

## MILLION IS LOST IN FIRE

Salt Plant and Three Ships Burn in Chicago.

### FIFTY FREIGHT CARS DESTROYED

Sixteen Acres of Buildings Wiped Out by Flames—Forest Fires Raging in Michigan—Many Small Towns in Immediate Danger.

Chicago, April 29.—The plant of the International Salt company, located at South Chicago, and three boats lying in the Calumet river were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,250,000; that of the International Salt company being placed at \$800,000. The buildings of the salt company's plant covered nearly sixteen acres along the Calumet river. In these buildings was stored tons of salt and the greater part of this is said to have been ruined by fire and water. Included in the company's losses are the docks, extending 1,400 feet along the Calumet river. The fire threatened to spread to a number of grain elevators, but after a hard fight the fire was gotten under control. A large number of cars were burned.

The fire was discovered by a watchman, who noticed a small flame creeping over the edge of the roof of one of the sheds at the plant. He turned on an alarm, but before the first engines arrived the first of the big sheds was a roaring furnace. The first alarm was followed by several additional calls for engines. Streams of water from every side were poured on the sheds, but as the buildings were constructed of pine and the roofs of tared paper, the inflammable material made an easy prey to the flames. The wind blew the flames against the three grain boats tied up in the Calumet river, at Peavey elevator docks, and soon the vessels were on fire from the decks to the tops of their masts. A fire boat that was pouring water on the salt sheds was summoned to save the boats, but before it could reach them they sank. On the tracks within the company's plant were about 150 freight cars, loaded with salt ready for shipment. When the fire began to spread switch engines were hurried into the yards and the cars were moved as rapidly as possible. So quickly did the fire spread that the engine crews had to quit their work, and many of the cars were destroyed. To the east of the plant, near the river, were about fifty cars belonging to the Michigan Southern railroad, all loaded with salt. The flames attacked these and all were destroyed.

### SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Governor DeForest Richards of Wyoming, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be improving rapidly.

Twenty-five Jews were killed and 275 were wounded, many of them fatally, during anti-Semitic riots at Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia.

J. H. Lehner, aged eighty-six, a prominent capitalist, was found dead on the ground in the rear of his home at Cincinnati, where he had evidently fallen from the second story window. His estate is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Alex and Thomas Stevens, aged sixteen and fourteen years respectively, were arrested at Kansas City at the instigation of the Humane society, charged with horsewhipping their aged mother, and with cursing and striking her with their fists because she had corrected them.

### IN FAVOR OF A REVISION.

**Two-Thirds of Presbyteries Vote for Change in Confession of Faith.**

Philadelphia, April 28.—Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, stated clerk of the Presbyterian general assembly, announced that two-thirds of the presbyteries had voted in favor of revising the confession of faith and of the declaratory statement elucidating chapters three and ten of the confession.

The subject will be finally disposed of by the general assembly, which meets in Los Angeles next month. It is expected that the overtures from the presbyteries will be enacted by the general assembly.

**W. R. Hearst is Married.**

New York, April 29.—Congressman-elect William Randolph Hearst, proprietor of the New York American, New York Evening Journal, Chicago American and San Francisco Examiner, was married here to Miss Millie Willson, daughter of George H. Willson, president of the Advance Music company of this city. The ceremony was performed in Grace church, Bishop Potter officiating.

**Marine Engineers May Strike.**

New York, April 29.—At a secret meeting of the engineers' association the enforcement of the demands recently presented to the owners of tow-boats and other steam vessels at this port was decided upon. Unless a settlement is reached the entire commerce in this harbor, it is said, will be tied up within forty-eight hours.

**Gilbert Is High Gun.**

Paducah, Ky., April 29.—An interstate shooting tournament, under the auspices of the Paducah Gun club, began here. Marksmen from all over the United States are in attendance. The best score was made by Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Ia., who broke sixty-eight targets out of a total of seventy in the target event.

**Britt Wins Fast Fight.**

San Francisco, April 29.—Referee Graney declared Jimmy Britt the winner of one of the fastest and best fights ever seen in San Francisco. Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn was the man who put up the good contest against the California wonder. Britt was the cleverer and faster of the two men.

### There is Snow at Aberdeen.

Aberdeen, S. D., April 29.—A sudden drop in the temperature last night caused a hard freeze. The ground is covered with snow. The weather is decidedly wintry and tender vegetation will suffer. Crops are not far enough advanced to be injured materially.

**China Gives Flat Refusal.**

Peking, April 29.—China has given Russia what the officials describe as a final refusal to accept her demands regarding Manchuria.

**Fishing Smacks Founder.**

Calais, France, April 29.—The fishing smacks Saint Thomas and Saint Gustave are reported to have founded in the channel. Fourteen men are believed to have been drowned.

## RUSSIA MAKES ANSWER

**Manchurian Demands Not Aimed at Other Powers.**

### ALL NATIONS TREATED ALIKE.

**Says Nothing is Directed Against the Interests of Other Countries—Commercial Privileges in the Interior Are to Be Common Property.**

St. Petersburg, April 28.—The Russian foreign office has explained or denied the eight demands made on Manchuria. Regarding the whole negotiations, which have been dragging on since January, the foreign office says: "There is nothing directed in any manner against the interests of the other powers or their commerce; others enjoy the same rights of commerce in the interior as we. Of the towns not opened to trade the railway will carry Russian and foreign goods alike through the country, but we or they cannot sell them in unopened towns. If the towns are opened, all will be benefited alike. It is in the railway's interests to demand the widest possible developments of trade."

Washington, April 28.—Considerable interest was shown here in a dispatch from St. Petersburg, giving a categorical answer by the Russian foreign office to inquiries regarding the eight demands which are said to have been made on China in connection with Manchuria. It was regarded as of great importance and if borne out by subsequent information through diplomatic channels will give general satisfaction, and meet in a general way the desires of our government. In relation to the first two demands the United States was interested particularly and it was these demands that caused it to address notes of inquiry and protest to St. Petersburg and Peking. They involved severe restrictions to American trade, and the United States was prompt to protest. The assurance of the Russian foreign office would seem to set at rest any serious menace in that respect. The replies of the Russians regarding the other demands also caused feeling of relief here.

### PREFERS DEATH TO MEXICO LAW

**Dr. Harle Tries to Kill Himself in El Paso Jail.**

El Paso, Tex., April 27.—Dr. Harle, one of the alleged conspirators, who testified here that he had assisted Richardson and Mason in murdering numerous policy holders of the New York Life Insurance company for the purpose of reclaiming their insurance and secured \$20,000, attempted to commit suicide in the jail here by injecting morphine into one of his veins. He will recover. Harle is wild with fear that he will be executed should he be sent back to Mexico. He has become almost a maniac since he was ordered sent to Chihuahua for trial.

Richardson and Mason, who were the leaders in the scheme, are still in jail pending advices from the Mexican government. It is now asserted that Richardson, Mason and Harle have altogether killed at least twenty men in the last ten years.

**Miners Return to Work.**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 27.—Work was resumed today at No. 9 colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Sugar Notch and at the Baltimore No. 2 colliery of the Delaware and Hudson Coal company of this city. Both mines have been idle for a few days on account of a strike. The officials and the miners came together and adjusted their differences in an amicable manner.

**Railroads File Answer.**

Washington, April 28.—The Wabash and Texas and Pacific railroads filed with the Interstate commerce commission answers to orders of the commission regarding the recent advances in freight rates. The roads admit making certain advances, but aver that they are just and reasonable. The Wabash answer admits that these advances have operated to some extent to increase the total rate on such traffic from points west of the Missouri river to Chicago and Mississippi river points, but says that the increase is only slight and is necessary and proper considering the cost of transportation and general conditions.

**Baseball Results.**

National League—St. Louis, 1; Pittsburgh, 11. Brooklyn, 7; Philadelphia, 1. New York, 10; Boston, 7. Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 13. American Association—Detroit, 8; Chicago, 1. Philadelphia, 6; New York, 0. Washington, 6; Boston, 3. American Association—Kansas City, 9; St. Paul, 10. Indianapolis, 13; Columbus, 5. Louisville, 10; Toledo, 5. Milwaukee, 13; Minneapolis, 2.

**American Squadron to Greet Louhet.**

Bona, Algeria, April 27.—When President Louhet arrived here he received a telegram from Foreign Minister Delcasse, who is at Tunis, informing him that the American squadron will proceed to Marseilles to greet the president when he arrives at that port, April 29, and to salute in honor of his return to France.

**Election Riots in Spain.**

Madrid, April 27.—The general elections are reported to have resulted favorably to the republicans, who obtained victories in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and other large towns. Slight rioting occurred at Barcelona, Bilbao, Granada and elsewhere. At Barcelona several persons were wounded by revolver shots.

### BRITISH KILL 200 SOMALIS.

**Square Keeps Blacks at Safe Distance While Whites Retire.**

Bohotle, Somaliland, East Africa, April 27.—Major Gough, in command of a mobile column, engaged the enemy near Danop. He lost thirteen men killed, including two officers, and four officers were wounded. The enemy had 200 men killed.

London, April 27.—A long official dispatch has been received here from Bohotle to the effect that Major Gough's flying column, numbering about 200 men, attacked a large force of the enemy near Danop. The column formed in a square and resisted with success for several hours, receiving reinforcements from Danop. Ammunition becoming scarce, the British forces retired slowly on Danop, bringing all their wounded with them. They were continually attacked en route. In addition to thirteen men killed, including two officers, there were twenty-eight men and four officers wounded. Major Gough praises highly the conduct of his force under trying conditions and while fighting at close quarters. He recommends several men for gallant behavior. He is now retiring on Bohotle and is expected to arrive there April 28. Supplies have been sent to meet him.

**GOMEZ AND FERRER ROUTED.**

**Two Government Generals Defeated by Venezuelan Revolutionists.**

Willemstad, April 27.—News has reached here that the Venezuelan government generals, Gomez and Ferrer, have been routed at El Guapa by revolutionists under the command of General Rolando. Gomez and Ferrer returned to Caracas with many wounded. Gomez owes his escape from capture only to the fact that he was well mounted. Forces of the government have also been defeated at San Felipe. Large numbers of wounded government soldiers have reached LaGuayra. The revolutionary general, Riera, has evacuated La Vela Do Corado and is now occupying a strong position near Coro, waiting for an opportunity to capture that town without bloodshed.

**Paris Preparing to Receive King.**

Paris, April 27.—Elaborate arrangements are being carried out rapidly for the welcoming here of King Edward. They are on a scale of truly royal splendor. The fêtes will follow those held at the time of the visit to Paris of the czar of Russia and will include a number of events affording opportunities for brilliant spectacular effects. When King Edward arrives next Friday afternoon, President Louhet, the members of the ministry and the staff of the British embassy will proceed to the Bois de Boulogne station to meet him. The meeting between the president and the king will occur under a silken canopy. After the greetings, King Edward and President Louhet will enter a state carriage and drive to the British embassy. Throughout the route soldiers will be massed on either side of the thoroughfares.

**TROOPS JOIN THE REVOLUTION.**

**Many Homeless at Santo Domingo Through Burning of San Carlos.**

San Domingo, April 27.—It was learned here that the government forces at Barahona, San Pedro, Matanzas and Seib have joined the revolutionists in the northern part of the island and the overthrow of President Vasquez is complete. A provisional government has been formed, with A. Wos Gil as president.

It is rumored here that President Vasquez and his followers are in the northern part of the island.

In San Domingo City the misery is very great, some 300 families having been rendered homeless through the burning of the suburb of San Carlos. The wounded men in the hospitals here are suffering from the lack of proper food and medical attendance.

The departure of the United States cruiser Atlanta is much regretted, because of the assistance her hospital staff rendered the wounded. The city is growing more quiet and business is reviving.

**ST. LOUIS IN GALA ATTIRE.**

**Dedication Week Inaugurated on Arrival of Monitor Arkansas.**

St. Louis, April 27.—St. Louis is beginning to assume gala attire for the festivities incident to the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase exposition. The ceremonies will be attended by men of national and international reputation and visiting spectators, whose numbers are conservatively estimated at 150,000. Adding to these \$30,000 St. Louisans, who are expected to be present, it is estimated that dedication day will find 450,000 persons within the World's fair gates.

The real beginning of dedication week was inaugurated when the United States monitor Arkansas, which has been plowing against the Mississippi current for many days on her way north from the gulf, arrived in St. Louis harbor, at the foot of Olive street. Thousands of people gathered along the levee and along Eads bridge to welcome the ship of war.

**Seeks a Successor to Tyner.**

Washington, April 27.—Postmaster General Payne had a talk with Attorney General Knox about a suitable man to put in charge of the legal division of the postoffice department. As General Tyner, the assistant attorney general, has been removed, and Mr. Christianity, the officer temporarily in charge, is to remain away pending the investigation, it becomes imperative to provide another man in the place, at least temporarily. The question of the selection of some one to succeed General Tyner permanently will be taken up by Postmaster General Payne very soon.

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