

## SIX PERSONS BURNED

OTHERS HURT IN DISASTROUS  
LENOX, MASS., FIRE.Four Business Blocks and Two  
Dwellings Destroyed in Blaze Which  
Starts Among Oils and Dynamite in  
Clifford Block—Terrific Explosion.

Six persons lost their lives, three others were badly burned and a property loss of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 was caused by the fire which started in the heart of the business section of Lenox, Mass., early Sunday. Four business blocks and two dwellings and two other structures were destroyed in a section bounded by Franklin, Main, Housatonic and Church streets.

The fire is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion.

The dead: Edward C. Ventres, electrician; Mrs. Edward C. Ventres; Miss Leslie Ventres, aged 12 years; Miss Alice French, bookkeeper; Miss Isabel Cook, bookkeeper; Miss Mary Sparks, school teacher. Miss Catherine Root and her two sons, George and Arthur, were severely burned.

A fortunate shift of the wind saved the public library and the fashionable Curtis hotel. In the hotel there was several Easter parties from New York and Boston. The loss of life occurred in the Clifford building, where the blaze started, and resulted primarily from a series of explosions among the turpentine, paints, oils and dynamite stored in the cellar.

The death of Miss French was one of the pitiful tragedies of the fire, while the blaze in the Clifford block was at its height a woman was seen to climb out of a flame filled room onto the veranda on the second story with her night clothing and her hair ablaze. Staggering to the railing the woman leaped to the sidewalk beneath landing in a heap within five or six feet of the blazing walls. Some of the horrified onlookers attempted to drag her out, but the intense heat drove them back, and not until the flames had practically died out was the body recovered.

While none of the beautiful summer residences that have made this Berkshire town famous the country over was threatened, many prominent New York and Boston society people were at the Curtis hotel, which was at one time in danger.

## MARATHON TO JANSEN.

Victorious in Amateur Event at Long  
Island City.

Harry Jansen, of the Pastime Athletic club, won a Marathon race at Celtic park, Long Island City, Saturday, in which seventeen amateurs competed.

Just before the race a riot was precipitated among the 5,000 spectators who threatened harm to Charles Haas, a special policeman who had shot and dangerously injured Thomas B. Daly, a 14-year-old boy, who tried to smuggle his way into the grounds by climbing the fence.

## TWO KILLED; NINE HURT.

Burlington Train Leaves Track on a  
Curve Near Bristol, Wash.

Two people were killed and nine others injured in the wreck of Burlington train No. 16, which left Tacoma, Wash., Saturday afternoon on the Northern Pacific. The train was derailed one mile west of Bristol, Wash., between Clellum and Ellensburg. The engineer and fireman were killed. Among the injured is William Blatt of Norfolk, Neb.

## BOOTH PLANS A TRIP.

Salvation Army General to Again  
Visit America and Canada.

At the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Gen. William Booth, which began in New York Sunday, it was announced by Commissioner Thomas Estill, of Chicago, that the founder of the Salvation Army is planning another trip throughout the United States and Canada next fall. The corps al over the world held meetings Sunday to celebrate the general's birthday.

## Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.00. Top prime beefs for week, \$6.60.

## Tobacco Warehouses Burn.

Fire of incendiary origin destroyed four large tobacco warehouses at Mayfield, Ky., early Sunday.

## Niagara's Voice Stilled.

The voice of the Niagara was mute Sunday for the second time in the memory of man. The river is frozen solid from bank to bank.

## Taft at Easter Service.

President Taft attended Easter services at St. John's Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Taft is a member. Afterwards he was compelled to hold an informal reception on the steps of the church.

## MRS. SAMPSON FREE.

Jury Acquits Her of Murdering Her  
Husband.

Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson, who has been on trial at Lyons, N. Y., since Monday on the charge that she had shot and killed her husband, Harry Sampson, was acquitted shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night.

Mrs. Sampson was trembling when the jury announced its verdict, but she recovered her composure and smilingly received the embraces of her father and other relatives and the congratulations of her friends. She thanked and shook hands with the jurors, her lawyers and the reporters, but declined to make any statement for publication.

Mr. Gilbert, though a cousin of Mrs. Sampson, by marriage, prosecuted the case vigorously but said he was satisfied with the verdict.

The testimony of the defense Friday was brief and at 6:30 o'clock Judge Rich completed his charge to the jury, and an hour later the jurors retired to deliberate. At 10 o'clock they reported having reached an agreement, went to their places in court, and in answer to the clerk's formal question their foreman answered stoutly, "Not guilty."

Mrs. Sampson is to all appearances on the verge of a breakdown from the strain to which she has been subjected since the beginning on Monday of her trial for the murder of her husband. She did not sleep at all Thursday night and Friday morning in turn demanded and pleaded with her attorneys for the privilege of going on the stand and explaining everything. Her advisers and friends had difficulty in calming her. When she entered the court room she was still pale and haggard and her attorneys feared she might collapse.

The jury commenced deliberating at 7:30 o'clock and long before that hour the court room, galleries and corridors were thronged with people, women predominating, awaiting the verdict.

## OIL EXPLODES IN A STILL.

Two Men Lose Lives at Point Rich-  
mond, California.

Two men were burned to death and three others seriously injured, one fatally, as the result of an explosion in one of the oil stills of the Standard Oil company at Point Richmond, Cal., Friday.

The dead are: John Granger, 70 years old; Charles Lawrence, chief clerk, 30 years old, of Santa Rosa. The fire which scattered over eight acres of territory, was fought for over an hour by 1,500 men, and the damage will reach \$50,000.

The still which exploded had a capacity of 10,000 barrels, and as near as can be learned the bottom fell out of it, causing an explosion, which ignited the oil and scattered it over eight acres, burning everything which it touched.

## PAYNE BILL PASSES.

Measure Has a Smooth Path Through  
The House Friday.

After three weeks of consideration the Payne tariff bill was passed by the house of representatives Friday night by a vote of 217 to 161. One republican, Austin, of Tennessee, voted against the measure, and four democrats, all from Louisiana, voted for it. An attempt by Champ Clark, the minority leader, to recommit the bill with instructions signally failed.

The day was filled with excitement from the moment the session began at noon until the minute of adjournment. The members were keyed up to the highest pitch, and a practically full membership remained on duty.

## Negro Lynched in Florida.

John Smith, the negro who dragged Miss Mary Steel Ewing from her buggy, two miles from Arcadia, Fla., in an attempt at a criminal assault, was taken from the sheriff and hanged to a tree Sunday.

## Letter Carrier a Thief.

After forty years in the service of the government as a letter carrier Ben F. Holland, of New York, has been arrested on the charge of stealing money from letters given to him for delivery.

## Goldman in New York.

Emma Goldman, the anarchist, addressed a large audience of her followers at Lyric hall, in New York, Sunday. Miss Goldman's remarks were entirely temperate and the meeting was orderly.

## Hearing Is Put Off.

The hearing of the injunction suit against the eighteen Missouri railroads to prevent the threatened increase of passenger rates, which was filed at St. Louis by Circuit Attorney Jones at the request of Gov. Hadley, has been deferred for several days.

## Kansas Man Shoots. Four.

Horace Schwartz, of Hutchinson, Kan., shot his wife, her brother, Marian Green, and a neighbor, Phineas Spain, Sunday. He then tried to end his own life by drinking carbolic acid. Mrs. Schwartz is in a critical condition but the men were not seriously hurt.

## Artist Earle Disappears.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the artist, whose "affinity" wife recently sued him for an annulment of their marriage, has left his home at Monroe, N. Y., and his whereabouts are at present unknown.

## No Work Abroad.

Forty English immigrants unable to obtain employment in England arrived in New York Sunday on the American line steamship St. Paul.

## NO STRIKE OF MINERS.

Conference Ends in a Deadlock, But  
Old Scale Will Be Paid.

After conferences extending since Wednesday, the anthracite coal operators and the officials of the United Mine Workers of America, representing the miners, at which the question of a wage agreement was discussed, the operators Friday rejected the modified demands of the miners presented Thursday and the conference adjourned deadlocked.

There will be no strike inaugurated by the mine workers, however, and the only danger of a suspension of mining in the near future, according to the mine workers' officials, arise from the possibility of the refusal of the operators to permit the miners to work without an agreement.

## INTERVENTION THOUGHT OF

Zelaya's Course Is Annoying to State  
Department.

Nicaraguan mutilation of official dispatches to this government and continued grave conditions in Central America are under the earnest consideration of the Washington government. Investigations have convinced the officials at Washington that cipher dispatches passing between John H. Gregory, the American charge at Managua, Nicaragua, and the state department at Washington were purposely mutilated during Nicaragua's unusual military activity.

It would not be surprising in view of the unsatisfactory conditions which prevail if the American government should at any time take active steps to end the existing state of affairs in Central America and notify Nicaragua that henceforth peace must prevail at all hazards. Moral suasion with Nicaragua has failed to accomplish the object sought, that of impressing her with the desire, both of the United States and Mexico, that there be a cessation of conditions which keep other Central American republics constantly guessing as to what may happen and that tend to the impoverishment of the people because of their fears of the future. Intervention in Central American affairs has been talked of unofficially repeatedly.

American war vessels are still retained in Central American waters and Thursday the cruiser North Dakota sailed from Magdalena bay for Amabala, Honduras, into the Gulf of Fonseca, in which some of the naval activity maintained by Nicaragua has manifested itself.

## DIVORCE COLONY HIT.

Nevada Judge Rules Both Parties  
Must Be Residents.

The divorce colony at Reno, Nev., is much disturbed over a ruling by Justice Orr Thursday that both parties to a divorce action must be bona fide residents. The Southern divorce suit is said to be almost identical with the case in question.

The decision was given in the case of Howland vs. Howland, in which the wife came to Reno and caused papers to be served on her husband during a brief business visit.

The court held such action to be illegal. He declared the law did not throw the courts of Nevada open to the world, so that people might come here, stay a day or so, the plaintiff start the action, the defendant come in and be served and thus confer jurisdiction on the court.

There are at least fifty men and women in Reno to get divorces to whom the decision will apply.

## SPANKING IS PREMISSIBLE.

Detroit Father Deals Out Old Fash-  
ioned Kind and Is Upheld.

In the police court at Detroit, Mich. Thursday Justice Jegeries upheld the right of a father to administer the old fashioned spanking to his 17-year-old daughter, even if her dignity suffered.

Margaret Granzan, aged 17, had her father arrested for disturbing the peace after a spanking. Granzan told the judge that the performances were part of an effort to keep his daughter away from cheap theatres, and the justice decided that spanking young ladies of 17 was permissible in moderation.

## Fire Loss \$75,000.

The manufacturing plant of the Brown, Carson, Dillman company together with two churches and six dwellings were burned in a fire at Franklin, O., Friday, which caused a total loss of \$75,000.

## Democratic Monthly.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the national democratic committee, announced Friday that he had completed arrangements for the publication of a monthly magazine to be known as the National Monthly, and devoted to the interests of the democratic party.

## Sugar Trust Settles.

The American Sugar Refining company has paid liquidated bills for duty on alleged short weights imports amounting to \$871,806.

## Coal Mine Explodes.

By an explosion in a mine owned by the Berwin-White coal company, near Windber, Pa., Friday night, seven men were killed and four are still entombed and probably dead. The setting off of a dynamite blast caused the explosion.

## Noted Woman Succumbs.

Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish tragedienne died Thursday at her home near Los Angeles, Cal., at the age of 65.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## BANKERS TO TAKE A HAND.

Move Being Made to Test Legality of  
Daylight Bill.

The first decisive steps looking to a legal test of the daylight saloon law recently passed by the Nebraska legislature was taken by sixty members of the Nebraska Bankers' association at a meeting held in Omaha Thursday night. The law was discussed from a business standpoint and it was decided by those present that it should be opposed by the business interests of the state.

C. F. McGrew, of the Omaha National bank, was made chairman of a committee which is empowered to act for the bankers, it was stated. The committee will at once decide on a line of action and counsel will be employed to institute such proceedings as appear advisable. The meeting was called by the chairman of the executive committee of the Nebraska Bankers' association, but it was stated that any action taken would be by members as individuals and not on behalf of the association.

## BRYAN LAUDS SALOON BILL.

Peerless Leader Says It Is Credit to  
State of Nebraska.

In the Commoner W. J. Bryan says: "In the enactment of a law providing that all saloons must close by 8 o'clock in the evening and open no earlier than 7 o'clock in the morning, Nebraska has taken the lead in conservative temperance legislation. It is distinctly to the credit of this great state that it is the first to enact a law so in keeping with the calm, intelligent thought of the country. It is distinctly to the credit of a democratic legislature that a daylight saloon law is among the important reforms brought about through its deliberations, and Gov. Shallenberger is to be congratulated upon having given it his approval. It may well be believed that the thorough enforcement of the daylight saloon law will result in such good to society, to the state and to all the cities thereof that even many who now bitterly oppose it will be brought to realize its excellence."

## WAYNE CITIZENS HONORED.

Normal Committee Given Rousing  
Welcome on Return Home.

Upon the arrival home Wednesday from Lincoln of Messrs. Henry Ley, John T. Bressler, Phil H. Kohl and James Britton, the committee selected to represent Wayne in the sale of the Nebraska normal college of Wayne to the state of Nebraska for a state normal during the state legislative session, and who were never tiring in their efforts to accomplish the splendid results achieved, were met at the depot by members of the Wayne Commercial club, the Commercial club band and citizens, and after three hearty cheers were given for the Wayne Normal college and congratulations extended the committee, they were escorted up Main street amid much enthusiasm.

## Election at Pierce.

Quite a good deal of interest was taken in the election held at Pierce Tuesday. The candidates on the people's ticket were mostly successful, although both the candidates on the citizens' ticket for councilmen were elected.

## Accused of Cruelty.

Mrs. Anna Brown has secured a divorce from Rev. Marcus Brown, formerly rector of St. Alban's Episcopal church of Chicago, but now doing mission work at Creighton, Neb. Mrs. Brown charged cruelty. She related several episodes which tended to illustrate the tempestuous disposition of her husband.

## Result at Hartington.

A severe snow storm which raged all day and the absence of any well defined issue resulted in a light vote being cast at Hartington. The following were elected: George J. Beste, mayor; B. Ready, clerk; R. G. Mason, treasurer; H. D. Spork, alderman Second ward; W. H. Krause, alderman Second ward.

## "Dry" Ticket at Wakefield.

Election passed off very quietly in Wakefield, there being but one ticket in the field, and that was a "dry" ticket. There was quite a large vote cast considering that the saloon men had no ticket. Wakefield business men are satisfied with conditions without the saloon.

## Williams at Lincoln, June 10.

John Sharp Williams, former minority leader in the lower house of congress, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address on June 10 before the University of Nebraska.

## Lodged in Jail at Stanton.

Frank Reihchow, a farmer living southeast of Norfolk, is in jail at Stanton for shooting his neighbor, Otto Bernstrom. Bernstrom received two shots in the face, though they did not penetrate deeply. Reihchow does not deny the shooting.

## Result at Bancroft.

At the election in Bancroft a small vote was polled. G. C. Teich and F. C. Nielsen were elected for the two-year term and John Conlin for the one-year term as councilmen.

## "Wets" Win at Emerson.

H. J. Linderink and Ernest Enke were elected members of the village board at Emerson. Three members held over, but the board favors high license. Emerson now has three saloons paying \$1,500 each.

## "Drys" Win at Allen.

The feature of the election at Allen was the question of license or no license. The contest resulted in a victory for the latter by almost two to one. The citizens' board was elected.

## DIES AS HE CLOSSES PLEA.

Ex-Gov. Poynter Suddenly Stricken—  
Stops the Saloon Debate.

W. A. Poynter, ex-governor of Nebraska, just as he closed a speech in the office of Gov. Shallenberger at the daylight saloon bill hearing Monday in favor of the bill, was stricken with apoplexy and died within a few minutes.

The effect of Poynter's death was at once apparent. The hearing was stopped. The liquor advocates and the Omahans were silent, while the prohibitionists were silenced by the death of their colleague.

At the hearing on the daylight saloon bill before Gov. Shallenberger Mr. Poynter spoke with deliberation. His address was impressive. He had barely seated himself when he fell to the floor. Physicians, two of whom were present, rushed to his side, but he was beyond human aid. Across the hall to the adjutant general's office the stricken man was carried. Three doctors were there and examined the man, working his arms back and forth to induce respiration, but the breath of life was gone and could not be lured back. A hypodermic injection of nitroglycerin was tried, but to no effect.

In his address Poynter said: "We come to you not because we believe you do not know your mind, but because we wish to impress as we may the need of this measure. It will benefit the morals of the state. Nor is the measure a local one. About you are men from different parts of the state. The protest comes from the metropolis of the state, but this is not a local matter. The daylight saloon bill is merely an amendment to the Slocum law. It is not presumed that any city will conduct its affairs without regard to the laws of the state. I am heartily in favor of a city managing its own affairs. I favor municipal independence, but this measure is state-wide and is not an intrusion upon the rights of any local government."

Poynter was born in Eureka, Ill., in 1848. He served as populist governor of Nebraska from 1899 to 1901 and was defeated for re-election by C. H. Dietrich. Since leaving the executive office he has lived in Lincoln.

## BAN ON CHAIN LETTERS.

Postoffice Department Stops Growing  
Mails in Nebraska.

The postoffice department at Washington has notified the Omaha postmaster that so far as chain prayer letters are concerned they are illegal in Nebraska and are not entitled to transmission through Uncle Sam's mails.

These prayer letters first started down at Fairbury, where some individual wrote nine letters to nine personal friends, requesting that each of the nine write nine such letters to nine friends, with the request that these friends make the same request of their friends.

In a few days letters commenced to come into the Fairbury office by the hundreds, and then they commenced to swamp the Omaha office, with the result that the postmaster called the attention of the department at Washington to what was going on. Hence the order.

The chain letters, all of which were similar, were peculiar in this respect: they requested the recipient to offer a prayer and to write the same prayer to nine friends. The letters state that in case the request is complied with some great blessing will come to the recipients at a certain date, but if ignored a great calamity will befall them in the near future.

Washington authorities hold that the letters promise things that cannot be accomplished by the writers and that they tend toward fraud.

## Schuyler Furnishes Freak.

A peculiar specimen of animal life was born recently at the farm of James Booth, two miles east of Schuyler. It was a calf having two heads. Its two heads are joined together where the two inside ears would be if it had four ears. However, it only has two ears, one on the outside of each head, but it has four eyes, and two distinct mouths and noses.

## Preparing for Big Time.

The Hastings Knights of Pythias are making elaborate preparations for the convention of the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian sisterhood, which is to be held there May 10 and 11. Some 350 members are expected and practically every city in the state will be represented.

## Land Brings High Price.

It is reported that a quarter section of land, eight miles from Minden was sold for \$16,000. This is not very well improved, so that the price of the bare land would be about \$100 per acre.

## Base Ball at Liberty.

Liberty has organized a baseball team, with J. M. Cunningham as manager. The town is to have some good exhibitions of the national game this season.

## Destructive Fire at Crofton.

A fire which broke out in a lively stable at Crofton Monday night destroyed a lively stable, a saloon and contents, a hardware store, the City hotel and the electric light plant. The origin of the destructive blaze is thought to be incendiary.

## Fire Destroys Coal.

Two carloads of coal, a carload on hay and the coal sheds of Fields & Slaughter at Dakota City, were completely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

## Veteran Minister Killed.

Rev. E. W. Johnson, of Owens, who was killed in a runaway at his farm home Tuesday was brought to Seward for interment. The first church organization in Seward county, was effected by Rev. Mr. Johnson. It was the United Brethren church.



## Tinkering with the Tariff.

Still, a tariff that would suit everyone would be something of a freak.—Omaha Bee.

The ship of state will be pleased to hear that the new bill reduces the tariff on anchors a half cent a pound.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The holders of the larger part of the world's coffee supply, which is in this country to-day, did not get the present duty of 4 cents a pound on which to unload their holdings through the tariff bill, as expected.—Rockford Register-Gazette.

There is such a thing as doing injustice even to Seneca E. Payne. Criticizing him for not interfering with Standard Oil's benefits under the tariff is to take the position that the tariff bill should have been assured of defeat before it was introduced.—Louisville Times.

Lovers of coffee will not feel particularly sorry that the tariff on chicory root and other substitutes for coffee is increased by the Payne bill. Chicory is a palatable salad, and it is valuable to rhyme with Terpsichore, but there its utility ends.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## Crime of Kidnaping.

A State bounty on the scalps of kidnapers might fit the bill.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

It's a pretty cheap boy who hasn't been kidnaped or threatened with it.—Washington Times.

One offense which will never be palliated by unwritten law is that of kidnaping.—Atlanta Constitution.

Punishments that fit the crime of child-stealing have gone out of fashion in civilized countries.—Cleveland Leader.

The Cleveland police are entitled to all happy compliments on their capture of the Whittla kidnapers.—Detroit News-Tribune.

The complete failure of the Whittla crime ought to discourage even the most foolhardy who have thought of going into the business.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Undoubtedly miscreants who thus play with life and death and bring the furies to the door of the parents of the stolen child deserve no clemency.—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Off to Africa.

It might be well to carry a noiseless typewriter into Africa to avoid scaring the game.—Springfield Republican.

However, the African tsetse fly can hardly be blamed if it is partial to biting simplified spellers.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The fact that Mr. Roosevelt has laid in a dozen pairs of boots and shoes for his African expedition does not imply an intention to quit kicking.—Galveston News.

Winston Churchill says that an African lion will sink away at a stern word. Mr. Roosevelt may discover that a lion is not as nervy as a Congressman.—Omaha Bee.

Dr. Frederick Starr's anxiety concerning the danger that confronts Colonel Roosevelt in Africa might as well resolve itself into a philosophical acceptance of the inevitable.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Trouble in the Balkans.

Austria takes the pot; Serbia could not make good its artistic bluff.—Washington Post.

Serbia is willing to accept the advice of world powers, which is better than being devoured.—Atlanta Journal.

All quiet on the Danube, but with Serbia still not inviting to underwriters as a war risk.—Cleveland Leader.

The frequent reports of inevitable war in the Balkans would not render a real war less surprising.—Washington Star.

But, after all, wouldn't it be a good idea for Europe to stand aside just long enough for Serbia to receive one good licking?—Newark News.



The Junior Citizen is the name of a weekly newspaper which is attracting attention in educational circles as a new vocational method applicable to public schools. It is printed and edited by the pupils of Public School No. 3 at New York, the entire printing plant being the property of the school, the teachers having paid for it on the installment plan, on the suggestion of Principal Cronson. The teachers contribute articles and thus make the paper a vehicle of communication with children and parents, while the privilege of doing literary or mechanical work in connection with the sheet is used as an incentive to good work. The boys assigned to the primary do their work after 3 o'clock and on Saturdays, so as not to interfere with the official curriculum. Each term new recruits have to be inducted into the mysteries of the business.

It was made known Tuesday that a \$1,000,000 building, which has been quietly going up near the Carnegie Technical Institute in Pittsburgh and which no one seemed to know the purpose of is to be a new School of Applied Sciences, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. A similar building as an addition to this and costing also \$1,000,000 is nearing completion.

A bill introduced by G. H. Mattson, of Roseau, in the Minnesota House, is intended to strengthen the present compulsory education law. It requires children to go to school the whole term unless their parents are so poor that they cannot clothe them.

To celebrate St. Patrick's day the freshmen law class in the University of Iowa "cut" classes, captured the manager of the Bijou Theater, had an hour and a half vaudeville performance and then succeeded in getting President George E. McLean and Dean C. N. Gregory to make speeches to them.