

# 6,000 WOMEN WITHOUT HOMES

## Notorious Quarter in Tokyo is Five Swept.

### PALATIAL STRUCTURES BURNED

Five Thousand Houses in Ruins—District Under Special Municipal Surveillance, Japanese Method of Solving Social Evil.

Tokyo, April 10.—The notorious Yoshiwara, the principal quarter of Tokyo inhabited by the licensed hetairae, was destroyed by fire. Many of those houses were almost palatial in appearance, and a thousand of them were burned in a little more than three hours. Six thousand women were rendered homeless. The fire spread over a vast area. Altogether it is estimated that 5,000 houses are in ruins, covering an area of four square miles.

A large number of women were severely injured. Five hundred troops are guarding the territory.

The world-famed Yoshiwara lies about one mile to the north of Asakusa park. The district presented a spectacle probably unparalleled in any other country with its gorgeous structures, guarded by iron bars, directly on the street line, and its thousands of gaily bedecked residents. This whole quarter is under municipal surveillance, with the result that at all times perfect order prevailed, enabling strangers to observe, while walking through the streets, the manner in which the Japanese have solved in their own manner, one of the vexing questions of all the ages.

### Two Hundred Die in Bombay Fire.

Bombay, British India, April 10.—Two hundred men, women and children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a thatched structure in which they had gathered for a festival. Five hundred persons were in the building. There was only one exit and a panic ensued.

### ROOSEVELT ASKS NO MORE

Not Aspirant for Anything Because He Has Had Everything, He Says.

Spokane, Wash., April 10.—Theodore Roosevelt made his first public declaration regarding his possible candidacy for the presidency at a luncheon given in his honor by the Commercial club.

"I am not an aspirant for anything because I have had everything," he declared. "No other man alive—I don't know whether I ought to use this simile in the presence of the chaplain, but I am going to take chances—no other man alive has had such a good run for his money."

Mr. Roosevelt declared that he was making his tour for no other reason than that which he has already assigned—to thank the people who had elected him to the presidency.

Had he never come to the west, he said, he never would have had raised his regiment and never have become president. In conclusion, he said:

"It is the service done, not the title of the place held that counts. And you won't, any of you have to puzzle as to my motives if you will accept my statements at their face value. You have not got anything I want except your respect and good will; and all I desire is, so far as the chance arises where I am able to do so, to help you in any movement for the good of our common country."

### FORMER PUGLISIT IS MAYOR

John A. C. Mentor Elected by Socialist Votes in Flint, Mich.

Flint, Mich., April 10.—John A. C. Mentor, who was a professional pugilist fifteen years ago, took the oath of office as mayor of this city today and assumed the reins of the first Socialist municipal administration ever elected in the state of Michigan.

"I will give Flint a clean, business like administration," he said. "I am still a fighter—a fighter for good government; a fighter for socialism and the universal brotherhood of man. When I fought in the prize ring it was for glory and a purse. Now I am fighting for a principle. My fight now is with a hostile board of aldermen. Only three of its twelve members are Socialists and I expect we will have difficulty in carrying out our reforms, but we will carry them out. If earnest human endeavor will make this possible. Until my term of office expires I will be mayor every minute."

### DIAZ TO USE IRON HAND

Mexican Congress Votes a Four-Million Dollar War Fund.

Mexico City, April 10.—Four million dollars in gold was voted by the chamber of deputies for a war fund for "the pacification of the country." More active operations against the rebels have begun and the "pacification" of the country will proceed with an iron hand.

### Grain Elevator is Burned.

Elkhorn, Neb., April 10.—Fire which threatened to wipe out the town destroyed Nolte's grain elevator with a loss of \$4,000. Sparks from the burning building were driven over the town by the wind and several minor fires occurred. The citizens were put to their utmost to save the town.

H. H. KOHLSAAT,  
Chicago Editor Who  
Gave Key to Mystery  
in Lorimer Scandal.



## TEN LORIMER SUBPOENAS ISSUED Summons Are Said to Be for Chicago Millionaires.

Chicago, April 10.—Ten secret subpoenas were served by process servers while the Helm Illinois senatorial committee investigating charges relating to the election of Senator Lorimer was holding a secret session in the LaSalle hotel to determine on its actions for this week.

The committee, it is understood, will force ten millionaires to appear and make admissions or positive denials of the charges that a fund was raised to elect Lorimer. Big financial interests are said to have held a secret meeting to discuss the advisability of seeking to bring pressure to bear upon Lorimer to secure his resignation and thus stop the investigation that may involve large interests and cause a popular clamor that might demand a reduction in the tariffs. These big interests are also said to seek to force an early adjournment of the senate and thus kill the Helm committee.

### JOHN D. KEEPS BONDS SAFE

Strong Box Located in Which Rockefeller Treasure Reposes.

New York, April 10.—The long and closely guarded secret where John D. Rockefeller preserved his stacks of stocks and bonds has been disclosed at last. The bulk of his immense treasure of collateral, estimated at \$200,000,000, reposes in a specially constructed bombproof and fireproof vault, built under the northeast corner of the New York Produce exchange. Entrance to it is gained from Beaver street, a stone's throw from the Standard Oil headquarters at 25 Broadway.

On looking in front of the iron vault, the largest of its kind in the world devoted to containing the property of a single person, there is presented to view a cage not unlike the one in which Dreyfus was confined at Devil's Island. Two padlocks, usually opened with a key in the hand of President W. H. Pearson of the Safe Deposit company, turning, release a roll of combination locks and permit the latter to be set by two men from Mr. Rockefeller's private office.

The only way to change the numbers is to know the old numbers. As for the man who opens the upper combination, he has not the slightest knowledge of the numbers opening the combination lock, and neither can get his lock bolts in the great door until the padlocks have been removed by the third man. It is impossible to pick these locks.

### NEWS IN SUNDAY'S PAPERS

The lack of speculation in Wall street has brought hard times to brokers. Many of them cannot make expenses.

Women are to be given an equal chance in the police department of Seattle in positions now held by detectives, desk men and patrolmen.

Mystery surrounds the identity of a well dressed young woman, whose body was found floating in the lake at the foot of Foster avenue, Chicago.

The New Jersey supreme court in an opinion in a damage suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company holds to be constitutional the employers' liability law passed by the legislature in 1909.

General Stanley Williams, deserter from the United States army, was killed in a fight at Mexical, Mex. Williams' death was caused by a shell that plowed through the head at the base of the skull.

Patrick J. Keoley, formerly a detective in State's Attorney Wayman's office, who was found guilty of perjury in his testimony in the second trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, at Chicago, was granted a new trial.

The report is confirmed that Mr. Williamson, British assistant political officer at Sadiya and Lakhimpur, in Upper Burma, and a party accompanying him were murdered on the border of Assam by Abor savages.

# IOWA BUDGET NEARLY READY

## Million and Half Will Be Appropriated for State Institutions.

### MILLION FOR THE COLLEGES

Half Million for Penal, Reformatory and Charitable Affairs—Senate Passes Bill to Reorganize State Board of Health.

Des Moines, April 10.—The legislature will in the next few days arrange for the spending of \$1,500,000 for the various state institutions. The aggregate sum is larger than usual for these institutions and is fairly well distributed. The colleges, however, have been better treated by the committee than the institutions under the board of control. The colleges will get \$946,400 and the other institutions only \$553,600. The distribution of the funds among the educational institutions is as follows:

State University.	
Educational support fund, anly.	\$25,000
Library support fund, anly.	15,000
Additional support fund, anly.	98,200
Repair and contingent fund.	5,000
Library support fund.	2,500
Equipment and supplies.	15,000
Equipment new buildings.	51,000
Purchase of additional land.	40,000
Paving, sidewalks and grounds.	10,000

Iowa State College.	
Educational support fund, anly.	\$25,000
Agricultural experiment sta'n.	15,000
Ag. extension work, annually.	5,000
Educational support fund, anly.	50,000
College extension, annually.	10,000
Ag. experiment sta'n, annually.	15,000
Eng. experiment sta'n, annually.	5,000
Good roads, annually.	5,000
Two years ag. course, annually.	25,000
Additional department equipment, including pure bred stock.	75,000
Public grounds improvements.	15,000
Heating plant.	43,000

State Teachers' College.	
Teachers' fund.	\$22,000
Contingent fund.	8,000
Summer term fund.	3,000
Library fund.	5,000
Librarian's salary fund.	7,000
Hospital fund.	1,250
Pipe organ.	5,000

### Reorganizing Board of Health.

The senate passed a bill recommended by the governor and prepared under his direction to abolish the present state board of health and reorganize it into a new one on salaries instead of a per diem. The bill provides for a state board of health of five doctors with pay of \$900 a year and each member to devote his entire time to the work. It is estimated the cost will not be any greater than under the present system with a much larger board on the per diem basis.

### Rate Cases Provided For.

The senate has now passed the second of the appropriation bills which were asked by the state railroad commission to furnish funds for the prosecution of rate cases. This is an appropriation of \$25,000 for the prosecution of cases affecting state rates, the previous one being for the prosecution of cases affecting interstate rates. The two appropriations will give the present railroad commission a fund of \$50,000 for use in this work the next two years.

### Pay of County Clerks.

The bill to increase the pay of county clerks in the larger counties of the state finally passed both houses on a conference report as a compromise. The bill provides that where a county has over 40,000 population the pay shall be \$2,500; over 60,000 it shall be \$2,750 and over 65,000 it shall be \$3,000; and then in smaller counties there may be added a \$300 extra out of probate fees if collected. The only matter in controversy was as to the use of the word "shall" instead of "may" in regard to the probate fee items, but this was left optional with the county boards.

### REORGANIZE DAIRY BOARD

Senate Passes O'Connor Bill, Revising Law Which Created Department.

Des Moines, April 10.—The state food and dairy department is a thing of the past, and in its stead comes the state dairy and food department.

By a vote of 26 to 14 the senate passed the O'Connor bill revising and rewriting the law creating the department. The change in the name of the department is one of the provisions of the measure.

Under this revised law the state dairy and food department is put on the highest plane since its creation. There are more employees, better salaries are paid and the revenue will be greater than ever before.

The bill was drafted by Commissioner Barney to meet what he considers the needs of his department and it went through without any particular amendments.

### Put Them Aside.

Grief for things past that cannot be remedied and care for things to come that cannot be prevented may easily hurt but can never benefit one.

The future is purchased by the present.—Johnson.

An Authority.  
Peter McArthur was once talking with a friend when he quoted another man as a financial authority. His friend disputed the right of the person quoted to be considered an expert. Mr. McArthur insisted that the man had a right to speak like an oracle. "What is your definition of an authority?" asked his friend. "My idea of an authority," retorted Mr. McArthur, "is a person who bluffs beyond my limit."

# BODIES TAKEN OUT IN STREAM

## Victims of Banner Mine Disaster Now Placed at 128.

### POWDER CAUSED EXPLOSION.

Rescuing Party Has Narrow Escape When Boiler Accident Shuts Off Air. Victims Are Mostly Negro Convicts. No Mourners at the Openings.

Littleton, Ala., April 10.—With the precision of clockwork, a trained corps of rescuers is bringing a steady stream of bodies from the Banner mine, in which a disastrous explosion occurred. It is believed that 128 is the number of victims, mostly negro convicts.

There is no longer hope of finding men alive underground. Of the 128 dead only fourteen were whites. A score of bodies have been brought up, including Lee Jones and O. W. Spradling, both white. The general belief is that powder caused the explosion.

There are practically no mourners at Banner, none of the convicts having relatives near, but a few curious negro women stood around the opening and would break in a low, mournful chant when the bodies were brought up.

The first party of ten government rescuers, headed by Dr. J. J. Rutledge, had a narrow escape from death. An accident occurred to the boiler used for the fans and the air was stopped for a few minutes. Within a few seconds a faint cry for help was heard from below and men with oxygen helmets hurried down. The entire party was overcome by the afterdamp and when brought to the surface physicians worked over them for nearly an hour before they were able to be moved to the rescue car.

### 73 BODIES RECOVERED

Disaster in Colliery Much Greater Than at First Estimated.

Scranton, Pa., April 10.—A revised list of dead shows that seventy-three men and boys met their deaths in the fire in the Hancock colliery at Throop near here. A canvass of the victims' families shows forty-five widows and 137 orphans.

It is said that every corner of the workings, which a fleeing victim might have reached in his search for pure air, has been entered and every body has been removed.

### ROADS WIN BIG RATE CASES

United States Judge Decides Against Minnesota Rail Commission.

St. Paul, April 10.—Judge Sanborn in the United States circuit court decided the Minnesota rate cases against the state railway commission.

He held that the necessary effect of reductions ordered was substantially to burden and directly to regulate interstate commerce, to create unjust discriminations between localities in Minnesota and those in adjoining states in violation of the constitution, and to take the properties of the railroad companies without just compensation.

### W. E. HAGAN DIES OF WOUND

Man Shot by John Bramhall While Driving With Latter's Wife is Dead.

Kansas City, April 10.—William E. Hagan, a wealthy flour dealer of this city, who was shot by John Bramhall, an attorney, died in a hospital here learning that his wife was out riding in a buggy with Hagan in Independence, Mo. Bramhall obtained a shotgun, hid behind a hedge and when Hagan drove up shot him twice. After the shooting Mrs. Bramhall went home with her husband. Then Bramhall surrendered to the authorities.

### CHASING ROBBERS IN DARK

Four Men Who Tried to Loot a Missouri Bank Are Riding Hard.

Springfield, Mo., April 10.—Driving hard and heavily armed, four men, in two buggies and one on horseback, drove through Viola, twenty-two miles southeast of Cassville, headed for the Arkansas line. They are believed to be the gang who tried to rob the Miners' and Farmers' bank at Aurora. A half hour behind them is a posse of fifteen men under Sheriff M. E. Newman of Barry county.

San Quentin, Cal., April 10.—Every evening after dinner finds Abe Ruef, former political dictator of San Francisco, conducting a bible class in San Quentin prison, which continues until "lights out" time. The class has grown from his two cellmates until it now numbers about ninety.

Ruef's ability as a teacher of the bible has been heralded around the prison with such rapidity that he has received an invitation to deliver a series of sermons in the prison chapel. Ruef preached his first sermon Sunday

# LOCAL NEWS

From Monday's Daily.

C. A. Baldwin, the Weeping Water traveler, was in the city this morning for a short time.

Leroy Overstreet was an Omaha passenger on the fast mail today, where he was called on business.

Monte Streight arrived this morning on No. 4 and looked after business matters in the city for a time.

Tom Murphy came down from Omaha Saturday afternoon and spent Sunday with his mother and sisters.

Mrs. P. E. Ruffner departed for Omaha on the morning train today, where she visited relatives for the day.

Mr. F. W. Graham of the Beatrice Creamery company, was in the city today negotiating for business in this locality.

Mrs. John Sneed and her mother left for Lincoln on the morning train today, where they will visit relatives for a short time.

Mr. Charles Foster and wife and children returned from Glenwood on the morning train today, where they visited friends over Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Kuhnney returned to Omaha on the morning train today, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kuhnney, over Sunday.

Mr. G. A. Bergren, who has been visiting his parents in this city for a short time, was a passenger to Omaha on the morning train today.

Mr. O. E. Cagle was a passenger to the metropolis on the morning train today, where he looked after business matters for a time between trains.

Mr. Walter Cindeck of Boone, Iowa, arrived Saturday and will be a guest of the C. A. Hartford home for a few days.

Albert Stokes and wife returned from Omaha Saturday afternoon, where they had visited friends for a short time.

Wayne Dickson returned from Omaha on the morning train today, where he had visited friends for a short time.

William Starkjohn returned from Custer county Saturday afternoon, where he had been on business for several days.

Mrs. J. M. Leak of Lincoln, who has been visiting Plattsmouth friends in this city for a few days, returned to her home this morning.

Mr. Oscar Larson, principal of the Avoca public schools, returned to his school last evening, having spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Larson.

Mr. R. C. Bailey, the Maple Grove blacksmith, and daughter, Eva, were Plattsmouth visitors Saturday afternoon and made the Journal office a friendly visit.

Mrs. Thomas Wiles and Mrs. George Goodman returned from Lincoln Saturday afternoon, where they had been to attend the funeral of William Pickard.

Mr. Robert Shrader of Avoca, who has been taking treatment at a hospital at Omaha, was in the city Saturday afternoon for a short time, en route to his home.

Harold Williams launched his gasoline boat Saturday afternoon, and Emil Weyrich yesterday morning put his launch in the river and enjoyed a ride over the water.

Mrs. Charles Duke and daughter, Miss Lena, returned to their home at Central City, Nebraska, yesterday afternoon, after visiting relatives in this city for a short time.

C. E. Babbitt, who recently moved to Plattsmouth, purchasing the Schutz place, near the poor farm, was in the city this morning and enrolled his name for a copy of the Semi-Weekly Journal.

Paul Wolfarth, with three men, made in ten hours, while the return his launch, the distance, forty miles by river, and against the current, was made in ten hours, while the return journey was made in three hours.

Bennett Criswiser and wife, who have been visiting their sons in Dunbar and vicinity for a week, returned last evening. Richard Criswiser accompanied his parents to Plattsmouth, and with his father, went to Omaha this morning to have a surgical operation for a growth in the nasal organ.

Mr. W. C. K. Sidwall, who recently returned from a several months' visit in Europe, departed this morning for Seneca, Nebraska, where he has accepted a railroad job. Mr. Sidwall was formerly a Plattsmouth man for years and left for Stockholm last December and got back to Nebraska about a week ago.

Fred Patterson, county surveyor, who was called home on account of the illness of his little daughter, Effie Patterson, returned to Plattsmouth last evening and was on duty this morning. Mr. Patterson is the first to report having enjoyed eating shubarb pie this spring, this with the proviso that Jim Holmes didn't have one last week.

Lee Nickles of near Murray was a business visitor in the city last Saturday.

James McCullough and wife, from near Murray, were in Plattsmouth Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Heil, from near Cedar Creek, were trading in the city last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Freer of Omaha were visiting with friends and relatives in Plattsmouth Sunday.

Pete Campbell, A. J. McNatt and Will Woods, from near Kenosha, were visiting and transacting business matters among Plattsmouth friends Saturday.

John Markel and George Slack, and Love Ballard of Nebraska City were guests of the Donnelly home Sunday, having come up in Mr. Markel's auto.

L. B. Brown, the burgomaster of Kenosha, was looking after some business matters in the city Saturday evening, and, of course, paid the Journal office a brief call. He reports his sister, Mrs. Nix, who has been quite sick, as some better.

The merchants and the farmers both must derive great benefits from the "Bargain Day" sales in other towns or they wouldn't keep them up. Why not have a "Bargain Day" in Plattsmouth? It is just what catches the attention of the people.

Another big crowd of farmers in town Saturday, and our merchants were all busy selling goods. Now if we could have a "Bargain Day" sale the business men generally would see the biggest crowd of farmers in town they have seen in many days.

Mrs. George Barker of Union was a passenger to Omaha on the afternoon train today, where she was called on business.

Mrs. Fred Clugey and her guest, Mrs. J. W. Tillman, of Ogalala, were Omaha passengers on the morning train today, where they spent the day looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holmes of Murray drove up in the auto yesterday, Mrs. Holmes taking the afternoon train for Omaha, where she will remain a few days with her sister, Mrs. Keenan, who has been so dangerously ill. Mr. Holmes and son, Ralph, returned to Murray.

I. J. Hall of Kansas City, Missouri, arrived in Plattsmouth last Saturday evening for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Hall, residing south of Plattsmouth. He came to Omaha, from which place he was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Jo Hall, who will spend a few days at home.

Mr. W. B. Rishel left for Hastings this afternoon, where he goes as a delegate to the W. O. W. convention, which convenes there tomorrow.

J. S. Irwin, the king wood man, from south of Plattsmouth, was in the city Saturday with his usual load of the best dry wood to be found.

Mr. H. T. Borne of the real estate firm of Borne & Johnson of Imperial, Nebraska, was in the city over Sunday, a guest of the Rosencrans home.

William Gillispie, the boss grain buyer of Mynard, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Huston Green and daughters, Grenelle and Grace, returned from Iowa this afternoon, where they have been visiting friends at Knox, Perville and other places.

Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and Miss Mayme Leach of Lincoln, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Range over Sunday, left for their home this afternoon.

Another Social Dance.  
The Murray Dancing club will give another of their pleasant dances in Murray, at Jenkins' hall, on Saturday evening, April 15. The music will be furnished by the popular Bruce orchestra of Lincoln. Don't fail to attend.

DRUGGIST PERMIT.  
Notice is hereby given that F. G. Fricke & Co. have filed their petition as required by the statutes of the state of Nebraska, with the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, requesting a permit to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for medicinal, mechanical and chemical purposes for the coming municipal year in the building situated on lots one (1) and two (2), in block thirty-six (36), in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

F. G. FRICKE & CO.,  
Applicant.

DRUGGIST PERMIT.  
Notice is hereby given that Edw. Rynott & Co. have filed their petition as required by the statutes of the state of Nebraska, with the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, requesting a permit to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for medicinal, mechanical and chemical purposes for the coming municipal year in the building situated on the west half (w 1/2) of lot twelve (12), in block twenty-eight (28), in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

EDW. RYNOTT  
Applicant.

DRUGGIST PERMIT.  
Notice is hereby given that Weyrich & Hadraba have filed their petition as required by the statutes of the state of Nebraska, with the city clerk of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, requesting a permit to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for medicinal, mechanical and chemical purposes for the coming municipal year in the building situated on the west half (w 1/2) of lot three (3), in block thirty-five (35), in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

WEYRICH & HADRABA,  
Applicant.