

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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NEILL, NEBRASKA

An economical retainer in which to ship products such as cement, lime and plaster is described in Popular Mechanics. Its halves are separable and can be nested in a compact form on the return journey. The cost of the barrel is about \$1, which is a little more than twice that of a wooden barrel, but they are said to be good for at least 15 round trips, and the room they occupy when empty cuts down the shipping bill one-half.

In the early days of the British museum a century or more ago the place was open for only six hours daily on five days a week in the summer and four hours daily during the rest of the year. Nobody could remain in the building for more than two consecutive hours, and the number admissible at one time was strictly limited to 15. Each batch of visitors was shepherded by an attendant.

An author engaged a young woman typewriter to take down his new novel from dictation. At the passage, "Oh! my adorable angel, accept the confession from my lips that I can not exist without you! Make me happy; come and share my lot and be mine until death do us part!" his fair secretary paused and ingeniously inquired: "Is that to go down with the rest?"

A chance seedling that grew up on a farm near Lowell, Mass., about 1740 became the first Baldwin apple tree, but it was not till 1784 that Colonel Baldwin became interested in the apple, developed it and gave it his name. The original tree lived till 1817, and the place where it grew is now marked by a monument. The Baldwin is the only apple thus honored.

Dr. Whipple, long bishop of Minnesota, was about to hold religious services at an Indian village in one of the western states and before going to the place of meeting asked the chief, who was his host, whether he was safe for him to leave his effects in the lodge. "Plenty safe," grunted the red man. "No white man in a hundred miles from here."

Seated opposite the late James McNeill Whistler at dinner one evening was a patronizing young lord. During a lull in the conversation he adjusted his monocle and leaned forward toward the artist. "Aw, y know, Mr. Whistler," he drawled, "I'm curious about this 'mawing.' 'Thank you,' said Whistler, quietly. "Thank you very much."

Unter den Linden is the center of Berlin and the hub of the German empire. This magnificent boulevard is 188 feet in width, and under the shade of its lime trees the Berliners have a meeting place which is equal in architectural beauty to any in Europe. It is lined on either side with magnificent hotels, restaurants and palaces.

Deposits of pitchblende have been discovered in the old Cornish tin mines, while a new and quicker way has been found to extract radium from the pitchblende. The yield of radium from 200 tons of pitchblende is only a grain or so. If the pulverized ore can be made available by science in curing disease, he saving will be enormous.

In California one rarely sees a bank note. The money in circulation is all gold and silver. It is common to see a collector walking along the street with a bag of gold on his back. Curiously, the very weight of the money—one person can hardly carry more than \$40,000 in gold—often acts as a deterrent feature in embezzlement.

Turner D. Bettome, of Harrison, N. J., filed patents on tungsten electric lamps as early as 1887, thus proving that the credit for the discovery of the tungsten lamp, which has revolutionized electric lighting, belongs to America and not to Germany.

The west gallery, in the Chickasha opera house, sagged eight inches in a minstrel performance, but the show was so good that somebody ran out and got a few fence rails, propped up the gallery, and the performance was continued.

Sir Hubert von Herkomer says he once saw the reproduction of a picture called "The Coming Storm" advertised for sale in a shop window and under the title there were the words in large type: "Suitable for a wedding present."

Congress now has seven Smiths, three in the Senate and four in the House. The states contributing the seven Smiths are Michigan, California, Maryland, Texas, Iowa, California and South Carolina.

One of his Hibbert lectures Max Mueller said to his students: "Many of you, I suspect, carry a hammer with a hole in it for luck. I am not ashamed to own that I have done so myself for many years."

In the last 11 years, according to officially reported returns, the city of Leeds, England, has earned a profit of \$5,606,600 from its municipally owned tramways, waterworks, gasworks and electric light plants.

The Michigan Central will electrify its terminals at Detroit and the main line as far as Ypsilanti, 30 miles west of the city. Electricity will be obtained from the water power of the Huron river, at Chelsea, Mich.

Edison, who has not done much in the way of improving the telephone for some time, is now working on a new transmitter, which is very sensitive, and enables conversation to be carried on with greater ease and less liability of error.

The first rotary converter in America, as well as the largest, was built by the General Electric company. These machines are used to change alternating current into direct current for street railway service.

A French chemist has invented a tablet which, if dissolved in a glass of water, will give off as much oxygen to clarify the air in a room as though a window had been left open for an hour.

The new railroad between Gibraltar and Facatativa, Colombia, is in operation. It saves a three-day journey across the mountains between the capital and the sea.

One of the biggest car companies in this country has decided to abandon the use of steam in its plant and is now putting in a mammoth electric plant.

France has five great mills and a number of smaller ones at which artificial silk is made. There are three kinds of it.

It is said that siltic acid and boride of titanium, products of the electric furnace, are as hard as the diamond.

At the present rate the excavations at Pompeii will not be completed until the year 1970.

# DISCRIMINATION AGAINST RACING HORSES ALLEGED

### Exhibition Horses Transported Free, but Speeder Pays Extra Fare.

Lincoln, Neb., May 4.—A nice question has been put up to the state railroad commission for determination. Ed Pyle, who owns a string of race horses, wants the commission to compel railroads to stop discrimination between rates on race horses and those on draft and show animals. He insists that there ought to be a reduction on the rate on race horses and stallions used for racing or for the same rate for all live stock.

The hearing developed the fact that some of the railroads carry live stock intended for exhibition at fairs free both ways, others charge for carriage one way, but all make the race horse man pay both ways and a higher rate. The railroads allege that the discrimination was a proper one because it is more necessary to encourage the breeding of farm horses than race horses and this is best done at fairs. Mr. Pyle retorted by demanding to know which drew the most people to the fairs, draft horses or race horses, and who would care to look at the former if the latter were not in evidence.

# HORRID LANDLORD DEFEATED HEAD OF DEGREE OF HONOR

Lincoln, Neb., May 4.—Mrs. Mayme Cleaver can be grand chief of honor of the State Degree of Honor if she wants to be—and she does. Mrs. Mary A. Latzky, who challenged her right because several persons whom she did not believe were entitled to vote at the grand lodge session cast their ballots when Mrs. Cleaver beat Mrs. Latzky by one vote for that office, has dismissed her suit, brought in the local courts.

Mrs. Latzky had been head of the order for several years, and desired to continue. She had had some trouble with Landlord Munson of the Royal hotel because she hadn't included his establishment in the list she recommended for delegates. Munson said he had given her accommodations as an advertisement for his place, and when she gave him the go-by he filed suit, the day before the election, in which he charged she owed him hotel bill and also a bar bill. The publication of the filing of the suit led to Mrs. Latzky's defeat, she says, and she now has a suit for damages against Munson, claiming the statement that she owed money for liquor was untrue and was published for the purpose of defeating her.

# GALE SINKS SHIPS ON LAKE MICHIGAN

Detroit, Mich., May 4.—A special from Houghton, Mich., says the tug Hester has been sunk in Lake Superior with all hands.

Port Huron, Mich., May 4.—The freight steamer Russia, owned by C. O. Duncan, of this city, was sunk in Lake Superior, 12 miles off this port last night. All of the crew were saved. The Russia plied between Port Huron and Duluth and was on her first trip of the season. She was a wooden boat formerly a passenger steamer of the Anchor line and of 1,500 tons displacement.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 4.—Captain Robert C. Pringle, of the Corriagan line steamer Auraria, arrived here today with all members of his crew and told the story of the sinking of his vessel in Whitefish bay, off the foot of Parisian Island Thursday. All of the crew escaped without injury.

# 12,000 LAKE SEAMEN GO OUT ON STRIKE

Chicago, May 4.—The strike of labor unions on the great lakes against the Lake Carriers' Association, or more correctly, their formal refusal to ship on boats controlled by the association, was put in full operation at all ports today. It is estimated that 12,000 seamen of all classes are involved in the great struggle. Almost 3,000 are now said to be employed on boats controlled by the carriers and these were scheduled to leave the vessels this morning at any port as soon as they came in from sea.

Thousands are idle today in Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo and other centers, but as a matter of fact the situation differs little from that which has existed since the opening of navigation until the marine engineers refused to sign contracts in which the open shop clause was inserted. The tieup today is merely more complete.

The next move of the leaders will be to request the general officers of the International Seamen's union to come to the lake district and endorse the strike.

About 400 boats are controlled by the Lake Carriers' association, but it is impossible to say just how many employees will be affected, as many of the vessels are not yet in communication. Both sides are firm and there is no talk of compromise.

# UNCLE SAM AFTER THE SUGAR TRUST

New York, May 4.—Criminal prosecution by the federal government will be begun as a result of the disclosures in the recent suit of the government against the American Sugar Refining company. This announcement was made today by Henry Stimson, who is acting as special attorney for the government.

IRVINE, KY.—Beach Hargis has been refused a new trial, and Judge Adams directed that he be taken to the penitentiary at once.

# WRIGHT SELLS AEROPLANE IN ITALY FOR \$200,000

London, May 4.—The Rome correspondent of the Globe says that Wilbur Wright has sold the Italian rights to his aeroplane for 1,000,000 lire (about \$200,000) to a syndicate, which will at once begin the construction of military and other machines.

Aeroplane promises to become by far the most popular craze in Italian society.

# WOMAN IS LONE APPLICANT FOR INSPECTORSHIP

### Wants to Tell "Bonifaces" How to Run Kitchen and Make Up the Beds.

Lincoln, Neb., May 1.—The first application for the lucrative job of hotel inspector has been filed with Governor Shallenberger and the application comes from a woman.

Edyth Tanner, who, with her sister, runs a hotel at Weeping Water, wants the job. Now, it happens that no provision has been made for paying hotel inspectors. The labor commissioner has only \$5,000 to use during the next biennium, and this is not more than enough for ordinary purposes. Hotel inspection was not included in the budget.

The job probably will be a moneyless and thankless task, but the Weeping Water applicant stands as good a chance as the next one. When the bill was up for discussion it was suggested that Labor Commissioner Maupin appoint traveling men to act as inspectors. Some traveling men assured him that they would act without pay. This looked like handing the reins of power over to irresponsible agents, however, and the labor commissioner bit a 10-cent piece out of a 5-cent cigar, frowned and said nothing.

# NEBRASKA NEXT SCENE OF CONTEST OVER RATES

Kansas City, Mo., May 1.—"As far as we are concerned, the 2 1/2-cent fare in Missouri is settled. The fight in Nebraska is the next one we will have," said B. L. Winchell, president of the Rock Island railroad system, here last night. Mr. Winchell was returning to Chicago after an inspection trip.

# POYNTER'S PROPERTY VALUED AT \$30,000

Lincoln, Neb., May 1.—The will of the late William A. Poynter, former governor, who dropped dead in the office of Governor Shallenberger while arguing for the executive approval of the early closing bill, then in the hands of the governor, has been admitted to probate in Lancaster county. The property is scheduled at \$30,000, consisting mainly of land, which goes to the widow.

# LOSES HORSE; USES HALTER FOR HANGING

Millard, Neb., May 1.—Having reached the age of 70 years and having been a resident of this place for 26 years, yesterday morning Peter Kennagell ended his life by hanging. Going into the barn in the rear of the Mardola hotel, he took the rope halter of a horse that was there, fastened one end about his neck, climbed into the loft and attached the other end of the rope to a rafter. Having accomplished this, he jumped down and evidently strangled to death.

The body of Kennagell was not found until evening, when the hostler went into the loft of the barn to throw down hay for the horses.

# RICH GIRL ON TRIAL FOR KILLING A MAN

### Miss "Johnny" Davidson Shot Her Sister's Lover Following a Quarrel.

Neosho, Mo., May 1.—"Johnny" Davidson, a wealthy young woman, who killed Roy Ramsour here on June 1, 1908, following a quarrel at the Davidson home, in which it is alleged Ramsour applied an epithet to the girl, is in trial here. Miss Davidson's plea is self defense.

Ramsour was a suitor for the hand of Miss Grace Davidson, the defendant's sister. A few days before the murder the two had quarreled. Ramsour used improper language toward Miss "Johnny" Davidson, and when he refused to retract she secured a revolver and confronted him.

C. M. Williams, a neighbor of the Davidsons, and who claims he saw the killing, was the first witness called.

"I saw the girl going toward Ramsour, who was leaning with his back against a gate," she said, "or I'll kill you."

"Well, kill me then," he replied. "Which that she shot him as he stood with his arms lying back on top of the palings of the fence. Roy fell forward, catching 'Johnny' and throwing her to the sidewalk and beneath him. They lay on the ground for a moment, and then she pushed the body over to the walk."

The Davidsons are wealthy. The two girls some time ago were left a fortune by an uncle in the East.

# YOUNGEST OF FAMOUS BEAUTIES IS MARRIED

New York, May 1.—Miss Nora Langhorne has just been married to Paul Phipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Whitton Phipps, of London, in St. James church, Madison avenue.

The bride is the youngest of the daughters of Colonel Chiswell Dabney Langhorne, of Albemarle county, Virginia, all of whom have made notable marriages. The best known is Mrs. Mrs. Waldorf Astor, whose first husband was Robert Shaw, of Boston, and whose second is the eldest son of William Waldorf Astor. Another sister is Waldorf Astor, whose first husband is an illustrator. Another is Mrs. Reginald Brooks, of this city, and another, Mrs. Moncure Perkins, of Richmond, Va.

# COAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED FOR THREE YEARS

Philadelphia, May 1.—The agreement between the miners and employers training in place in the anthracite coal regions for another period of three years was signed here today by the representatives of the employers and the men.

KENTON, OHIO.—Miss Laura Casper, 20 years old, who had been asleep for 100 hours, awoke today apparently in good health, although weak.

# BOAT CAPSIZES; TWO MEN DROWN

### Accident Witnessed by Parties Who Cannot Effect a Rescue.

Lyons, Neb., April 30.—Word has just reached here that Fred Barker, formerly of this place, was drowned Sunday afternoon. He, in company with John Seat and Stewart Levering, the latter an Indian, had crossed the Missouri river about seven miles above Decatur, at a place known as Cain's Crossing, and proceeded to Whiting. But on their return the boat was capsized, and their cries for help attracted a man with a team, who arrived on the scene in time to see them struggling in the water but he was unable to render any efficient help. The two white men were drowned, but the Indian managed to escape. Mr. Barker, who was about 24 years old, had on a very heavy fur coat and doublet the other was too heavily clothed, which weighted them down just as soon as they became water soaked, and thus prevented them from saving themselves. The bodies have not yet been recovered. Fred Barker was the son of Wm. Barker, of this place.

# BROWN MAKES PLEA FOR TAXING INCOMES

Washington, April 30.—When the discussion of the tariff was resumed in the Senate today, Mr. Brown, of Nebraska, spoke to his amendment recently introduced, providing for a constitutional amendment authorizing an income tax. He argued that the people of the several states should have the opportunity of voting on the question in order that the validity of such a law never could be questioned.

"We owe this to the people," he said, "because there has long been an earnest and determined demand for an equitable income tax. They have declared, accepted the decree of the court and had become resigned to the fact that such a law was unconstitutional, but he claimed congress owed it to them to be given a chance to say whether the constitution should be made to sanction a system of taxation approved by the majority of American citizens and by the economists of the entire civilized world."

# ELGIN SUFFERS FIRE LOSS OF \$120,000

Norfolk, Neb., April 30.—Fire destroyed half of the business portion of Elgin, about seven miles west of here, today, the loss reaching \$120,000. The following firms, stocks and buildings were totally destroyed: They had Hoefler & Mooney, general store; Elfas Brown, restaurant; W. H. Krott, lumber yards; W. R. Brooks, hardware; Frieslie & W. Implement store; B. H. Payne, general merchandise; John Lampan, pool hall; Gray, Band & Tenny, general merchandise.

# TEST NON-PARTISAN JUDICIARY LAW

Lincoln, Neb., April 30.—At a meeting here last night of the republican state central committee a decision was reached to test in the courts the constitutionality of the non-partisan judiciary law enacted by the recent legislature. The committee decided to hold a state convention in Lincoln, in June before the new law takes effect and endorse candidates for supreme court judges and regents of the state university.

# BIG HATS DAMAGED THE SUFFRAGETTES' CAUSE

Chicago, April 30.—The real reason for the anti-big hat bill introduced in the legislature by Representative George C. Hilton has come to light. The informant is Mrs. Hilton herself, her husband's views.

# STRONG SWAIN BREAKS GIRL'S RIB WITH HUG

Pungoteague, Va., April 30.—The popularity of the hug as a friendly greeting has become a decided slump in this market since Elwood Scott broke his watch and a rib belonging to his innamorata in bidding her goodbye at the rate.

Miss Lola Westcott is one of the best looking girls in the neighborhood, and she has caused flutterings in the breast of many a swain hereabouts. But apparently was untroubled until she met Elwood Scott, who crossed her path that she lost her heart and now she almost wishes she hadn't.

# GRAND JURY PROBES WHOLESOME LYNCHING OF WHITES IN OKLAHOMA

Ada, Okla., April 29.—A special grand jury ordered by Governor Haskell to investigate the lynching here on April 19 of James Miller, Jesse West, Joseph Allen and W. T. Burrell, the cattlemen, for the murder of A. A. Babbitt, a United States deputy marshal, convened here today. Attorney General West will conduct the examination of witnesses. More than 200 witnesses have been summoned and every effort will, it is said, be made to secure indictments against the leaders of the mob at least.

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# NATIONAL BANKS GET UNDER COVER DEPOSITORY LAW

### Organize Savings Banks to Utilize Protection of Insurance of Deposits.

Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—The national bankers of the state have discovered a scheme by which they can still remain national banks and yet have a finger in the pie represented by the deposit guaranty fund. They are now organizing savings banks, which will be operated in connection with their national banks, and by this means become beneficiaries of whatever good there may be in the deposit guaranty law.

The First Trust and Savings bank, of Crete, is the fourth that has been filed in the last few weeks. It is offered by men managing the First National of that city. Before the law passed it was contended that as drawn it would drive savings banks out of business, and amendments favorable to that class of institutions were inserted. Only one state bank has so far become a national bank.

# COUNCIL OF PIERCE IS INOPERATIVE

Pierce, Neb., April 29.—The city council of Pierce, or what is left of it, is up against a hard proposition that will take a real smart lawyer to solve.

The council meets on May 3 to transact the most important business of the year, and also act upon applications for saloon licenses. Three members constitute a quorum, but Councilman Cones is in Missouri receiving medical treatment, and Councilman Duff has to resign his office when he becomes mayor May 3. As there are only four altogether, this leaves only two, and they cannot even fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Duff.

# ITALIANS DRIVEN FROM THEIR REFUGE

Wymore, Neb., April 29.—Last evening a number of men from this place, assisted by farmers in the neighborhood of the town of Kridler, attacked the Italians driven from here Sunday morning and routed them out of their place of refuge. No one was injured, but the foreigners were badly frightened. The railroad company has taken them to Daweese, in Clay county. Sheriff Trude is said to have advised such action, believing that no more Italians in Gage county might provoke further disorders. Wymore is now quiet and the law will be allowed to take its course in the case of Bertrucci, the slayer of the Price boy. Notice has been given to the Italian consuls in Chicago that the presence of any more Italians can come to Wymore. The inquest on the body of the boy will be held today or Wednesday.

# BOGUS CHECK MEN ARRESTED BY POLICE IN OPIUM JOINT

Omaha, Neb., April 29.—During a raid on an opium den last night the police arrested two men who gave the names of Andy Potts and Charles Osborne and are believed to be bunco men who beat a \$2000 racket out of \$200 a dealer in the day at Fremont. They induced Dresler, who was enroute to Dallas, S. D., to take up a homestead to advance money on a bad check and then decamped. They were well supplied with money when taken into custody.

# HERE'S CHANCE FOR AN UGLY TEACHER

Fort Collins, Colo., April 29.—A mountain romance has been brought to light through the following queer advertisement, inserted in the local paper by a member of the Virginia Dale district school board:

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# COOPERS DENIED NEW TRIAL; APPEAL TAKEN

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# DEER JUMPS OVER A TRAIN.

Willsboro, Pa., April 28.—A full grown buck deer, closely pursued by dogs, leaped over a Lehigh Valley railroad freight train in the mountains near Hickory Run, 35 miles from here, and escaped by swimming across the Lehigh river. It dashed down the steep mountain toward the river and came upon the freight train in a deep rock cut by the side of the river.

The deer took the leap without stopping in its headlong flight and fell in a heap on the river bank. It was up quickly, plunged into the river and swam away while the dogs were stopped by the freight train.

# WYMORE BOY, SHOT BY ITALIAN, DIES OF HIS INJURIES

### Murderer Spirited Away to Escape Vengeance of Mob—Cars Are Burned.

Beatrice, Neb., April 28.—Clyde Price, stepson of Frank Weisner, the 11-year-old boy shot at Wymore Saturday by Bertrucci, the Italian railroad laborer, died yesterday without regaining consciousness. Bertrucci, who was last night threatened by a mob, was rescued by Sheriff Trude and brought to Beatrice, where he is now in the county jail under guard. After he had been taken away the angry crowd of 400 Wymore men attacked the Italian railroad camp and after a lively scrimmage drove the foreigners out of the town, warning them not to return. The crowd then set fire to the burned cars on the railroad and they were burned with the belongings of the Italians. There was talk of the mob following the sheriff to Beatrice and wreaking vengeance on Bertrucci, but it was decided to wait the result of young Price's injuries. The riot spirit had subsided somewhat before the boy died and it is believed the trouble is over if the Italians kept out of the town. Sheriff Trude remained at the jail throughout the day prepared for emergencies. Coroner Reed, Deputy Sheriff Burke and County Attorney McGirr have gone to Wymore to hold an inquest and learn the facts about the shooting. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, which employed the foreigners, has moved its construction trains from Wymore to Kridler, a station some distance away, but it is doubtful if the refugee Italians congregate there, at least until the excitement subsides.

# "OLD DOBBIN" BURNED BY CURIOUS URCHIN

Norfolk, Neb., April 28.—Four-year-old Myron Colamer, who in his childish curiosity wanted to see something doing, is responsible for the burning of the family horse of Joseph Pliant.

The curiosity of the urchin to see what a match would do is responsible for the blaz which put "Old Dobbin" out of commission.

# EDITOR HAS BED SPREAD OVER CENTURY OLD

Norfolk, Neb., April 28.—The Humboldt man who alleges that he has been spread 80 years old and which has been given much space in the newspapers will have to take a back seat now and yield the honor to W. H. Weeks, of the Norfolk Press. The latter claims to have one made by his great grandmother 115 years ago.

# MAN NOT OBLIGED TO TAKE BATH

Belden, Neb., April 28.—Mrs. Henry Helm, who attempted to get a divorce in the Omaha courts from her husband, who lives near Belden, on various complaints, among them, being that he didn't bathe often enough, has failed in the undertaking, and according to Helm, the judge offered to give him a divorce if he wanted it.

# TWO YOUNG GIRLS VICTIMS OF ASSAULT

### Thought They Were Going on Stage, but Both Are Abused by Strange Men.

Lincoln, Neb., April 28.—A man giving the name of "Jack" Galloway, his wife and another man whose name is unknown, are in custody at Wilber, Saline county, charged with assault and abuse of two young Lincoln girls, Grace and Mima McKenzie, aged respectively 14 and 15 years, daughters of a widow living here. Thursday, in answer to an advertisement requesting applications for vaudeville performers, the girls called on the Galloways and their services were accepted. They were taken to the town of Berks, near Lincoln. Here they say they were joined by another man, the stranger and the Galloway woman with Mima McKenzie going to Crete, leaving Grace with Galloway, who Grace charges, assaulted her. Later she joined the other at Crete, where, she says, she was deserted at the depot, the others proceeding to Wilber. Complaint to the Saline county authorities resulted in the arrest of the men on their arrival there. The sheriff at Wilber says the elder sister tells of abuse at the hands of the two men. The younger girl was sent to her home here last night.

# MAN'S DREAM SAVES HIS TWO CHILDREN

West Orange, N. J., April 28.—A dream that he was back in his childhood days, which John McDonald, an aged caretaker, had on Tuesday night was the means of saving two children from death by asphyxiation. The children are Edwin and Elmina Smith, 7 and 4 years old, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Smith, 160 High st.

The dream awakened McDonald, who found himself laughing merrily at the boyhood scenes conjured up in his sleep. The aged man, who had been left alone in the house with the children, the parents having gone out for the evening, smelled gas and found a jet open in the room where the children were sleeping and the room full of gas. The children were unconscious.

# FIRE CAUSES \$200,000 LOSS IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, April 28.—A fire, which for a time threatened buildings in the heart of Kansas City's principal business district, early this morning, resulted in the total destruction of the Ridge building, a four-story brick and stone business and office structure, Walnut street, near Ninth. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Belgium's steam railways carry 170,000,000 passengers a year.