

## A TOWN FLAME SWEEP

The City of Jacksonville, Florida, Suffers a Great Conflagration.

### THE LOSS IS VERY MANY MILLIONS

Heart of the City Eaten Out by the Devouring Element—Business Blocks and Residences in Great Numbers Are Entirely Wiped Out.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 4.—The most disastrous fire in the history of this city began yesterday shortly after noon, in a small factory, started by a defective wire, according to the best belief, and burned for nearly ten hours. In that time property damage estimated from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 was caused.

According to the city map 130 blocks were burned, many of them in the heart of the business and residence section, where the estimate of houses to the block is ten. Many of the finest public and private buildings were destroyed, including hotels, theater, churches and residences.

The casualties cannot be accurately estimated tonight. That there were several seems to be well authenticated. Among them was that of Fire Chief Haney, who sustained a bad fall. The mayor ordered all saloons closed and has impressed help to clear the wreckage. The mayor stated that he estimated the loss at \$15,000,000 and that 10,000 to 15,000 people were homeless.

Along the entire length of Beaver street, from Davis street to the creek on Liberty street, all buildings have been destroyed. This is fourteen solid blocks of residences. For the same distance Ashley and Church streets have both been completely blotted out. When the fire reached Bridge street in its eastward course it enveloped in flames an area three blocks wide, taking in Duval, Monroe and the north side of Adams street, burning the entire section of the city and running fourteen blocks to the Duval street bridge.

How much further in that direction the city is burned it is impossible to learn, the street being impassable, but it is feared that St. Luke's hospital was burned and it is said that the Presbyterian church in East Jacksonville is ablaze. If this is correct, the fire must have extended five blocks further east. The fire, which broke out at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, has covered, as far as is definitely known, a distance of two and a half miles by half a mile wide.

When the fire reached Julia street it was a roaring conflagration and there was no prospect of it being put under control. The local military companies were called out to keep the crowds back and the fire department began to use dynamite to blow up houses a block from the fire hoping thus to prevent the fire from spreading. So fierce was the blaze, however, and so strong had become the wind, that millions of sparks and flying, burning shingles spread over five or six blocks, setting the roofs of the houses on fire in advance of the department.

It is impossible at this hour to ascertain the losses, but it is estimated by insurance agents that it will be between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000. Six lives are reported lost in the conflagration. The mayor has called a meeting of the city council for tomorrow to consider ways and means of relieving the sufferers.

### Well Known Farmer Killed.

NEW LONDON, Ia., May 4.—Harry Helphrey of Canaan township, a well known farmer, was killed while at work in his field by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. He had leaned his gun against a fence post and was plowing, when, in making a turn, the horses knocked the gun down and it exploded. The contents entered Helphrey's heart, killing him instantly.

### Typhoid at German Forts.

BERLIN, May 4.—An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in several forts and villages in the neighborhood of Metz. The Eighth Bavarian regiment has alone last sixteen men from the disease and has 281 men sick.

### Wins Holy Terror Case.

RAPID CITY, S. D., May 4.—P. B. McCarty of this city has received word from the supreme court at Washington that he has won the Holy Terror case, which gives him one-eighth interest in the Holy Terror mine at Keystone.

### Gould Gets Arkansas Line.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 4.—A special from Helena, Ark., says: John J. Hornor, president of the Arkansas Midland railroad, today admitted that his road would pass under the control of the Gould system within the next sixty days, probably sooner. He returned yesterday from St. Louis, where the deal was practically closed. The sale included the main line from Helena to Arkadon and the branch from Pine City to Brinkley.

## CHINA CANNOT MEET DEMANDS.

Must Have Aid to Pay Indemnity—Tone of Waldersee's Letter.

PEKIN, May 3.—At a meeting of the ministers yesterday the report of the indemnity committee was read. Regarding the resources of China the report was very voluminous. It was practically a repetition of Jamesson's well known pamphlet on the subject. Sir Robert Hart offered suggestions similar to those already credited to him and cable to the Associated Press. It is asserted that the revenues from all available resources will not allow China to pay the indemnity unless assistance is rendered.

The next meeting will be held next Tuesday. The subject of Count von Waldersee's letter will then be taken up and a reply to it will be drafted. The ministers assert that they know what they want without being told. They particularly object to any of the legation guards being under any authority except that of the ministers themselves.

### NEBRASKA PENSION FRAUDS.

Fred Dorer Taken to Omaha for Crime Against Veterans.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 3.—Fred Dorer, alias Fred Dolan, who was arrested here on a charge of drunkenness two weeks ago and later identified as a man wanted by the government authorities for pension frauds, was taken to Omaha today for trial in the federal court. Pension Commissioner Tedrow of this city recognized the man as one who is alleged to have committed pension frauds near Beatrice, Neb., in April, 1899. It is claimed that Dorer represented that he was a special pension examiner and could secure pensions and increases in pensions for the old soldiers in that district. Under this pretense, it is alleged, he collected a sum of money and then left the country.

### WU THINKS CUSTOMS TOO LOW.

Says Present Rate is Inadequate to Provide for New Loan.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—It is believed here that the hitch which is said to have arisen at Pekin over the proposition to increase the Chinese customs duties to meet the indemnities demanded by the foreign powers is caused by the proaching by Mr. Rockhill of his plan for the abolition of the likin duties as a condition for his acquiescence in the customs increase. The United States government has in the past admitted a readiness to permit the Chinese to increase custom rates providing there was no discrimination between the powers. Minister Wu says that the present 5 per cent rate is totally inadequate to provide a sinking fund for a new loan.

### COMING HOME OF TROOPS

Many of the Volunteer Troops to Return Before the End of May.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—Major Miller, chief quartermaster at Manila, has cabled the war department an approximate schedule of the sailing of transports from Manila with troops to be mustered out of service, as follows:

May 10, Hancock, with the Thirty-first; Buford, with the Forty-first; Pennsylvania, with the Fortieth.

May 20, Logan and Kilpatrick, with the Thirty-eighth, Forty-third and Forty-fourth; Indiana, with the Forty-second.

May 25, Grant, with the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth; Ohio, with the Forty-seventh.

If there should be any surplus they will be sent on the Thomas.

### Iowa is Launched Again.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 3.—The battleship Iowa was launched today from the Bremerton navy yard, after undergoing repairs and a thorough overhauling. Less than four weeks were required in the great undertaking, although six weeks had been allowed by the navy department. The Iowa is now awaiting sailing orders.

### Twins Burn to Death.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 3.—Jay and Joy, the 3-year-old twin children of Mrs. Layton Hubbard, were burned to death in a stable at Hawarden, Ia. The children were playing in the barn and set fire to some papers. The charred remains were found after the barn had been destroyed.

### Shot Through the Heart.

NEW LONDON, Ia., May 3.—Harry Helphrey, farmer, while plowing in the field, leaned his shotgun against the fence. In making a turn his horses knocked down the gun and it went off, sending the load into Helphrey's heart, killing him instantly.

### Canada to Control Road.

OTTAWA, May 3.—The scheme by which the Manitoba government hopes to control passenger and freight rates within the province has been ratified by the Dominion railway committee. The provincial government will lease that portion of the Northern Pacific railroad lying within the province for a term of 99 years. It will be immediately turned over to McKenzie & Mann of Toronto for management, the government fixing all freight rates.

## IS GOULD AND CLARK

These Are the Men Now Figuring in Union Pacific Theories.

### BUYING IN ORDER TO CONTROL.

New Yorker Thought to Cherish Three-Road Control Scheme—Clark Wants Outfit for New Line, and is Said to Be Seeking Privileges in the East.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The Mail and Express says: It was learned from official sources that William K. Vanderbilt is a large holder of Union Pacific stock and that he acquired his holding after reaching a full understanding with E. H. Harriman. Those in a position to know assert that Mr. Harriman was placed at the head of the road at the instance of Mr. Vanderbilt, although others declare that Mr. Harriman is the joint choice of Messrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, George J. Gould and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Mr. Harriman is a close personal friend of Mr. Vanderbilt and was picked out to manage the Union Pacific because he was regarded as an able railroad man. From sources close to Mr. Vanderbilt, it appears that the present management of the Union Pacific is not only in thorough accord with that gentleman, but has stood ready for a long time to make a deal with the Chicago & Northwestern, which the Vanderbilts control. But up to the present year of great deals, Mr. Vanderbilt, it is said, thought it was better for the Northwestern to have several strings to its bow, rather than tie up exclusively with the Union Pacific.

The Burlington deal, however, changed the western situation and the aggressive policy of Messrs. J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan in combining the Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern forced the Northwestern to prepare for future emergencies.

There are excellent reasons for the assumption that Mr. Vanderbilt has been the largest buyer of Union Pacific on the great rise to nearly 130 either for his own account, with a view to increasing his interest, or on account of Chicago & Northwestern, so that the latter can exercise a leading influence in Union Pacific.

There is good ground for believing that George J. Gould, as president of the Missouri Pacific and a leading director in Union Pacific, has been a heavy buyer of the latter stock and that by means of his large private holdings of stock which may later be turned over to the Missouri Pacific, the latter road will, jointly with the Northwestern, and possibly the St. Paul, control Union Pacific.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 2.—The Evening Express this afternoon published a report that private advices have been received here to the effect that John W. Gates, the steel magnate, is responsible for the recent phenomenal advance in Union Pacific stock and that Gates is acting for Senator W. A. Clark and associates, who are endeavoring to secure control of the Union Pacific as an outlet for the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad.

### ANNIVERSARY OF MANILA BAY.

Admiral Dewey and His Comrades in Battle Meet at Banquet Board.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The third anniversary of the battle of Manila bay was celebrated here tonight by a banquet at the Raleigh hotel, participated in by officers of the American fleet who took part in that conflict. These numbered about twenty-five persons, less than one-fourth of those who were in the battle. The greater number of them came from stations along the Atlantic coast, from Portsmouth, N. H., to Norfolk, Va. The floral decorations were unusually attractive, but four large American flags, with the American eagle and shield as a centerpiece, were the features of the decoration.

### Center of Population.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The census bureau issued a bulletin announcing that the center of population of the United States, excluding Alaska and recent territorial acquisitions, on June last was six miles southeast of Columbus, Bartholomew county, in southern Indiana.

### German's Surprising Action.

HONG KONG, May 2.—It is reported that the Germans have selected a concession at Canton, that the preliminaries have been arranged and that possession will be taken soon.

### Warrant for Thousands.

SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., May 2.—A warrant containing 3,000 names was issued by United States Judge John R. Thomas, in the northern district, and given to Marshal Bennett for service. The complaint was made by Hon. Tams Bixby, acting chairman of the Dawes commissions, and is against the Creek fullbloods who refuse to be enrolled. The commission has tried for several weeks to get the Creek Indians to enroll to no avail.

### Beet Beer.

Manufacture of beer from beet roots is being advocated in England. The beet abounds in sugar juice, but it is stated that the cost of separating it from the gums, acids and salts is somewhat expensive and would result in a higher price being charged for the beer.

### Willing to Compromise.

The following letter, written by a woman in Kansas, has been received by the Philadelphia police department: "Chief Police, will you see the woman whose name is in the enclosed advertisement, I will settle with her for \$500. She has a medicine which she says will remove hair from the face. I sent her one dollar and got a bottle of the medicine and it burnt my face and now I have not a heavy beard the doctor say I will have whiskers now all my life. If she will give you \$500 I will take it and say nothing against the woman."

### The Lily's "Dream."

Mrs. Langtry's English house in Chelsea is described as "a dream of beauty." The flooring of the drawing room has been taken up and replaced by white marble, and everything is done on the same splendid scale. The furniture and decorations are said to have cost more than \$10,000.

Ask your grocer for DEFIANCE STARCH, the only 16 oz. package for 10 cents. All other 10-cent starch contains only 12 oz. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

A joke about the Schuyllkill water cannot be made very clear.

\$148 will buy new Upright piano on easy payments. Write for catalogues. Schmoller & Mueller, 1313 Farnam street, Omaha.

After effect—the kind word that makes a dog's tail wag.

### Hall's Catarrh Cure

Is taken internally. Price, 75c.

Most appropriate name for a dentist—Phil Pullman.

A dyspeptic is never on good terms with himself. Something is always wrong. Get it right by chewing Beaman's Pepsin Gum.

There's no egg so large that it cannot be beaten.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBBINS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

Some men seem to be fired by genius and some seem to have been fired by the girl's pa.

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No man can stand on top because he is put there.

Hamil's Blood and Liver Pills cure constipation and all the ills due to it; 25c at your druggists.

The "bad boy" often makes the best man.

Garfield Tea is the most used, the best liked, and is the original herb tea for the cure of constipation and sick headache. It strengthens the digestive organs.

Opals have never been so fashionable as this season.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn?

Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

### Old Maids' Home.

Sweden and Norway both boast several homes for unmarried women. One of these was endowed more than 200 years ago by a man who left the bulk of his fortune to his spinster descendants. The home is managed by salaried trustees, and the unmarried women who can prove kinship to the founder is entitled to a home there.

### The Only Woman Admiral.

The queen of Greece is the only woman admiral in the world. She was so appointed by the late Emperor Alexander III. of Russia, because of her love for the sea, instead of being given a regiment, according to custom.

## PERIODS OF PAIN.

How Three Women Found Relief.



While no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it does not seem to have been the plan of nature that woman should suffer so severely. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most thorough female regulator known to medical science. It relieves the condition which produces so much discomfort and robs menstruation of its terrors.

The three letters here published should encourage every woman who suffers:

Aug. 6, 1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered since the age of sixteen with painful menstruation. I have been treated for months, and was told that the womb had fallen a little. The doctor says that is now in place again, but I still have the same pain. Please tell me what to do."—MRS. EMMA KUEHL, 112 Trautman St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.



"I was troubled with female weakness, irregular and painful menstruation, and leucorrhoea. The doctor's medicine did me no good. I have taken one bottle and a half of your Vegetable Compound, and thank you to your medicine, my pains are gone. I advise all women suffering as I have to use your Vegetable Compound."—EMMA J. PRIBBLE, Indianapolis, Ill.

Jan. 19, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—After receiving your reply to my letter of Aug. 6 I followed your kind advice, and am glad to tell you that I have been cured of the severe pain at time of menstruation through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have taken six bottles of it, felt better after the first bottle, and after a while had no more pain or womb trouble.

"I had doctored from the age of sixteen to twenty-six, and had lost all hope, but your medicine has made me well.

"I would like to have you see my testimonial, so that others may see, and be inspired with hope, and take your medicine."—MRS. EMMA KUEHL, 112 Trautman St., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

April 23, 1900.

"Since receiving your answer to my letter I have been taking your Vegetable Compound, and it has done me more good than any medicine I have ever taken. My menses are all right now, and appear once a month, and I feel so much stronger. I shall always praise your medicine."—MISS MAGGIE POLLARD, 319 So. 4th St., Richmond, Va.

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**\$5000** REWARD.—We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special permission.

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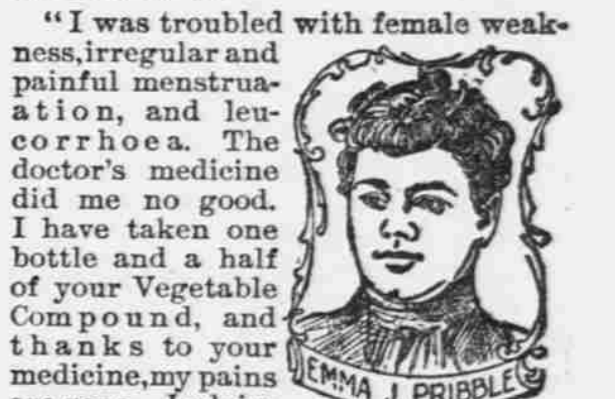
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It is the raised stick that makes the dog obey.

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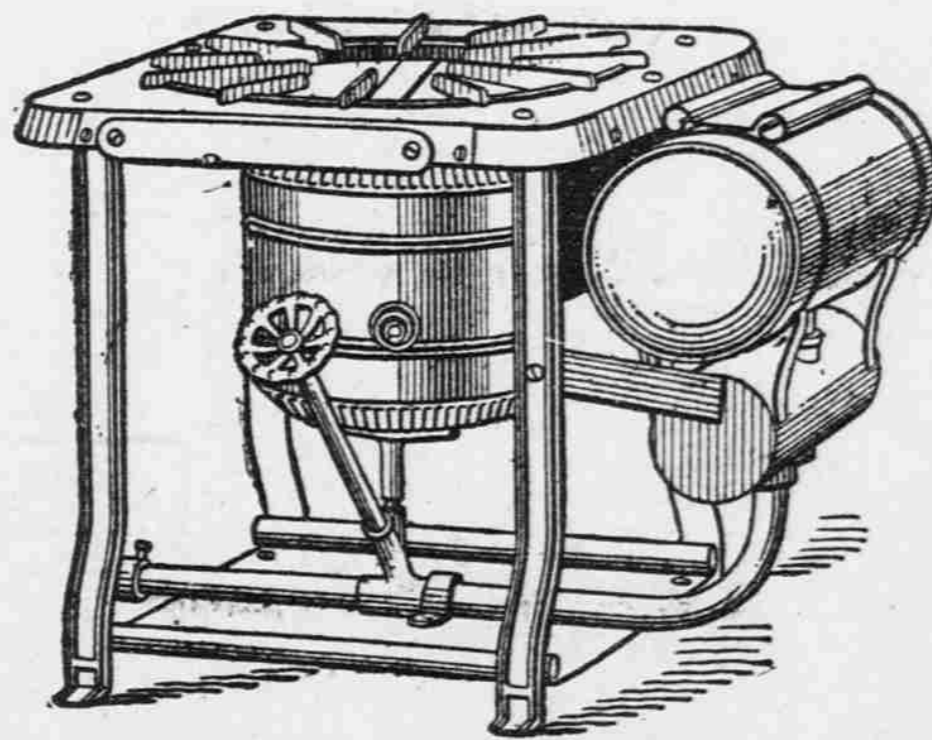
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