman recalled that one of Whitney's favorite quotations was Lamartine's reply to the woman who asked him to guess her age: "Your age, mademoiselle? Whatever it is, you don't look it."

By another point was made that his unflinching buoyancy of spirits was largely due to his determination not to become an old fogey. His advice to the men of fifty and beyond was in their vein: "Watch the men of thirty. You'll have to wrench your neck sometimes, but it pays."

Rather a curious, but by no means forced, analogy was drawn between Mr. Whitney and Lord Rosebery by an Anglo-American financier who has "M" among his initials. The resemblance was in respect of social tact, administrative gifts, taste in the arts, sedate opulence of domestic surroundings, devotion to family duties, and zeal for the improvement of turf standards. "Whitney," said Mr. "M," "was a democratic aristocrat, and never so truly as in the paddock. He was always the exponent of the doctrine that on the turf and under it all men are equal."—New York Mail and Express.

Simile Did Not Fit.

Mr. James Breck Perkins of New York and Mr. Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin, became involved in a recent spirited House debate about the docking of horses' tails in the District of Columbia, says the Washington Post. Mr. Perkins ridiculed the proposed legislation. Mr. Cooper championed it. There were aggressive exchanges.

"What good purpose does the docking serve?" Mr. Cooper finally asked in a tone of voice which seemed to indicate a belief that the question could not be satisfactorily answered.

"Why," retorted Mr. Perkins, with an air of impatience at his friend's attitude, "it improves their appearance."

Then he paused a moment before adding: "Just as the gentleman from Wisconsin cuts his hair."

Now, Mr. Cooper has a bald head, and at that kind of a retort the House went into convulsions of laughter, which drowned the assertion of the Wisconsin member that he didn't seek in any such manner to improve his personal appearance.

Famous Cornwall "Pasty."

A proverb current in Cornwall says that the devil has never ventured to show his face in that portion of England lest the Cornish housewife should pop him into a pasty.

The saying speaks well for the spiciness of the famous dish, as well as for the thriftiness of the matron in turning unpromising materials to account. For just as Devonshire is famous for its "cream," so the proud boast of Cornwall is Cornish pasty.

Many things go to make up its savoriness which an uninventive cook would never dream of employing. Leeks, onions, sage and parsnips figure largely, while potatoes and turnips provide the bulk of the feast. To flavor it successfully requires the most intimate and accurate knowledge of the value of homely herbs.

Thyme, mint and parsley are three powerful allies of the Cornish cook. The hedgerows, too, are made to yield their share, and many a weed is pressed into the service.

His Nerve Got Him the Job.

A woman living in the vicinity of Thirteenth and Wallace streets yesterday who was nearly made frantic by the snow shovelers hung a sign on the door:

"To snow shovelers: If you have any consideration for a woman's shattered nerves, please don't ring the bell. When I wait the pavement cleaned my husband will do it."

Soon after the sign was placed the bell rang furiously. On going to the door the woman was amazed to see a man there with a shovel.

"Can't you read that sign?" the woman exclaimed.

"Not without my glasses," was the rejoinder. "I did read in the papers that people who didn't have their pavement cleaned would be fined \$5 and costs."

The fellow got the job.—Philadelphia Press.

Rest.

They are at rest: We may not stir the heaven of their repose; By rude invoking voice or prayer ad-drest In waywardness to those Who in the mountain grots of Eden lie, And hear the fourfold river as it murmurs by.

Rest.

They bear it sweep In distance down the dark and savage vale; But they at rocky bed, or current deep, Shall never more grow pale. They hear, and meekly muse, as fain to know untired, unspent, that giant stream shall flow.

Rest.

And soothing sounds Blend with the neighboring waters as they glide; Piped along the haunted garden's bounds, Angelic forms abide. Echoing as words of watch, o'er lawn and grove, The verses of that hymn which seraphs chant above.

Rest.

—John Henry Newman.

HOW TWO BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ESCAPED DREAD CATARRH BY USE OF PE-RU-NA.

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Miss Amanda Johnson.

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Miss Flora Hauser.

Miss Flora Hauser, 1032 S. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "I think I must have been troubled with catarrh ever since I was very young, aggravated each time I caught a cold. This did not prove sufficiently serious to be obnoxious until last winter. Then my head and nose were so stopped up that I felt I must do something. Peruna was recommended to me by a friend. I used it for four weeks and found to my relief that it cured me. I have not had a bit of trouble since. My head is clear, and I can safely affirm that Peruna cured me."—Miss Flora Hauser.

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