

## TOWN IN HAITI BURNED.

### Port is Fire-Swept and Shipping Burns.

## LOSS OF LIFE PROBABLY LARGE

### Port au Paix Wiped Out by Flames.

Burbanks Building at Lowell Destroyed—Famous Writer Loses Her Life in the Fire.

Cape Haytien, Haiti, Feb. 27.—Special: Port au Paix, the most northerly shipping port of importance in Haiti, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, has been completely destroyed by fire. Not only were all the buildings burned, but many ships in the harbor caught fire and were destroyed, together with their cargoes, entailing serious loss. Details of the catastrophe are meagre, and it is not known how great the loss of life was.

### Famous Writer Burns to Death.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 27.—The Burbanks building was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Sarah Kittredge, the famous writer, was in the building at the time, and was burned to death. A number of other persons were more or less seriously injured.

### LOOTED GUNBOATS.

### Venezuelan Officers Charge Germans With Taking Valuable Contents.

Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, Feb. 27.—Special: Venezuelan officers make the statement that the Germans who had charge of the captured gunboats, before returning to the owners under orders from the government, pillaged them of all their valuable contents. This story the Germans deny in toto. The charge is likely to lead to another serious complication in the Venezuelan affair.

### England is Gale Swept.

London, Feb. 27.—Special: England is today experiencing a gale of unprecedented velocity, the wind sweeping over the country in a hurricane. Already many small wrecks along the coast have been reported, and the loss to shipping will undoubtedly be very heavy when all is listed.

### Palma Authorizes Bonds.

Havana, Feb. 27.—Special: Palma today signed the soldiers' pay loan, authorizing the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$35,000,000.

### Michigan Bank Dynamited.

Cedar Springs, Mich., Feb. 27.—Special: During the night robbers dynamited the bank at this place and carried away all the cash. A posse of citizens is in pursuit of the robbers but thus far nothing has been learned of them or their identity.

### POWDER MILL DESTROYED.

### Three Men Killed and Fifteen Injured at Cherokee, Kansas.

Cherokee, Kas., Feb. 27.—Special: A terrific explosion occurred in the Lafin-Rand powder works at this city this morning. Three of the workmen were killed outright, their bodies being frightfully mangled. Fifteen others were injured. The shock of the explosion was felt for miles around. This is the fourth time these works have been destroyed.

### Iron Workers Strike.

Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—Special: Seventeen hundred structural iron workers went out on a strike today, claiming that there had been a violation of the agreement they had with their employers. All the work on new bridges has been tied up by the action of these men.

### Will Probe Pupils' Deaths.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 27.—Chief Justice Gummars called the grand jury before him late yesterday afternoon and charged them strongly relative to the Clifton avenue trolley disaster. He said it was the duty of the grand jury to investigate every phase of the accident, and find out if anyone was criminally guilty of carelessness. If it was found that anyone was responsible it was the jury's duty to indict them for manslaughter.

### Insurance Bills Defeated.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 27.—The senate yesterday defeated the insurance bills repealing the value in the policy law and allowing insurance agents in cities to fix the rates to be charged for insurance.

### Conine Short in His Accounts.

Kansas City, Feb. 27.—A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Charles L. Conine of this city, national secretary and treasurer of the United Brotherhood of Leather Workers and Harness Makers. Conine is charged with embezzling \$5,678 of the money belonging to the union. Word was received by the union yesterday that Conine was in Minneapolis. A telegram was immediately sent to that city to place him under arrest.

### Senate Confirmations.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Confirmations by the senate: Brigadier General Henry C. Merriam, to be major general. Bruce Wilcox, to be register of the land office at Alliance, Neb. Matthew Kyle, to be surveyor general of North Dakota.

## DECREE IN BIG LAND CASE.

### Judge Munger Dismisses All Defendants Except Railroad Company.

Omaha, Feb. 27.—Judge Munger has made a decree in the case of the United States against the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad company and others, in which he dismissed the bill of complaint against all respondents except the railroad company, thus confirming the title of the present holders to the land in litigation and leaving the government to recover damages in money from the company in case the pending suit is successful. The case is one instituted about two years ago, wherein the United States seeks to have a patent to about 600 acres of land in Washington and Burt counties, issued by the government to the railroad company, set aside. It is alleged in the bill of the government that the land was wrongfully entered by the railroad, as previous to the construction of the road it had been entered as homesteads by various persons.

## MRS. FAIRBANKS IS ELECTED.

### Unanimously Selected by D. A. R. for Another Term as President General.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The election of officers was the feature of yesterday's session of the Daughters of the American Revolution. There was less excitement than usual over the result, owing to the unequivocal declaration of Mrs. Donald McLean of New York, that she would not permit her name to be presented as a candidate for president general, leaving the field clear for Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, the present incumbent, who was unanimously re-elected.

The following were nominated for vice presidents: Vice president in charge of organization, Mrs. Mirance B. Tulloch of this city; vice president general, Mesdames Franklin E. Brooks, Colorado; Matthew T. Scott, Illinois; Julian Richardson, Iowa; W. H. Jewett, Minnesota; John R. Walker, Missouri; Annie F. Norman, Nebraska.

### Bowling Elect Officers.

Indianapolis, Feb. 27.—J. J. Rowe, mayor of Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, was elected president of the American Bowling congress yesterday by a vote of 117 to 84. Other officers elected follow: First vice president, C. F. Mell, Milwaukee; second vice president, H. N. Fowler, St. Paul; secretary, Samuel Karpf, Dayton; treasurer, Frank Pasteloupe, Chicago. At midnight, when bowling for the day closed in the national tournament, thirty-nine men had bowled for the individual championship. There are 175 entries. The contest will close today. R. W. Nessler, Chicago, is high pin, with 694.

### Snowstorm in Kansas.

Topeka, Feb. 27.—The heaviest snowstorm in twenty-three years has prevailed in the western portion of the state. It extends from Dodge City on the south and west clear down into New Mexico. At Liberal, the snow is lying twenty-four inches on the level, while at Santa Rosa it is twelve inches. No trains from the west have arrived since yesterday, the Rock Island train, due here last night, being tied up on a switch at Guyman. All westbound trains are being held at Bucklin.

### Military Changes.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Brigadier General Francis Moore, probably, will be assigned to command the Department of the Visayas as the relief of Brigadier General F. D. Baldwin, who is coming to the United States to assume command of the Department of the Colorado, with headquarters at Denver. General Funston, now in command of the latter department, is to be transferred to Vancouver barracks, to command the Department of the Columbia.

### Warships Agitate Chinese.

Paris, Feb. 27.—A steamer which has arrived at Marseilles with the Chinese mail also brought advices from Canton to the effect that the Cantoneses have been agitated over the arrival there of two American warships, which gave rise to the report that the United States desired to secure the small island of Hinnan, occupying a strategic position in front of Canton. The Chinese and some of the foreigners credited the report.

### Rolls Breaks Auto Record.

London, Feb. 27.—Stewart Rolls, the well known automobilist, has broken the world's automobile record for a kilometer, covering the distance in twenty-seven seconds. This result was accomplished at a private party given by the Duke of Portland yesterday on his Walback abbey estate. The time was taken by officials of the Automobile club.

### Banking Houses Swindled.

New York, Feb. 27.—By the arrest of a man who gave his name as Fermín Montero at the pier of a steamer about to sail for New York, says the Herald's correspondent at Panama, it has been revealed that several of the most important banking houses of Santiago, Chile, were swindled out of \$2,000,000 in gold several weeks ago.

### Bride Dies of Her Injuries.

Eustis, Neb., Feb. 27.—Tracey Pütz, the bride, who was shot by Charles A. Frymire last Saturday, ten miles south of here, died yesterday.

## AFTER PHARMACY BOARD.

### House Demands Report and Accounting of Fees.

## SUGAR BOUNTY TO BE PAID.

### Committee Will Report Favorably Regarding the Bounty Claims That Have Been Before the Legislature for Years.

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—The house committee on medical societies and sundry laws yesterday submitted a resolution declaring war against the state board of pharmacy, unless the latter turns in all fees arising from its work to the state treasurer. The resolution states that the committee finds the board has failed for several years to make annual reports and render accounts to the state auditor as required by law and declares that unless the board files its report and renders accounts within five days after the adoption of these resolutions proceedings will be instituted against its members for impeachment on the ground of malfeasance and neglect of duty.

The Union Pacific strike was taken up in the legislature yesterday by way of a resolution by Koetter of Douglas, asking for an investigation of the manner in which the United States mails are being handled by the Union Pacific railroad. The resolution was introduced by request, presumably the desire of the strikers. It states that the Union Pacific railroad, owing to deficiencies in the care of motive power and rolling stock, is not delivering the United States mails on time and is consequently injuring not only the state of Nebraska, but other portions of the United States which have use for transcontinental mail service. The resolution, if adopted, will ask the second assistant postmaster general to investigate the matter with a view to remedying all delays.

After having run the gauntlet of three legislatures besides the present one, the Nebraska sugar bounty claims, amounting to \$48,000 and a little over, are to be recommended for payment by the house claims committee, which will submit its report within a few days. The report and recommendation will be made in the form of a bill, separating this claim from the long list of others pending before this committee. The committee has decided that the claim is a just one and that the state should not delay payment of it any longer than it is actually necessary. The committee men who have expressed opinions feel certain of the bill.

The sugar bounty law was enacted by the legislature of 1895 and repealed by the legislature of 1897, before any appropriation had been made to meet the claims which arose in the two years intervening. The proposition was to pay 5 percent of the manufacturers of beet sugar in Nebraska for every pound of their product, providing the factory men would pay to the farmers who raised the beets the flat price of \$5 a ton for their product. The factory men claim to have complied with the law and paid \$5 for every ton of beets bought during these two years.

The sugar factory men say that \$4 was the regular price per ton for beets and that complying with the bounty law in paying an additional dollar for every ton bought they paid out in the aggregate \$48,000. This claim was presented for the first time to the legislature in 1897 and has been presented to each succeeding legislature and been turned down.

There is but one firm interested in the claims, operating the Grand Island and Norfolk sugar factories, the only ones in the state at that time. The argument is not for continued bounties, but simply for the payment by the state of the obligation which the factory men assert was fairly incurred. Representative Farrar of Hall county is manager of the Grand Island factory. Mr. Farrar, however, will not project himself into the contest on this bill, should there be one, when it reaches the floor of the house for debate. He is a member of the committee on claims. The other members say he has been rather modest in promoting his claim. Representative Sears, who is chairman of the committee, says he regards the claim as a legitimate one and thinks the state ought to pay it.

## CASE NEARING THE END.

### Arguments in Lillie Trial May be Made Tomorrow.

David City, Feb. 26.—Special: The defense is making greater progress in the Lillie case than has been expected. Thirteen witnesses were examined yesterday and the counsel for Mrs. Lillie stated that they had ten more to place on the stand, after which they will rest. The testimony of the witnesses yesterday all went to prove the amicable relations existing between Mrs. Lillie and her husband. It is expected that the arguments will be made Saturday and the case presented to the jury. The prosecution is depending on an expectation of showing that the testimony for the witnesses for the defense before the coroner's jury and at the trial do not agree. The defense tried the same tactics on the state's witnesses, but it is believed it will have "little effect."

Caroline M. Woodward was on the stand during much of the forenoon, and the cross-examination of her testimony was not completed till after dinner. Her testimony was regarding the position of the dead man, the actions of Mrs. Lillie, and had reference to the agreeable home life of the Lillies.

E. R. Watson testified further in regard to measurements of the death room.

Mrs. Mary Lillie, 73 years of age, mother of the murdered man, added her testimony to the pleasant and affectionate relations in the Lillie household.

Sam Lillie, brother of the murdered man, and J. S. Hill, Mrs. Lillie's father, were on the stand this afternoon.

## ROOSEVELT PAYS TRIBUTE

### Attends Anniversary Celebration of Birth of John Wesley.

## CROWDS HEAR THE PRESIDENT.

### Methodists Hold Monster Mass Meeting at Carnegie Hall in New York to Celebrate Wesley's Life for the Religious World.

### WIFE SLAYER TELLS ALL.

### Indianapolis Man Confesses to Killing Five Women.

Hamilton, O., Feb. 27.—Alfred Knapp, the Indianapolis man arrested Wednesday, who confessed to the murder of his third wife, has made a full confession of five murders. Among them is that of Ida Gebhard, the West Indianapolis girl who was found murdered in a stable in 1895.

Knapp's confession, which was sworn to before Mayor Bosch, is as follows: "On Jan. 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Gest street, Cincinnati. On Aug. 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Young Men's Christian association, in Cincinnati. On Aug. 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, under the canal bridge in Liberty street, Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal. In Indianapolis in July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhard. On Dec. 22, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, at 339 South Fourth street in Hamilton and threw her into the river out by Lindberwald. This is the truth."

Another chapter was added to Knapp's confessed career last night, when he asserted that he was implicated in several hold-ups here last December. Knapp was asked why he committed his various crimes and how he felt when he was choking a woman to death. He said: "I can't tell. I was seized with an irresistible desire to choke them and I can't help it. I could not let go when I once began if I wanted to. I never feel any remorse, only a feeling of satisfaction when I know that they are dead. I used my hands in every case, except that of Mary Eckert. I choked that woman with a towel, but I could have done it with my hands. I got acquainted with Mary in Dayton, O., through an advertisement and when she went to Cincinnati I visited her room and choked her to death in one night."

Every doctor who has seen Knapp here agrees that he is a person similar to "Jack the Ripper," except that he finds satisfaction in choking women and children.

Knapp's confession stamps him as the most depraved criminal run to earth since the crimes of H. H. Holmes were laid bare in 1895. Knapp has served five prison sentences, three for larceny and two for assault. He has served two terms at Jeffersonville, Ind., one at Columbus, O., one at Joliet, Ill., and one at Michigan City, Ind., to which prison he was sent from Indianapolis in 1896 for assault on Bessie Drapier, a child.

The Indianapolis police feel sure he has been guilty of two barn burnings. When he was convicted for the Drapier assault, he threatened to get even with every one concerned in his conviction.

Ex-Sheriff Womack, then sheriff, gained his enmity. His barn was recently burned and several thousand dollars' worth of fine horses and imported cattle were roasted to death. At Boardman was one of the jurors who convicted him. His barn was burned about six or seven weeks ago.

## URNS ON HIS ASSAILANT.

### While Being Brutally Tortured Victim Kills His Enemy.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—After torturing a man he had already wounded three times, Henry Carr was killed last night by James Fletcher, his victim. The struggle which preceded the killing took place in the kitchen of Carr's home, the only witness being a boy, a brother of Carr's wife. Carr was intent on murder because he believed Fletcher had broken up his home. In his pocket was found a letter from Mrs. Carr, who begged forgiveness and expressed her intention of committing suicide. Fletcher, it is believed, will recover.

## Alexander Towed Into Port.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Captain Cove, commanding the collier Alexander, which has been adrift for the past two weeks with a broken shaft, yesterday reported by cable to the navy department from Hamilton, Bermuda, that he had been towed into that port by the Dutch steamer Beta. He added that he had a spare shaft aboard and would make repairs in that port. The Alexander was on her way from San Juan, P. R., to Norfolk, when the accident happened.

## Fire in New York.

New York, Feb. 27.—Several firemen were hurt, one perhaps fatally, at a fire in an eight-story building at Broadway and Thirtieth street yesterday. The property loss is estimated at \$250,000. Captain John Andreiz of an engine company, while at work on the fire, fell through an open shaft, striking on his head. He was thought to be fatally injured, his head being crushed. He was taken to a hospital.

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New York, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt was the chief speaker last night at a great mass meeting at Carnegie hall, held "to do honor to the character and labors of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, scholar, missionary, philanthropist, preacher, gentleman." The meeting was held under the auspices of the New York Methodist conference, which has had charge of the local work of the Twentieth century thank offering fund of \$20,000,000, that has been raised by the Methodists throughout the country to celebrate the advent of the Twentieth century of the Christian era. The hall was crowded to the doors and hundreds were unable to gain admittance. President Roosevelt reached the hall, escorted by a detachment of mounted police, at 8:30. Cheers and hand clapping announced the arrival of President Roosevelt, who advanced from the rear of the platform, accompanied by the presiding officer of the meeting, Mr. Bowne, Chairman Bowne then announced the hymn, "Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow," by Charles Wesley. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss of Philadelphia then led the meeting in prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer, in which a mighty volume of voices joined. Mr. Bowne made a short address, in which he said that Methodism is constantly growing, except possibly in a few effete cities on the Atlantic seaboard. Mr. Bowne introduced President Roosevelt, the audience rising to greet him.

President Roosevelt said in part: "I am glad to have the chance of addressing this representative body of the great church which Wesley founded, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of his birth. In celebrating the wonderful growth of Methodism, in rejoicing at the good it has done to the country and to mankind, I need hardly ask a body like this to remember that the greatness of the fathers becomes to the children a shameful thing if they use it only as an excuse for inaction instead of as a spur to effort for noble aims. I speak to you as American citizens. The pioneer days are over. We now all of us form parts of a great civilized nation, with a complex industrial and social life and infinite possibilities both for good and for evil. The instruments with which, we work, have changed immeasurably from what they were in the days when the rough backwoods preachers ministered to the moral and spiritual needs of their rough backwoods congregations. But if we are to succeed, the spirit in which we do our work must be the same as the spirit in which they did theirs. These men drove forward, and fought their way upward, to success, because their sense of duty was in their hearts, in the very marrow of their bones. The church Wesley founded has throughout its career been a church for the poor as well as for the rich and has known no distinction of persons. It has been a church whose members, if true to the teachings of its founder, have sought for no greater privilege than to spend and be spent in the interest of the higher life, who have prided themselves, not on shirking rough duty, but on undertaking it and carrying it to a successful conclusion."

"I come here tonight to greet you and to pay my tribute to your past because you have deserved well of mankind, because you have striven with strength and courage to bring nearer the day when peace and justice shall obtain among the peoples of the earth."

At the conclusion of his address, the president was heartily applauded. The hymn, "See How Great a Flame Aspires," was then sung. During the singing, President Roosevelt retired from the hall.

On leaving the meeting at Carnegie hall President Roosevelt entered his carriage and was driven to the University club, accompanied by Secretary Loeb, Surgeon General Rixey and Commander Cowles, and escorted as before by mounted police.

At the University club the president met President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia and J. B. Bishop, with whom he conversed at length. The presidential party left the University club for Jersey City at 11:15 p. m.

## General Gordon Stricken.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 27.—General John B. Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, was taken violently ill while on board a Queen and Crescent train, en route to this city from Clinton, Miss., last night. It was necessary to remove him from the train on a stretcher and he suffered spells of nausea while being carried to the hotel.

## Death of Colonel Rives.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 27.—Colonel Alfred Landon Rives, a distinguished civil engineer, died at 1 o'clock this morning at his home, Castle Hill, in

## ALBEMARLE COUNTY. He was about seventy-one years old and leaves three daughters, the oldest the Princess Troubetzkoy. Colonel Rives was for some years general manager of the Panama Canal company.

## CORBETT AND HANLON DRAW.

## Twenty Rounds of Fast Fighting for Featherweight Championship.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—After twenty rounds of the fastest fighting ever seen in San Francisco, Referee Graney declared the bout between Young Corbett of Denver and Eddie Hanlon of San Francisco a draw. Young Corbett clearly demonstrated to the crowd present that he has not gone back, as some sporting writers would have the public believe. Hanlon also showed that the high opinion in which he has been held by California boxing enthusiasts had been justified. The contest from a spectacular standpoint was the best ever witnessed on the coast, both men putting up a clean, hard, scientific contest. Corbett's experience and knowledge of the game saved him on several occasions, for defeat seemed his inevitable portion. But the minute's interval did wonders for the Denverite, and he came back at the Californian always willing and ready to take the blows which Hanlon rained on his head and body. From the first to the seventh round Hanlon had a shade the better of the contest, but the lucky seventh was the turning point apparently in the tide of battle in Corbett's favor. At one stage of this round it seemed as if the little Californian could not ward off a knockout, but his wonderful punishment taking power stood him in good stead. During the last ten rounds, Hanlon had Corbett on queer street several times.

## Jenkins Throws Iowa Champion.

Cleveland, Feb. 27.—In one of the longest-drawn-out contests seen in this city in months, Tom Jenkins threw Frank Gotch, who was billed as the champion of Iowa, twice last night, thereby winning a purse of \$500. The two falls were secured in an hour and five minutes, and fifteen minutes respectively. The scene at the Gray's armory, where the contest took place, at times approached the riotous. Gotch was working on the defensive most of the time and "mugged" Jenkins so constantly that the 2,000 spectators howled and hissed at the dilatory tactics that ensued. Three times police reserves in the hall had to enforce order.

## CINCINNATI HAS COSTLY FIRE.

### Most Destructive Conflagration in the History of the City.

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—Over one-half of the best square in Cincinnati was destroyed by fire yesterday. The square, bound by Vine, Fourth, Walnut and Third streets, was conceded to be the most solidly constructed portion of the city. That half north of Baker alley, with the exception of the Carlisle building at the southwestern corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, is in ruins, while the American Book company's publication house, the Woodrow Printing works, the Zumbriell box factory and other concerns on the south side of Baker alley, are also burned out.

The fire was discovered at 1:30 a. m. and it was 3:40 p. m. before it was under control, although all the departments of this city and the fire departments of surrounding towns were constantly fighting it. The property loss is the largest by fire in the history of the city, but it is believed there was no loss of life, although two men who lodged in the Pike opera house building are still missing. John Kenan and Joseph Schaefer, who were badly hurt while escaping from the burning buildings, are reported as resting well. Several forces of firemen who were caught on the roofs of burning buildings had narrow escapes, but all were reached by ladders.

Manager Hunt of the Pike opera house has secured Robinson's opera house and will finish his bookings for this season. One of the heaviest losers is the Henrietta Crossman company, which was at the Pike opera house this week, and lost everything.

The total loss is estimated at from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, distributed among the occupants of four large office buildings and other structures.

## Bowen Signs Mexican Protocol.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Mr. Bowen last night signed the protocol for the settlement of the claims of Mexico against Venezuela.

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Conrad N. Jordan, assistant treasurer of the United States at the sub-treasury in New York, died Thursday.

Patrick R. Fitzgibbon, city registrar of St. Louis, recently suspended from office on charges of corruption, preferred by Mayor Wells, was tried before the city council Thursday and acquitted.

A cure for leprosy is reported by United States Consul McWade at Canton, who reports that Dr. Adolf Razlag has successfully treated three out of four cases there with strong antiseptic drugs, sea water and sunlight.

Abe E. Beggs, for twenty-three years head bookkeeper in the hog department of the Armour Packing company at Kansas City, died Thursday aged fifty-seven years. He was widely known among stockmen throughout the country.