

IT IS A RUINED CITY

City of Jacksonville Scene of Great Desolation.

FIRE LOSS IS TEN MILLION DOLLARS

Removed Fatalities, But Nothing Definite Known—Governor Declares Martial Law and Burned District Patrolled—Measures for Relief.

Jacksonville's great fire, which began Friday has burned itself out. One hundred and forty-eight blocks of a beautiful city have been laid waste. The loss will not be known, even approximately, for a week, but it is believed it will amount to \$10,000,000. There are many rumors about loss of life, but as every undertaker in the city was burned out it is almost impossible to obtain an official report. One story which is persistently reiterated is to the effect that a party of men and women driven to the docks by the fire were compelled to jump into the water and that several of them were drowned. Mrs. Hogan, a negro woman, was burned in her house and her charred remains were buried by her friends.

The burned district is thirteen blocks wide and two miles long and extends from the St. Johns river, where it burned ten blocks to the water's edge to Catherine street, on the east. Orange on the north and Davis to the west. This immense area was swept as clean as a floor.

The city is under martial law, and all of the available state militia is on duty in the streets. Some order is being brought out of the confusion. Jacksonville is facing the emergency calmly and has organized for relief work.

Ten thousand people are homeless and many of them left for St. Augustine and other coast cities and nearby towns, while numerous rivercraft took many to little places on the St. Johns river. Supply stations have been established in various parts of the city and have been thronged with the hungry. The action of Secretary of War Root in tendering the use of the barracks at Fort Barrancas, near St. Augustine, was received with gratitude on every side. The east train, leaving here at 5 o'clock this afternoon carried 2,000 people to St. Augustine, who hope to receive temporary shelter from the government.

A committee was appointed at a meeting of the citizens to wire the governors of various states to send all tents they can spare. It will be weeks before anything like permanent shelter can be secured for the homeless thousands and Jacksonville for some time to come will be a city of tents.

CLOSE DOWN THEIR WORKS

Strike in National Cash Register Factory Causes Stoppage.

A Dayton, O., dispatch says: "Owing to difficulty with our moulders the factory will be closed till further notice."

That is the notice that was read by the 2,300 employees of the National cash register factory recently on the various bulletin boards in the factory, and the workmen went home.

HAS RACE WITH TORNADO.

Twister Threatens Train Near Hastings—Damages Done.

A small but genuine tornado tore things in a lively way between Juniata and Hastings, Neb., Saturday afternoon. A Burlington train into Hastings had quite a race with the twister which fortunately veered before reaching the track. The people of Hastings had noticed the funnel shaped cloud and were prepared for it. The storm just touched the west edge of town and destroyed a number of outhouses and barns. The course of the tornado was from the southwest to the northeast.

FOUND DEAD IN A FIELD.

Lightning Probably Caused Death of Gage County Man.

Henry Hausjurgin, living a short distance northwest of Pickrell, Neb., was found dead in his field. It is supposed he was killed by lightning. His team with which he had been listing corn came home without him and a search resulted in the finding of his dead body. No marks were found on his body excepting his mustache was singed.

POPULATION OF LONDON 4,536,034.

The population, including the city of London and twenty-eight metropolitan boroughs, the whole forming what is termed the administrative country of London, is now 4,537,034. This is an increase of 308,177 since the last census in 1891.

MINER IS KILLED.

While coming up through the Delaware shaft at Lead, S. D., operated by the Golden Reward Company, Henry Danielsm faintly away and his head was crushed between the cage and shaft.

PENSIONS FOR EMPLOYEES

Illinois Central Company Announces an Innovation.

President Stuyvesant Fish of the Illinois Central has, after a conference with A. J. Hanrahan, vice president and general manager, issued a circular announcing a pension plan for the 40,000 employees of the company.

The plan, which is to take effect July 1, is more liberal in its provisions than has heretofore been adopted by any other road. The company starts with a gift of \$250,000 and in addition will each year make an appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The pension allowances are on the following basis:

For each year of service an allowance of 1 per cent of the average regular monthly pay received for the ten years preceding retirement. Thus, if an employe has been in the service for forty years and has received on an average for the last ten years \$50 a month his pension would be 40 per cent of \$50 or \$20 per month.

TOURING TEXAS PLAINS

President in the Heart of the Great Southwest.

Out of Dixie the presidential party traveled Friday into the heart of the great southwest. After leaving New Orleans, beautiful Bayou Teche, the home of the Arcadians and the waving rice fields of Texas whirled by just at the peak of day, too early to be seen by the president.

Until Austin was reached, the train passed in succession through the cotton belt of Texas, the rich agricultural region beyond the Brazos river, known as the black prairie, much wooded country and fine grazing land. The president has had his first glimpse of long-horned Texas cattle and picturesque cowboys on western range horses. Governor Sayers and other prominent state officers met the president at Houston and accompanied him to Austin. The feature of the day at Austin was a reception. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. McKinley with the ladies of the cabinet dined informally at the governor's mansion, later leaving for San Antonio.

STEAMER DEAL IN ABEYANCE

Head of Leyland Line Declines to Discuss It.

At the annual meeting of the Leyland steamship line in London, Chairman Ellerman declined to discuss the sale of the line to J. P. Morgan & Co., until a special meeting was called to take the matter up. Reviewing last year's business, Mr. Ellerman referred to the congressional discussion of the subsidy bill as "a period of some anxiety." An American subsidy, he added, would be detrimental to British trade and might make it next to impossible to compete with American owned steamers while British ships could not expect government aid.

Water Falls on the Desert.

For thirty-six hours almost, the entire Rocky mountain and inter-mountain regions have been soaked by a rainfall that in many places has gone far beyond any recorded storms in that section. The miles of waste forming the desert of Utah, southern Nevada and northern Arizona and New Mexico have received a drenching. The storm, it is believed, will result in wonderful benefit to the entire region affected.

Sugar Tax Must Stay.

Replying to a deputation from the Workmen's Sugar Tax association at London, the chancellor of exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, declined to consider the withdrawal of the sugar tax. He said it was the most important part of the present budget, and he did not believe that workmen who had approved of the war in South Africa objected to paying something toward the cost.

Masagati Coming to America.

A dispatch to the Daily Express from Vienna says that Pietro Masagati, the Italian composer, has signed a contract for a tour of the United States. He will start October 15 and take with him an orchestra of eighty members. His personal stipend will be \$10,000 a week for eight weeks.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The strongest organization in Wamego is the Union club.

The battleship Iowa was successfully launched at Seattle, Wash., Friday.

A brilliant comet was seen in the western sky shortly after sunset, says a Santiago, Chili dispatch.

A general strike in the building trades is threatened in Louisville, Ky., as a result of a demand for recognition.

At Quincy, Ill., a jury gave a verdict against the electric company for \$5,000 because of the death of John Clark, a lineman.

The Japanese cabinet of Marquis Ito has resigned because of the continued postponement by the finance minister, Viscount Watanabe of the carrying out of the expected public works.

The repository of the Southern Rock Island Plow company at Dallas, Tex., was burned, causing a loss estimated at \$20,000.

A Decatur, Ill., man was struck by a Wabash fast train and instantly killed while trying to cross the tracks in the buggy. His name was Adam Stocker.

Mrs. John Abraham, the estimable wife of a highly respected pioneer farmer of Saunders county whose home is four miles north of Valley, Neb., dropped dead from neuralgia of the heart.

WRECK AT THAYER

Fatal Collision on Burlington At Iowa Town.

ONE KILLED AND THIRTY ARE INJURED

Engineer of Passenger Sticks Bravely at His Post—Sacrifices His Life to Save Those on the Train—Some of the Injured May Die of Wounds.

One man killed and thirty passengers and trainmen injured is the result of a collision between a Burlington passenger train and a freight engine which was endeavoring to make a siding at Thayer, Ia., a small town east of Creston, Iowa. Only a partial list of the injured can now be had. Engineer Brown of the passenger train was killed.

The little town of Thayer is situated in a deep ravine. The grade on either side is very steep. A heavy train, in going down one hill, is compelled to put on steam in order to reach the top of the other. This is what Burlington passenger train No. 3 was doing when the accident occurred.

Owing to the fact that both tracks for a great distance are heavily curved neither engineer could see the other train until within 300 feet of each other. The engineer of the freight train, who was endeavoring to back his heavy train onto the sidetrack, succeeded in getting all but the engine to a place of safety. The passenger, which was running seventy miles an hour, crashed into the freight engine with terrific force. The impact of the locomotives, together with the rending timbers of the cars behind, was frightful.

The passenger engine was hurled down a twenty foot embankment, followed by the baggage, express, day coach and three chair cars. The chair cars and day coach were filled with passengers, and the excitement and confusion which followed is indescribable. The crew of the freight engine made desperate efforts to avoid the impending catastrophe, and stayed at their posts until the last moment, when they were compelled to jump in order to save their lives.

Engineer Brown, who saw the danger when 300 feet from the freight engine, threw the air brake to the emergency notch, applied the sand and stuck to his engine in a grim endeavor to save the lives of those behind him.

The agent at Thayer, together with hangers-on around the depot, were the only witnesses to the wreck. Terror-stricken, they rushed to the rescue. The agent telegraphed Ottumwa for a relief train and a special was sent at once to the scene, with surgeons and nurses.

CAVE TO BE REOPENED.

Commissioner of Land Office Gives Orders to Have It Done.

Commissioner Hermann of the general land office has instructed the special agent of the interior department to reopen the "wind cave," in the Black Hills of South Dakota, to inspection by the public. The cave belongs to the federal government and comprises about 1,000 acres. It was withdrawn by order of January 16, 1900. No depredations or acts of trespass of any kind will be permitted on the premises, no specimens will be allowed to be taken away and no fees or money consideration will be permitted to be charged or received by any one for the privilege of visiting the cave.

Vandalism has been responsible for much injury to the beauties of the place. The withdrawal over a year ago was destined to prevent a recurrence of this evil in the future.

Tragedy Follows Elopement.

At Warren, N. Y., Benjamin Hoyt shot and killed Mrs. John Wallace, and was in turn shot and killed by the husband of the woman. Hoyt, who was thirty-five years old, eloped with Mrs. Wallace, who was fifty-five years old. Subsequently they returned, the husband forgave all, and again employed Hoyt to work on his farm. It is said Hoyt was trying to persuade Mrs. Wallace to elope with him again, when the quarrel arose which ended in the double tragedy.

Injured by Fall From Scaffold.

C. E. Plass was seriously injured at Madison, Neb., by falling from a scaffold. He was working with another carpenter on a low scaffold which gave way, throwing them to the ground. Mr. Plass struck on his head and shoulders and was picked up in an unconscious condition and was still so Sunday night. It is not thought that any bones were broken.

Brained Her Daughter.

At Des Moines, Ia., Mrs. George Rankin brained her thirteen-year-old daughter with a hatchet. The woman was discovered immediately after the deed, a raving maniac. The deed is supposed to have been committed in an insane frenzy brought on by protracted illness.

Venezuela Boying Arms.

Venezuela is placing important orders for war material with German firm," says the Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Mail, and inviting Herr Krupp and others to tender bids for the supply of cruisers, torpedo boats and the like.

Killed by a Prisoner.

While Patrolman George Brown was trying to move Charles Tubbs, a prisoner in the city jail at Lansing, Mich., from one cell to another, Tubbs kicked the officer in the abdomen causing injuries from which he died. Tubbs was in jail for being drunk.

CITY TREASURER IS SHORT

Defalcation of About Thirty Thousand at Colorado Springs.

The finance committee of the city council of Colorado Springs, Col., which has been making an examination of the books of the city treasurer, Moses T. Hale, has reported that a shortage approximating \$30,000 exists. It is said Mr. Hale admits a shortage of over \$20,000. Mr. Hale has been treasurer for over eight years, and the alleged shortage covers a period of about two years' time. Friends have given assurance that the whole amount will be paid within a day or two and there has been no arrest.

AFTER COAL AND OIL.

George D. Melklejohn and Others Enter Company to Dig for Same.

George D. Melklejohn, late assistant secretary of war, together with other members of a company in which Captain Dick Talbot of South Sioux City is interested, will proceed forthwith to develop the oil, coal, and mineral resources in a tract of soil several thousand acres in extent near South Sioux City, upon which leases were secured some five years ago.

The land lies South of Dakota City, in Omaha township, Dakota county, and is largely in the bluffs. This spring a syndicate secured leases on several hundred acres of the same land for the same purpose.

TORMENTORS ARE DEAD.

Two Fatalities Follow Attempt at Practical Joke.

Emil Mohr and Charles Reis were killed at Davenport, Ia., recently while pretending to hang August Blunck on a pole rope at the Independent Malting company's building.

Nohr and Reis, with Gus Siems, tied a rope around Blunck's waist and declared jokingly that they intended to hang him. The strain on the rope caused the fastenings, sixty feet above to give way. An iron pole struck Reis on the head, crushing it into a shapeless mass. A falling scantling brained Mohr. Blunck was slightly injured.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Happenings Here and There Brought Down to Proper Size.

Miss Frances Raymond, an actress, committed suicide in New York by inhaling gas.

Ocean liners arriving in New York are discharging on an average of 1,000 emigrants.

John Frolich, a Crete, Neb., harness maker, was thrown from a horse and one arm was broken at the wrist.

Mannel Mesa, a Hebronville, Texas, marshal killed his wife and then himself. Jealousy is the supposed cause.

Preparations are under way at the Hershoff yards, Bristol, R. I., for the launching of the battleship Constitution.

During a heavy thunder storm at Aberdeen, S. D., Judge J. J. Cady was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Fire at Lunken, Texas, swept away twenty-two business houses and their contents, entailing a loss of about \$65,000.

United States cavalry and artillery left Pekin Sunday to march to Ton Ku. Imposing farewell ceremonies attended the departure.

Otto Gane, aged twenty-six, was killed and Frank Shuff was fatally burned by an explosion of powder at the Indiana Powder company at Terre Haute.

Citizens of Fremont, Neb., are organizing a telephone company and will, it is claimed, secure as good a service as is at present furnished by the Nebraska Telephone company, and at a much cheaper rate.

After a careful consideration of affairs the government has decided to reduce the force in the Philippines to 40,000 men. The opinion prevails that this number of men will be sufficient for present needs.

The edict of Mayor Moores of Omaha, in regard to Sunday closing resulted in a veritable drouth, but two saloonkeepers being arrested for violating the order. Several bootblacks were arrested for plying their trade.

The battleship Ohio will be launched soon from the yards of the Scotts at San Francisco. Mrs. McKinley will press the button that will release it, and Miss Helen Desher, of Columbus, Ohio, will do the christening.

A high official in Shanghai, China, says the Chinese government has approached the powers with the suggestion of opening Manchuria to the enterprise of all countries. Japan, England and the United States assent to the plan.

Jacksonville, Fla., is feeding 10,000 homeless people, who are sufferers from the fire. Contributions are pouring in. President McKinley telegraphed from El Paso, Tex., promising government aid. The city is rapidly recovering from the shock.

The decision in the joint debate at Plattsmouth between the Dempster club of Plattsmouth and the Elmwood, Neb., school, on the question, "Resolved, That the United States should retain possession of the Philippines," was won by Elmwood.

Mrs. P. H. Perry of Lincoln, is under arrest at Denver for shooting her son-in-law, James H. Devore. Mrs. Perry is said to have been mentally unbalanced and Mr. Perry says the relations between his daughter Eleanor and Devore is the cause of his wife's trouble.

TOWARD FREEDOM

Cole and Jim Younger See Prospects of Parole

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN PRISON.

Enactment of Last Legislature Gives Friends Hope—Board of Penitentiary Managers Recommends Their Release—Men are Rejoiced.

Coleman and James Younger the most noted convicts in the state prison at Stillwater, Minn., have won the first step towards freedom from the institution, to which they were sent for life over twenty-five years ago.

For over twenty years their friends have been working in their behalf, each succeeding governor being asked frequently for a pardon. The third brother, Bob, died in the Stillwater prison a few years ago, but the efforts for the liberation of the now old men have never ceased. Ten years ago a pardon board composed of the governor, attorney general and chief justice, was created, one of the arguments in it being the relief it would give the chief executive from the friends of the Youngers. Since then the pardon board has been asked repeatedly to act favorably on applications for pardon of the Youngers, but the required unanimous vote could never be secured.

Two years ago a bill was presented to the legislature providing for the parole of life prisoners and passed by the senate, but killed in the house. This year a similar bill, after several hard encounters on the floor of the two houses, got through and secured the approval of Governor Van Sant, but an amendment to it required the unanimous approval of the board of pardons before parole of life prisoners could become effective.

Under the provisions of this law the board of prison managers have unanimously recommended the parole of the Youngers. This recommendation will be at once presented to the board of pardons, but none of the members of the board will say whether a special meeting will be called to consider the matter. The next regular meeting will be held in July. Before final action it would be necessary to have the legality of the two provisions of the new law passed upon. In the meantime the two surviving Youngers are rejoicing over the hope of ultimate release.

IN PRIME CONDITION

No Reason to Feel Blue Over Nebraska's Crop Prospects.

For the week ending May 7, the University of Nebraska weather bureau reports conditions as follows: The first part of the past week was warm and dry, with high south wind. The last days of the week were cool, with heavy general rains. The daily mean temperature has averaged from 10 degrees to 12 degrees above the normal. The weekly maximum temperatures were generally between 85 degrees and 90 degrees.

The rainfall of the week fell on the last days of the week, and generally exceeded the normal for the first week in May in the eastern part of the state. In the western counties it was about or slightly below normal. In a large part of the eastern portion the rainfall ranged from 1 to 2.5 inches.

The past week has been favorable for the advancement of farm work, and generally for the growth of vegetation. The high south wind dried out the top of the ground and in some instances retarded the growth of oats, wheat, and grass, but no damage resulted to any crop, because of the timely rain the last of the week.

At the close of the week winter wheat was in very fine condition. Oats and spring wheat are coming up evenly and growing well. Grass is still somewhat backward, but is now sufficiently advanced in pastures to sustain stock. Corn planting has made good progress in the southern counties, where about one-third of the crop is planted and a little of the earliest planted is up. Corn planting has commenced in nearly all parts of the state. Fruit trees are blossoming very fully in all parts of the state.

KILLED BY HIS DAUGHTER.

Young Woman Then Turns Weapon on Herself With Fatal Effect.

Gustav Baar, aged fifty, bailiff of the St. Louis school board and ex-representative, was shot and instantly killed at his home by his daughter Ida, aged twenty, who then turned the revolver upon herself, inflicting a wound from which she died in two minutes. The action of the young woman was premeditated, as was shown by a letter which she left. In it she said that the frequent insults offered her mother by her father became unbearable, and that she had resolved to kill him and then herself. Mr. Baar was asleep when he was killed.

ROBBERY IN WASHINGTON

Jewels and Money Stolen Aggregating \$8,000.

One of the largest robberies ever committed in Washington occurred when the house of Miss Olive Starring, on Massachusetts avenue, was entered, and diamonds, jewelry, and money approximately in value over \$8,000 was taken. Mrs. Starring was away at the time and missed the valuables on her return. Lewis Mortimer Monroe, an inventor, residing in New York, and who visited the house, was arrested on suspicion.

REGIMENT MUSTERED OUT

Service of the Thirty-ninth Regiment Finished.

The Thirty-ninth regiment, United States volunteers, recruited at Fort Crook, September, 1899, after an arduous and honorable campaign in the Philippines, was drawn up for the last time shortly before noon May 6, at the camp in the Presidio, where it has been nearly a month, and mustered out of the service.

The regiment numbered at muster out 708 enlisted men and twenty-seven officers. Of these, over 15 per cent are Nebraskans. The regiment has one of the best records of any that saw service in the islands, and the Nebraskans have done their share in winning its good name.

The man who won high encomium for bravery is Captain Wallace C. Taylor, son of Cadet Taylor of Omaha. He was twice recommended for brevet rank as lieutenant colonel and once for a medal of honor. Congress will act on the recommendations at the next session. Taylor is now boarding officer of customs at Manila.

An unusually large number of men from Nebraska was promoted to commissioned officers from the ranks for bravery and efficiency. Among them are Second Lieutenant Robert B. McConnell of Superior, Second Lieutenant Walter E. Barrett of Lincoln, who received his shoulder straps the day he left Manila, and Second Lieutenant Packwood of Lincoln who has been advanced to a second lieutenant since the regiment was quartered in the Presidio. This is the second time Barrett has achieved this remarkable success, as once before in the First Nebraska he rose from private to lieutenant. He re-enlisted as private in the Thirty-ninth.

Among Nebraska men who died are Captain William F. Murphy of Council Bluffs, who was killed at Nodates, August 13, 1900. His widow and a little daughter, who was born after Captain Murphy left the United States, are in Fort Crook. Lieutenant John E. Washg committed suicide in a fit of temporary insanity in the Philippines. Lieutenant Frank M. Polk of Lincoln died of pneumonia at the Presidio hospital April 30. He arrived in good health, but was taken sick a few days after landing and died after a short illness.

MEET ON THE BORDER LINE

Americans and Mexicans Exchange Cordialities—President Central Figure.

The American and Mexican flags were intertwined in the decorations of the plaza at El Paso, Tex., where the official greeting of President McKinley and his cabinet took place. The presence on the stand of General Hernandez, personal representative of President Diaz, and the governor of the state Chihuahua, gave an international significance to the event. There were thousands of Mexicans in the vast concourse of people to whom the president spoke, and their enthusiasm was almost as wild as that of the Americans.

General Hernandez addressed the president on behalf of his president, extending the latter's congratulations and President McKinley in his response paid a high tribute to the president of the Mexican republic. There was, he said, no imperialism except the imperial power of the sovereign people of the United States.

The governor of Chihuahua also warmly welcomed the president to the border. The exercises in the plaza were preceded by a military parade. The ladies of the cabinet crossed the Rio Grande to Juarez, where they were tendered a breakfast by Juan Ochoa, a prominent Mexican banker. Mrs. McKinley did not attend the breakfast, but enjoyed a short drive during that morning.

LAUNCH OF CONSTITUTION

Proposed Cup Defender Christened at Her Initial Dip.

With her hull decorated and her deck well filled with sailors the cup defender Constitution was christened by Mrs. W. Butler Duncan, who broke the traditional bottle of wine on her glistening bow just as she started slowly down the ways into the sea. A platform had been rigged under the bow and on this Mrs. Duncan stood when the gong for the starting was sounded. Beside her on the platform was her husband. At the sound of the gong Mrs. Duncan dashed a bottle of champagne against the yacht's bow and as the wine gushed in sparkling foam on the prow, the yacht slowly began her descent in the water. With the breaking of the bottle Mrs. Duncan in a clear voice said, "I christen thee Constitution." The contest this year promises to be extremely exciting.

Sultan Shoots Doctor.

"It is rumored," says the Constantinople correspondent of the London Daily Express, "that the sultan shot dead a physician, who, while attending him for ear complaint and massaging him, unwittingly caused his majesty intense pain. The chamberlain rushed into the room, and the sultan, who supposed there was an attempt upon his life, fired again, wounding the chamberlain."

Boy is Killed.

The 6-year-old son of C. F. French, a farmer living northwest of Sterling, Neb., met a sudden death. His elder brother, aged about ten, was coming in from the field with a cultivator. The unfortunate lad went to meet him and climbed upon the cultivator to take a ride. The horses got frightened and ran away. The elder boy let the lines go and the younger one was thrown from the cultivator seat and dragged for several rods. His head was badly lacerated, and his neck was broken.