

BURNED TO DEATH

TWO PRISONERS LOSE THEIR LIVES IN JAIL FIRE.

Had Just Been Arrested at Lake City, Ia.—Fire Started by One of the Men Who is Supposed to Have Been Intoxicated.

A Lake City, Ia., special says: Geo. W. Bppterick and William Jackson were burned to death Sunday about 2 o'clock in the city jail by a fire started by Bppterick. These, with J. I. Hipple and Isaac Allen, were arrested about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon for disorderly conduct. They probably had been using foul language on the public square.

Marshal Geo. W. Davis put Bppterick and Jackson in the east cell, leaving Hipple and Allen in the corridor. He told them he would go home to get dinner and come back in an hour. Soon some boys around the jail heard Hipple and Allen yelling that Bppterick was trying to set the jail on fire, but thought it a fake. In a few minutes, however, smoke issued from the cell. A boy ran to the home of Marshal Peter Miles to get the keys. He managed to open the outer door and let Hipple and Allen out. The other two were dead when he got the door open. They were burned practically beyond recognition.

Bppterick had never been connected with crimes before. He leaves a wife and five children.

Jackson was arrested last year for stealing. He had a family. His wife has been running through the streets threatening to burn Mayor Albright's residence. She will probably be taken into custody, as it is alleged she is insane.

Coroner Norton, with Sheriff Risely, arrived from Rockwell City about 6 o'clock. He held an inquest, with J. M. Stewart, L. F. Danforth and M. A. Chapman as jurors. He subpoenaed twelve witnesses.

Relatives of the dead men threaten prosecution on account of alleged criminal negligence of the officers, but it is not generally believed, as no responsibility attaches to any officials.

BOYCOTT NOT SERIOUS.

Col. Denby Makes Light of Anti-American Agitation in China.

"The Chinese boycott on American goods certainly cannot be carried to the extreme of seriously affecting our commerce in the orient," declared Charles Denby, the chief clerk of the state department at Washington, who recently completed a twenty-year official residence in China, and who has arrived in Washington to assume his new office.

"When I left Peking last March there was no apparent dissatisfaction over the exclusion, and there was no talk of a boycott."

Mr. Denby said he could not believe the Chinese government or any of the progressive interests of that country would encourage such a movement.

FIRE DESTROYS INFIRMARY.

Only One Inmate Seriously Hurt in Disaster at Macon, Mo.

Fire Sunday destroyed the Macon County infirmary, an institution for paupers and insane persons at Macon, Mo. Mrs. A. M. Decker, one of the patients, was frightfully burned about the face and arms, but probably will recover. The other patients were safely removed from the building under the direction of Mrs. William Patrick, the superintendent's wife. Patrick himself was ill.

All the patients have been accounted for save one, who is supposed to have strayed away from the grounds during the excitement. Loss, \$25,000.

LYNCHERS NOT IDENTIFIED.

Victims of Texas Mob Had Killed a White Farmer.

All has been quiet at Henderson, Ky., since the lynching of the three negroes Sunday morning. The bodies of the victims were cut down shortly after the hanging and have been claimed by relatives. After the men were hung the mob quietly dispersed. None of those who participated has been identified.

The crime which the negroes were charged with having committed was the killing of Elias Howell, a white farmer, of the Pirtle neighborhood, about ten miles from Henderson.

Sun Spot Worries Mexico.

The remarkably hot weather lasting into November attracts the attention of meteorologists at Mexico City, Mex., some of whom attribute it to an immense sun spot. Earthquakes continue to be reported from various parts of the country, the shocks in some cases being severe.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, 3.35@4.55. Hogs, \$4.72@4.85.

Fire on Steamer Dakota.

Fire broke out suddenly on the Great Northern steamer Dakota at Kobe, Japan, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was not extinguished until many hours' fight against the flames. It is said that some matting caught fire.

Serious Riots in Spain.

Student riots in Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona, Spain, are assuming serious dimensions. The police are guarding the student quarter at Valencia. The civil guard is being concentrated.

STUDENTS' VERSION GIVEN.

Midshipmen Tell of Fatal Fist Fight.

A statement coming from within the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., believed to represent the midshipmen's version of the fight between Midshipmen Meriwether and Branch and the death of the latter, is as follows:

"The fight between Midshipmen Branch and Meriwether was because of personal dislike and trouble between the two midshipmen, which culminated in the latter personally insulting the former. Midshipman Branch did not report Midshipman Meriwether for any violation of regulations, and he did not incur this fight because of discharging his duty. Midshipman Branch challenged Meriwether as the result of insulting remarks addressed to him by the latter, and it was decided that their differences be decided in the usual manly fashion.

"In weight there was not a difference of over six pounds between the two. Both midshipmen were good physical specimens of manhood, Branch having at one time held the academy lightweight wrestling championship. Meriwether was not considered to be exceptionally well developed physically, as has been erroneously stated. This way of settling their personal differences may have been a mistaken one, but as far as can be said about an affair of this description it was free from brutality and any unfairness, and the tragic ending is a most lamentable accident.

"At the conclusion of the fight Midshipman Branch was able to walk to his room and there conversed with his seconds for a time, afterward taking a shower bath and retiring. No fear of the result being tragic was felt. The next morning he was found to be unconscious.

The code at the naval academy absolutely prohibits fighting over a report. Midshipmen on duty frequently have to exercise their authority for the maintenance of the state of discipline, and it would be just as serious an offense against their code for the midshipmen so reported to challenge one who made the report, as it would be for a University of Virginia student to offend against their code of honor by cheating at an examination."

A Washington, D. C., special says: The president has called upon Secretary Bonaparte for a report on certain features of the case of Midshipman Branch, who died at the naval academy at Annapolis after a glove fight with another midshipman.

Secretary Bonaparte said Friday the practice of fighting at the academy was objectionable and would be discouraged.

A MONUMENT OF SATAN.

Police are Called out to Guard Work of a Detroit Contractor.

At Detroit, Mich., two policemen late Thursday night assumed the unique duty of taking up their stations as guards at the site of the monument of Satan. The monument is fourteen feet in height from the foundation to the crown, the horned figure purporting to be Satan being shown in a stooping posture behind a pulpit.

The grotesque affair created a sensation when unveiled in the front yard of Herman Meuse, a contracting stone mason. At night a mob of boys gathered around it and began a bombardment with stones and threatened its destruction, two policemen finally dispersing the crowd and standing guard to prevent further attacks.

TO SHOW FRAUD.

Hearst Prepares Evidence for the Grand Jury.

A New York special says: It was announced at Tammany hall Friday that the Tammany district captains have secured evidence showing frauds committed by Hearst's supporters on election day.

Several leaders said while the recount might lessen McClellan's vote the counter charges of fraud which they intend to bring against the Hearst organization will likewise bring about a lessening of the Hearst vote and in this way an equal reduction will be made in the vote, which will not affect the result.

A Million for the Jews.

Oscar S. Strauss, chairman of the committee appointed at a mass meeting in New York City to arrange for relief of the victims of the recent Jewish massacres in Russia, announced that \$95,000 so far had been raised in that city. Mr. Strauss said that he expected the total subscriptions from all parts of this country would amount to \$1,000,000.

Prisoner Burned to Death.

At Newark, N. J., Michael McDermott, who was serving a sentence for drunkenness, burned himself to death in a padded cell in the jail. Smoke from the fire and the odor of burning flesh created a panic among the prisoners.

Hague Peace Conference.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: The powers have now accepted the invitation of Emperor Nicholas to be represented at the second peace conference at The Hague. The date has been tentatively fixed for May next.

Booth is Not a Trust.

Federal Judge Taylor at Cleveland, O., Friday handed down a far reaching decision, holding, in effect, that A. Booth & Co. is not a trust and that it does not control the price of fish and oysters, directly or indirectly.

Arrested for Bigamy.

George R. Stewart was arrested at Wichita, Kan., on a charge of bigamy, preferred by Mrs. Margaret Stewart, of Chicago. She was formerly Mrs. Margaret O'Hara and says she married Stewart in Chicago, Oct. 19, 1903.

Jumps from Fifth Story.

In the view of hundreds of shoppers in State Street, Chicago, Mrs. Fannie Baynes, of Detroit, jumped from the fifth story window of a department store Friday. She was instantly killed.

CRONSTADT MUTINY.

Sailors from the Warships Try to Burn the City.

St. Petersburg was in a furor of excitement all of Thursday and late into the night over the news of the mutiny at Cronstadt. Every one of the exaggerated reports of the affair received credence in many quarters; half the inhabitants of the capital believed that the mutiny was successful; that the troops sent from St. Petersburg would follow suit, and that the town of Cronstadt had been burned to the ground, together with the surrounding forts.

The place was represented as being in the hands of 8,000 sailors who had murdered their officers, seized the arsenal and bombarded the imperial palace at Peterhof across the bay. Butcherly was said to have prevailed in the streets all during the day, and the rumors even went to the extent of saying that Father John of Cronstadt had left the bed on which he was supposed to be dying to lead the mutineers.

Many of these sensational reports were, of course, entirely false, but sufficient details have been received to prove that about 3,000 sailors and a battalion of artillerymen from one of the forts indulged in a mutiny which was only put down by about 7,000 Cossacks and troops of the imperial guard hastily detached from St. Petersburg and from the garrisons at Peterhof.

Before the arrival of the troops the sailors, many of whom were drunk, having plundered the spirit shops, had set fire to the market and to several groups of houses. About 200 sailors were still holding out at midnight, and although these are expected to surrender, the authorities became so alarmed that the Paul regiment of the guard was dispatched to Cronstadt at 1 o'clock in the morning.

The government officers of Cronstadt telegraphed the general staff at midnight that the mutiny had been crushed; that there was no likelihood of a renewal of the revolt; that reports to the effect that the members of the guard had joined the revolt were false, and that there was no truth in the report that the mutineers had seized the arsenal and forts.

FOR WRECKING A TRAIN.

Son of German Baron Found Guilty of Murder.

A Des Moines, Ia., special says: After an all night deliberation the jury returned a verdict at noon declaring Erich von Kutzleben, son of Baron von Kutzleben's family, guilty of murder in the first degree. The penalty is death or imprisonment for life. The baroness, mother of the defendant, who came all the way from Germany to see that her son was properly defended, fainted when the verdict was announced. The specific act for which young von Kutzleben was tried was the wrecking of a Rock Island passenger train at Homestead, Ia., on March 21 last, and which resulted in the death of Engineer A. C. Hotchkiss. He wrecked the train "just to see what would happen."

WARSHIP SENT TO SCENE.

Government is Prepared to Meet Trouble in San Domingo.

The navy department at Washington has been advised the cruiser Denver left Guantanamo Wednesday for San Pedro Marcos, San Domingo, to which placed Rear Admiral Bradford was ordered to send a warship because of reported trouble.

Admiral Bradford sailed Wednesday with his flagship, the cruiser Olympia from Guantanamo for San Domingo city.

The war department received a telegram from Col. Colton, dated at San Domingo, Nov. 8, which says, "Everything is perfectly quiet."

NORTHERN PACIFIC WRECK.

Passenger Train Crashes Into Freight Near Missoula.

A Missoula, Mont., dispatch says: A Northern Pacific passenger train, east bound, running at thirty miles an hour crashed into the rear of an eastbound freight train two miles west of here Thursday.

A score of passengers and trainmen were injured. Two engineers will probably die.

Surrendered by His Brother.

Shelby Ball, indicted for the murder of Lewis Collin at Pineville, Ky., last May and the alleged leader of a gang of ruffians, who have been terrorizing Middleboro, Ky., and Cumberland Gap, Tenn., for the past two weeks, was surrendered Thursday to Judge M. J. Moss, of the court, by his brother.

Dead Near Finnee's Home.

At St. Louis, Mo., the body of Lucien Eckhardt, aged 21 years, was found in an alley early Wednesday near the home of his fiancée, Miss Kate Burns. He had been shot and the evidence was that of suicide.

Mutineers Give Up.

Rio Janeiro advices state: The garrison in the fortress of Santa Cruz, at the entrance of the bay, who mutined Wednesday, have surrendered to the authorities. The city is perfectly quiet. There is no revolution.

Militia Called Out.

Two companies of militia have been ordered to Whitwell, Tenn., where a battle between strikers and non-union miners is reported.

Typhoon Sweeps Guam.

A severe typhoon, accompanied by a deluge of rain, took place at Guam Wednesday. The extent of the damage done is unknown. The towns of Agana and Piti were inundated, but no lives were lost.

Fire at Los Angeles.

A fire which started in the engine room of the institution completely destroyed the Bimin bath and sanitarium in the west end of Los Angeles, Cal., entailing a loss of \$250,000.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Two Lives Lost in Crash—Laborers Buried Beneath Tons of Debris—Accident Occurred on a New Building Being Erected at Omaha

Albert Lumpkin and James McNamara, laborers, working on the fireproofing at the new Hayden Bros. building on Douglas Street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, Omaha, were buried in nearly 100 tons of concrete and brick Monday morning, when a tie rod in one section of the fireproofing broke on the fourth floor, where the men were working, and were killed instantly. The section that gave way carried the next one below with it and each succeeding section gave way under the increasing weight until the sub-basement was reached.

It took a large force of men an hour and a half to dig out the bodies. The men were found close to each other. At the time of the accident Lumpkin, McNamara and a man named J. Corbett were working on a section in the center of the building on the fourth floor. Corbett escaped by clinging to a rod when the section gave way. He was working near the edge of the section and had a chance to save himself. As he left the building without reporting to the timekeeper the first report was he had been killed.

So far as can be determined the breaking of a tie rod weakened the section and caused it to drop. The whole thing happened quickly, the two men being in the sub-basement beneath the debris before anyone could realize what had happened. The mass of brick and concrete pierced each floor with a heavy thud.

Foreman Gardner, of the fireproofing work estimated that about 100 tons of the prooing fell, the distance from the top of the fourth floor to the floor of the sub-basement being seventy-five feet. The system of fireproofing being installed at the new store is known as the Rapp system, this being the first of its kind to be placed in Omaha. The sections which gave way were 18x21 feet. Each section consisted of an arch of hardened brick resting on steel girders and topped with a heavy concrete. A tie rod is drawn taut under each section.

FOR RECKLESS SHOOTING.

Riley Garringer, of Omaha, arrested at Dunning by Constable Ira Foster and brought to Broken Bow Sunday, charged with sending a rifle bullet through the windows of a car attached to train 44 of the Burlington last week, and missing within the fraction of an inch the head of a passenger, were brought before Judge Armour for hearing. Both parties seemed much astonished at their arrest and were quite vehement in declaring that no harm was intended in any way. Garringer, who fired the shot, is working for Owens, and the two were hauling a load of lumber at the time. He says he was aiming at a telegraph pole as the train was approaching, but the horses commenced prancing and he must have missed his aim, the shot passing through both windows of the coach.

Alleges Malpractice.

Edward Hart, of Nebraska City, filed in the district court a \$10,000 damage suit against Dr. W. T. Neal, also of that city. Hart was injured several months ago while in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company. He was taken to St. Mary's and placed under the care of Dr. Neal. Hart charges Dr. Neal with carelessness and negligence in reducing a fracture and in the subsequent treatment and claims that he was permanently deformed and that he is wholly unable to earn a livelihood for himself and family.

Laborer Has Close Call.

Shortly after the track laying machine on the Great Northern Railway's new Sioux City-Ashland line was started from Ashland Tuesday morning for the first time the vest of one of the workmen, named Johnson, caught in the machinery, tearing his clothing all off and scratching his left arm and chest. He escaped death by strangulation only by the promptness of the engineer in throwing off the power.

Divorced Couple Remarry.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Parker, early settlers in the north part of York County and highly respected, prosperous farmers, who were divorced at the last term of district court at York, have decided they made a mistake. The term of court has not yet expired and the judge has been petitioned to set the decree aside, and now Mr. and Mrs. Parker are living together.

Fremont Druggists Organize.

The druggists of Fremont held a meeting and organized a retail association in connection with the national druggists' organization. The following officers were elected: President, Otto Pohl; vice president, Dana Dodge; secretary, Frank Koss; treasurer, W. Platt. The list of officers includes all the drug firms in the city.

The Vote in Sarpy County.

The canvassing board appointed by the county clerk to canvass the vote of Sarpy County found the two candidates for county superintendent, George Miller, Democrat, and Mr. Collins, Republican, a tie, each having received 802 votes.

Pawnee County Man for Judge.

Word was received at Beatrice Thursday that Gov. Macey had appointed John B. Raper, of Pawnee City, district judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge A. H. Babcock.

Presbyterian Semi-Centennial.

On Wednesday evening the members of the First Presbyterian church of Nebraska City celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church in that city. The exercises were public and were held in the church building.

Wants Big Damages.

O. C. Higbee has begun a suit in the district court of Sarpy County at Papillion against John H. Vick, of Gretna, for the sum of \$10,000 damages, which he alleges has been caused by the alienation of his wife's affections.

DYNAMITERS AT WAKEFIELD

Wreck a Saloon Building in an Attempted Burglary.

Dynamiters early Monday blew up the saloon of F. E. Matejka at Wakefield, secured \$50 in cash from the safe, fled from town and were later captured three miles east by a posse of armed citizens. The yeagmen were not taken without a battle, in which one of them was shot and wounded, though not seriously, in the arm. When he had been winged the pair capitulated.

CRIPPEN WILL RECOVER.

The parties arrested are Jack Lynch, alias "Xorkey," and "Kid" Parker. The robbers were taken to Ponca, the county seat, for safe keeping. They refused to give their names. On their persons were found a quantity of nitroglycerin and a bundle of fuse, so that it is thought they may be members of an organized gang. It is thought there is another member of the gang and the posse searched further, but failed to find him. Bloodhounds were taken to the scene from Norfolk, but so many people had tramped around the spot that the hounds could get no scent.

The explosion tore out the whole side of the saloon building. The crash from the explosion was enormous. It is the belief of the officers that the two prisoners are members of the gang which has been blowing safes in South Dakota this fall. It is believed they blew the safe at the Milwaukee and St. Paul freight depot of Sioux Falls, Sept. 28.

Plainview Marshal Not Fatally Hurt, as Was First Reported.

A telephone message Monday from Plainview says that City Marshal D. H. Crippen, of that place, who was thought to have been fatally stabbed by Farmer Carl Leisner, will recover. Although the blade of a saber pierced the marshal's body for eight or nine inches, yet it has been found that no vital organs were run through, unless blood poisoning sets in the victim will get well. The knife just grazed his stomach.

PAT CROWE'S TRIAL SET.

The trial of Pat Crowe has been set for Monday, Dec. 4, at Omaha. He will be first tried on the charge of assault with intent to kill Officer Jackson. Jackson received a serious wound in the thigh.

Alleged Cudahy Kidnaper Will First Face Charge of Shooting.

Nearly 100 witnesses are named in the brief filed by the prosecution who are to be called in case Crowe is later brought to trial on the highway robbery charge in connection with the Cudahy kidnaping.

Attorney General Morris Brown has transmitted to the school board of Lincoln his official opinion regarding the legality of the claim made by the board on the state employees for tuition fees. The attorney general not only holds that the children of the officers and others who live in Lincoln but who maintain a legal residence elsewhere are entitled to free school privileges, but he denounces the action of the board as an injustice and calls attention to the enormous amount of money Lincoln has filched from the state by the enumeration of the children of state officers and by the enumeration of university students. Before asking for tuition fees from state officers, Mr. Brown suggested to the board that the school district of Lincoln should pay to the state this money received by reason of illegal enumeration.

That Attorney General Brown will institute proceedings to recover from the Lincoln school district the amount of money that has been paid to it out of the school apportionment by reason of the enumeration of university students, there seems little doubt. Developments indicate that it will be an easy matter for the state to make its case. That the law was being violated and that Lincoln school district was getting money from the state which it was not entitled to, is evidenced in one instance by the fact that the census of school children on file in the county superintendent's office is not even sworn to. The census enumerator explained this by saying that he knew the report was not correct and that therefore he refused to swear to it.

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That alfalfa is becoming one of the greatest and most valuable crops in Nebraska is conclusively shown by a report issued Thursday by the state bureau of labor and statistics dealing with the acreage, production and value of the alfalfa crop of Nebraska for 1905. The report shows the total yield of the crop to be 1,301,760 tons, at a value of \$11,715,340. This great yield was raised upon an acreage of 315,711 acres, which gave an average yield of 4.12 tons per acre. The increase in the production of this valuable hay is very noticeable when the acreage and production for the last four years is considered. In 1902 the acreage of alfalfa in the state was 201,556 acres, and the estimated yield was 644,979 tons; in 1903 the total acreage was 238,403 tons, and in 1904, although the acreage decreased about 2,000 acres, being 236,321 acres, yet the total production was greater, owing to a larger average yield. The total yield for that year was 886,203 tons. It will, therefore, be seen that by far the greatest annual increase has been made this year. The increase in acreage over last year has been 79,390 acres, and in total production 415,700 tons. Dawson County ranks first in the production of alfalfa, having produced 90,645 tons on an average of 21,662. Buffalo County enjoys second rank, with a production of 84,116 tons from an acreage of 19,562. Other counties having acreages over 10,000 are Custer, Furnas, Hall, Harlan, Nuckolls and Webster. The value of \$11,715,340 placed upon the alfalfa crop this year will rank it of greater importance than the potato crop and makes it three times the value of the barley and rye crops combined. This is quite surprising, considering that the crop has only been grown in the state to any extent in the last few years.

Members of the self-appointed committee organized at Lincoln to compel Rev. Heiner to give over to their management Tabitha Home, an institution valued at \$40,000, which he has built up during the last seventeen years, are fighting among themselves, and the committee is about to become shipwrecked upon the rock of distrust. This cropped out at a meeting held by the committee Friday night, at which time the committee expected to put the finish to the Heiner and take active charge of the home, or get in a position to do so by securing a majority of the members of the board of trustees. The fight came over the spoils which the committee expected to get after freezing Rev. Heiner out of the home. The meeting closed, however, with members of the committee distrusting each other and with Rev. Heiner, serene and patient, holding the winning hand with four members of the board to the three which he allowed the committee to name.

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