

FOUGHT A PRAIRIE FIRE.

Farmers and People of Creighton Prevent a Large Loss.

MEADOW WAS BURNED OVER.

Trees in the Path of the Flames Destroyed, and Hay and Other Property Was Threatened—Farmers Plowed Fire Lines.

Creighton, Neb., Oct. 29.—Special to The News: Sparks from a Northwest engine set fire to the prairie about five miles southeast of this place yesterday and burned over about 200 acres of meadow and pasture land and through a grove of trees that were killed.

It threatened much greater damage as the wind was sweeping the flames toward a locality where were stacked about 100 tons of hay, and other property was in the path of the fire, but the farmers of the entire neighborhood assembled and plowed fire lines, while a large number of people went out from this place and helped them fight the blaze with gratifying results and the danger that threatened was overcome before any great amount of damage was done.

It was a threatening blaze for a time and the owners of the property in its path were badly frightened, the energetic efforts alone preventing a large property loss.

TWO WEDDINGS AT CREIGHTON.

Hymen Interested Four Popular Young People of Knox County Yesterday.

Creighton, Neb., Oct. 29.—Special to The News: Miss Cora Day, daughter of S. A. Day of this city, and Geo. F. Nicks, who owns a farm five miles east of Creighton, were united in marriage at the M. E. church yesterday by Rev. J. N. Gortner, in the presence of relatives and friends. After the ceremony the bridal party and the invited guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents where the happy event was joyfully celebrated.

Miss Mary Theis, daughter of Nick Theis, who lives eight miles east of Creighton, was married to George Sattos yesterday noon, after which a splendid dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents. Two hundred guests had been invited and they made a merry time of it. After dinner dancing commenced and was kept up until daylight this morning.

New York's Whirlwind Campaign.

New York, Oct. 29.—With election but four days away both parties in the struggle for the control of the government of Greater New York have taken off their coats and otherwise prepared themselves to make a whirlwind finish to one of the fiercest contests in the political history of the city. So intense is the struggle and so deeply interested is the public in the result that even the invasion of Dowie and his band of 3,500 followers failed to divert attention from the campaign. Throughout the last ten days the nightly crowds at the political rallies in Carnegie Hall, Cooper Union, Tammany Hall and other meeting places have rivalled in size those that filled Madison Square Garden to satisfy their curiosity by seeing the self-appointed "Elijah H." The Tammany cohorts have centered much of their effort on the republican stronghold of Brooklyn, while the fusionists, on the other hand, have been whooping it up on the Lower East Side and in other down town sections where Tammany Hall has ruled the roost for years. It is believed that when the ballots are counted the results will contain many surprises as tending to show that the political lines are changing about.

NEW RURAL ROUTE FOR LYNCH.

Forty-Three Square Miles Will be Covered and 440 People Will be Served.

Lynch, Neb., Oct. 29.—The News that a new rural route is to be established out of this place during November is gratifying to a large number of people. It will cover forty-three square miles of territory and a population of 440 will be served with Uncle Sam's latest convenience for the farmer patrons of the service.

Postmaster McFarland hopes to have everything in shape to give the patrons good and prompt service, by the time he is notified to commence delivering mail over the route.

BIG BRICK FACTORY SHUTS DOWN

Chicago Firm Claims Labor Troubles Have Stopped the Demand for Building Material.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Special to The News: The Illinois Brick company has closed down its mammoth plant here, discharging 2,000 employees, and no date has been set for the resumption of business.

An officer of the company states that the cause for the suspension of business is because labor troubles have interfered with building activity and stopped the demand for brick.

FLURRY AT ST. LOUIS ENDED.

Excitement Has Subsided and Business Resumes Normal Conditions. St. Louis, Oct. 29.—The statement of President Julius S. Walsh of the Mississippi Valley Trust company, whose sentiments are echoed in interviews given to the Associated Press by other trust company officials of St. Louis, that "the situation is thoroughly in hand, the excitement has subsided and from this on we expect business will be conducted in the usual orderly manner," expresses the opinion that seems general after the unwanted financial conditions which have prevailed here. Officers of all the trust companies state that voluntary offers of help were received from financial institutions in other cities, but they were declined for the reason that they had sufficient cash with which to handle their business. Expressions of confidence and offers of aid on the part of national banks of St. Louis also helped to strengthen the situation and restore confidence.

MRS. BOOTH TUCKER KILLED.

Victim of Wreck on Santa Fe Railroad Near Marceline, Mo.

Kansas City, Oct. 29.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 2 was wrecked at Dean Lake, near Marceline, Mo. The following persons were injured: Mrs. Baden, Winfield, Kan., dangerous; John R. Schermerhorn, Denver, hand injured; Elmer Harris, Chicago, badly; Colonel Holland of the Salvation Army.

The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails. Three sleepers and the diner were dished, but the remainder of the train remained on the track. Mrs. Booth Tucker and other members of the Salvation Army were on the train. Colonel Holland was very badly injured.

A special from Dean Lake says that Mrs. Booth Tucker was fatally injured in the wreck and died half an hour later.

DOCTOR IS OUT OF DANGER.

Des Moines Physician Inoculated with Lockjaw Virus is Now Safe.

Des Moines, Oct. 29.—The time fixed by Dr. D. L. Rood, a prominent Des Moines physician, for the first appearance of the fatal lockjaw has expired and he will live. Dr. Rood, while attending a patient some days ago, penetrated his thumb with the needle of a hypodermic syringe containing tetanus. Knowing that if inoculation took place he would die within a week, the doctor telegraphed to Detroit for a supply of anti-tetanic serum. Many prominent physicians have been in attendance.

Cruiser Tacoma Given a Trial.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 29.—The sheathed protected cruiser Tacoma was given a contractor's trial on the bay and exceeded all of the government's demands, including that of 16 1/2 knots. The Union Iron Works' management did not give out any figures, but professed to be highly pleased by the trial. The warship will be given her official trial some time next week on the Santa Barbara course. The Tacoma is the first of the larger vessels to be built on this coast to be sheathed with copper. This sheathing it is expected will do away with frequent docking.

Boer War at St. Louis Exposition.

Johannesburg, Oct. 29.—The Boers in South Africa and their late enemies, the English residents, have formed a syndicate to exploit a spectacular military display at the St. Louis exposition next year. The plan as outlined is to show many of the picturesque features of the late war. One-third of the necessary capital is already subscribed here and it is hoped to float the balance in the United States. General Viljoen and his secretary immediately leave for St. Louis in connection with the undertaking.

War Game at Fort Riley.

Fort Riley, Kan., Oct. 29.—The military maneuver planned by Colonel Wagner, the chief umpire, was highly successful. In fact, it was considered by the colonel to be one of the most successful that has yet taken place. The exercise, roughly stated, was the attack and defense of a convoy, and when all things stated in the problem are taken into consideration the situation at the close of the day's fighting was somewhat severe on the wagon train.

Big Rally at Marshalltown.

Marshalltown, Ia., Oct. 29.—The greatest political demonstration so far in the Iowa campaign was held here. M. D. O'Connell, solicitor of the United States treasury, spoke for the Republicans, and J. B. Sullivan, candidate for governor, for the Democrats. James Candler, a Minnesota prohibitionist, and Benjamin Hanford, a New York Socialist, also delivered addresses. A big barbecue was served to hundreds of visitors.

Tragedy in New York Hotel.

New York, Oct. 29.—Early this morning a man known as "Jack" Russell while sitting in the cafe of the Rossmore hotel, was shot four times by a man named O'Brien, who is said to come from Philadelphia. O'Brien was arrested. The cause of the shooting was not known. Russell, who was a bookmaker, was taken to a hospital and is in a critical condition.

No Trace of the Assassin.

London, Oct. 29.—The search of the police for the murderer of Sagatol Sagouni, president of the Armenian revolutionary society in London, who was shot and killed by an unknown assassin in the suburb of Nunhead, has been futile. Several foreign revolutionary clubs were raided during the early hours of the morning.

TALKS OF INDEPENDENCE

Halifax Paper Voices Dissatisfaction of Canadians.

AT THE PARTING OF THE WAYS

Says Present Relations of Canada and England Must End—Thinks Dominion May Need Protection of the Monroe Doctrine.

Halifax N. S., Oct. 29.—The declaration that present relations between Canada and Great Britain cannot exist much longer was made by the Halifax Chronicle, the leading newspaper supporter of the liberal party, in an unusually outspoken editorial on the recent Alaskan boundary award. The Chronicle expresses what it claims to be the unanimous dissatisfaction of Canadians at the action of the British government in the matter. The Chronicle adds that there are now only two courses open for Canada, complete legislative independence within the empire, acknowledging the sovereignty of the king of England alone, or the status of an independent nation. The paper says there is much to commend the latter step in particular, because it would free Canada from the danger of ever becoming embroiled with the United States on account of its European connection and at the same time would secure for the Dominion the benefit of the protection of the Monroe doctrine.

ALLEGHENY HAS SMALLPOX.

City is Likely to Be Cut Off from Outside World.

Pittsburg, Oct. 29.—A telegram was received this morning by the Allegheny city officials from Dr. Wilmer R. Batt, quarantine officer-at-large of the Pennsylvania state board of health, announcing that at a conference in Washington between Batt and Dr. Lee, secretary of the board of health, it was decided to quarantine Allegheny. The telegram states that Dr. Batt and other state officials would arrive this afternoon and the quarantine immediately will be established. City Solicitor Porter of Allegheny stated that if Dr. Batt or any other state officer tries to quarantine the city he will immediately order his arrest. A sworn statement by Dr. Scandrett, director of public safety of Allegheny, states that there are but sixteen cases of smallpox in Allegheny, which is located directly across the river from Pittsburg and has a population of 160,000. He says the quarantine is the result of the city of Allegheny declining to order a fumigator manufactured by a concern in which a state board of health officer is interested.

HOLD CONFERENCE AT PARIS.

Russian and French Ministers Discuss Situation in the Balkans.

Paris, Oct. 29.—A French official in close touch with M. Delcasse informed the Associated Press that as a result of the conference between M. Delcasse and Count Lambsdorf, France recognizes the paramount importance of the interests of Russia and Austria in the Balkans and therefore waives her former objections to representatives of those countries alone supervising the execution of reforms in Macedonia. France thus supports the attitude of Russia in the carrying out of those reforms. The situation in the far east also was discussed, with the result that the attitude of France will not be modified by the possibility of war between Russia and Japan.

Colombia Willing to Make Terms.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Advices received at the state department indicate that there again has been a change in the sentiment of the Colombian senate respecting the Panama canal and that there is a considerable increase in the strength of the element which is willing to make terms with the United States. The agents of the state department have found it difficult to make plain the fact, even to the Colombians, that the Hay-Herran canal treaty is absolutely and finally dead and that no act of the Colombian senate can resurrect it. If there is to be anything done in the direction of a Panama canal under United States control it therefore must be the result of entirely new negotiations.

Charged with Embezzlement.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 29.—Joseph E. Cronin, for thirty-seven years a traveling salesman for the National Cash Register company, who was arrested in Hartford, charged with embezzlement from his company, was taken to Waterbury and will be given a hearing there today. Counsel for the company said that Cronin's alleged embezzlement amounts to nearly \$2,500.

Paducah is Fire-Swept.

Paducah, Ky., Oct. 29.—Fire which started in the wholesale grocery store of M. Livingstone & Son, at Second and Broadway, spread to the H. Well & Son wholesale whiskey house, the La Gomarsino hotel, Michael Bros. sardine; Lang Bros.' drug store and the Western Union telegraph office. The guests at the La Gomarsino hotel are all safe, although they barely had time to don their clothes and get out. Loss, \$200,000.

Three Seal Hunters Lost.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 29.—The sealing schooner Jessie, which arrived from Behring sea, reports that the schooner Umbria lost her mate, Gus Holgren, and two hunters in the Behring sea.

PACKING TRADES TO MELT.

Will Decide Question of Strike at All Centers.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—One thousand packing employees of the stock yards will go on strike today because of the refusal of the packers to concede the demands of the union for increased wages. This is the second call for a strike in the stock yards issued within a week. Fearing that no further concessions would be made to the sixteen other unions which have demanded better wages the leaders in the packing house unions, on the advice of Michael Donnelly, president, issued a hurried call for a special meeting of the Packing Trades council of Chicago and every packing center in the country to be held Saturday night for the purpose of voting on the question of ordering a general strike of the 53,000 members of the association unless a settlement shall be made in the matter of the demands of the sausage-makers and canners.

MINERS MAY QUIT MONDAY.

Authority for Colorado Strike Said to Have Been Received.

Denver, Oct. 29.—A special from Cripple Creek says: The authority from President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers for the calling of a strike of coal miners in district No. 15 was brought by "Mother" Jones, who returned from Indianapolis, and it is understood that next Monday is the date fixed for the walkout. This could not be positively confirmed but President William Howells of district No. 15 admitted that the strike would be called but the call had not yet been made.

Find Dynamite Under Station.

Seattle, Oct. 29.—Twelve sticks of dynamite, with fuses attached all ready for lighting, have been found under the Tacoma Seattle Interurban railway station. The find caused great excitement owing to recent explosions at night at nearby points, which did no damage. The police think the station was to have been blown up tonight. There was enough of the explosive to have blown up all the buildings within a radius of two blocks and to damage property for a distance of ten blocks from the depot. The discovery was made by a laborer named Wilson who saw the package behind the washstand in the rest room, which is located in the basement of the building.

Urges Special Session of Legislature.

Helena, Oct. 29.—Committees representing the miners and smelters' union presented to Governor Toole resolutions asking him to call an extra session of the legislature. The governor stated that he would give the resolutions careful consideration and reply to them at an early date. Members of the committee told the governor that they had given the subject much thought and that an extra session appeared to be a practical way to settle the differences. They told the governor that unless the mines resumed operations much suffering would follow.

Strike is Now Expected.

New York, Oct. 29.—President Buchanan of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, who has been endeavoring to patch up the difficulties between the iron league and the Housemiths' union, has received a letter from the secretary of the league refusing to meet the executive committee of the international association. It is expected a strike will be ordered on all the contracts held by members of the iron league out of town.

Alleged Lynchers Indicted.

Basin City, Wyo., Oct. 29.—The grand jury concluded its work and was discharged. Eight additional indictments were found in connection with the Gorman and Walters lynching, but as the arrests have not been made the names are withheld. The bonds for Pat Lock and Sablin have been placed at \$10,000 each. The men are still in jail. The sheriff left town with warrants.

Theater is Gunned by Fire.

Philadelphia, Oct. 29.—The Girard avenue theater was gutted by fire, entailing a loss of \$50,000, of which \$25,000 was on the building and the remainder on the contents. The fire started about 3 a. m. on the stage and is supposed to have been caused by an electric light wire. A traveling company was producing "The Minister's Daughter." All of the company's scenery and costumes were lost.

Oil Well Catches Fire.

Fori Wayne, Ind., Oct. 29.—A heavy flowing oil well located near Baldwin, Ind., caught fire and in efforts to save the property Charles Jackway, a driller, was burned to a crisp. Orin Dickson was fatally burned and R. C. Rhodes, superintendent, was seriously injured. The well, which is new territory, is still burning.

Giolitti to Form Cabinet.

Rome, Oct. 29.—Senator Giolitti formally accepted the task given him by King Victor Emmanuel of forming a new cabinet. The indications are that this cabinet will for the first time in the history of the kingdom of Italy bring the radicals into power in the person of Signor Sacclmi, their leader, and some of his followers.

Turks and Bulgarians Still Fighting.

Vienna, Oct. 29.—Turkey has suspended the demobilization of troops in Macedonia, according to an official dispatch from Constantinople. This is supposed to be in accordance with the Austro-Russian plans. Conflicts are reported between Turks and Bulgarians, several being killed in the Kastoria district.

TROOPS CHARGE RIOTERS

Strike at Bilbao Assuming Proportion of Revolution.

FIGHT BEHIND BARRICADES.

Cavalry Charges Strikers and Many Are Killed or Injured—Reports Are That Socialists and Anarchists Have Planned Demonstration.

Madrid, Oct. 29.—General Velasco, the military commandant at Bilbao, telegraphs the government that at daybreak the garrison occupied all strategic positions with the view of protecting the banks, public buildings, factories and markets, and especially the Jesuit and other religious houses, which the rioters seem determined to attack.

General Velasco reports that the cavalry repeatedly charged the rioters in the old part of the city. Some of the rioters were killed and many wounded. Many revolvers and stones and other missiles, General Velasco adds, were used by the rioters in their struggle with the soldiers.

The government has telegraphed General Velasco approving his energy and offering reinforcements. Several thousand men are held in readiness in Madrid and other towns. It is believed here that the movement in and around Bilbao is assuming the proportions of a social revolution—a revolution planned by socialists and anarchists—as was done in Barcelona two years ago. Premier Villaverde has determined to establish order at any cost.

Newspaper reports of the disorder in Bilbao represent the strikers as having established a reign of terror. They attacked and pillaged market stalls and shops and gorged themselves with food and drink. After destroying what they were unable to consume they proceeded to erect barricades in the streets. As there were only 5,000 troops in Bilbao reinforcements were summoned. The strikers defended barricades with reckless courage and desperate fighting ensued. Five rioters were killed and many injured. Many soldiers were wounded with revolver shots. As the barricades were captured they were destroyed and the rioters were expelled from the main streets by cavalry, who charged with drawn sabers. According to the latest accounts received here, the rioters have again started to pillage shops and are endeavoring to raise new barricades. Some fears are entertained that the rioters will unite in force and attack the troops before reinforcements arrive.

BECHTEL MURDER MYSTERY.

Police Find Incriminating Facts at Home of Woman.

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 29.—With David Welsenberg under \$500 bail, supplied by Congressman Kline and with Thomas Bechtel, her brother, and Alfred Eckstein, her accredited lover, locked up in a police station cell, the Allentown police are resting their work on the Mabel H. Bechtel murder case until the coroner's inquest this evening. The mystery is still practically unsolved, except that indications point to a family row in which Eckstein may have figured. The police incline to the belief that the girl was not away from home on Monday that a quarrel occurred over the girl's supposed duplicity to Eckstein at her attachment for Welsenberg; that the blow was struck in anger which may have been more severe than was intended and that the girl's death was thus accomplished and the body disposed of as found, the story being concocted as related by the mother. Who struck the fatal blow or blows is only conjecture and may develop at the inquest.

Want Government to Build Levee.

New Orleans, Oct. 29.—The Interstate Mississippi River Improvement and Levee association convention closed its session after adopting a series of resolutions in favor of government jurisdiction of levees and adequate appropriations for their speedy construction if government control is not advisable, and endorsing the proposed waterway from the great lakes to the gulf and the Chicago sanitary canal as a part of that project. The feature of the session was Judge Robert S. Taylor's appeal against the proposed movement for government ownership.

St. Louis Express Drivers Strike.

St. Louis, Oct. 29.—The unusual action of union express wagon drivers in the employ of various local express companies, who inaugurated a strike with a view to forcing a settlement from the Pacific Express company, caused practically a suspension of business ordinarily handled by the companies affected in St. Louis. It is charged by nearly all of the companies that their employees broke faith with them after having given their word that they would not participate in a sympathy strike. The companies affected are the Adams, National, American, Wells-Fargo and Pacific.

Dynamite Wrecks Des Moines Factory.

Des Moines, Oct. 29.—The two-story brick building owned and occupied by the Prouty soap factory, at East Third and Market streets, was wrecked by a dynamite explosion last night. Night Watchman Atwood, who was in the building at the time of the explosion, was buried beneath a pile of debris and seriously injured. Window glass in other buildings in the vicinity of the factory was shattered and bricks were scattered for several blocks.

DENOUNCE THE ATROCITIES.

Methodist Episcopal Church Passes Resolutions Regarding Macedonia.

Washington, Oct. 29.—By a unanimous vote the following resolutions condemning the Macedonian atrocities were adopted at the session of the missionary council of the Protestant Episcopal church:

"Resolved, That this council desires to put on record an expression of its horror and indignation at the wholesale atrocities that have been and are still being perpetrated upon our fellow Christians in the province of Macedonia. We offer them our profound sympathy in the fiery trials through which they are passing and we pray God in his mercy to send them deliverance. We would further express the hope that the moral influence of the government of this great republic may be thrown into the scale in favor of such reforms as may give to the Macedonian people the protection of law against injustice and oppression, and where those who survive this terrible persecution are now perishing from disease, cold and hunger we commend to all Christian people the prompt and energetic employment of whatever measures may contribute to the succor of this afflicted people and especially such contributions as may relieve their sore necessities."

ADVANCES NOVEL PLEA.

Attorney for English Agitator Calls Anarchy a Religion.

New York, Oct. 29.—Judge Lacombe listened to arguments in the habeas corpus proceedings on behalf of John Turner, the English anarchist, whose deportation has been ordered by the government. Defendant's counsel made a strong plea for Turner, alleging that anarchy was not a crime, but a religion, and that the deportation of his client was prohibited by the bill of rights. The attorney for the government made but little attempt to answer this argument, but requested permission to submit a brief, to which Judge Lacombe assented. He named Friday as the day for the filing of papers. Meantime Turner is remanded without bail.

PARRY WOULD SAVE NATION.

Sees in Present Labor Conditions Menace to the Republic.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—D. M. Parry of the National Manufacturers' association, speaking of the purposes of the convention of employers' associations which opens here today, said: "The greatest work, perhaps, will be an effort to save the republic. Conditions are so bad that it will not be long before the nature of our government is changed and we shall have socialism. We propose to see that there is no change in our government and that the existing condition of affairs is preserved. We will show the workingman a better way to improve his condition than through the unions as they now exist or through socialism."

Methodist Church Merger.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 29.—The general conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church of America took action looking toward the merging of that church with the Free Methodist church. A committee of five members was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Free Methodist church and to report at the next meeting. The matter was brought before the conference by a delegate from the Free Methodist church. The conference adopted a resolution which requests all voting members of the church to vote the ticket of the Prohibition party.

Comb Factory Burns.

Leominster, Mass., Oct. 29.—Four women received serious burns and besides and sixty other employees narrowly escaped with their lives from a fire that gutted the factory of the Columbia Comb company, manufacturers of celluloid goods.

Meeting of Czar and Emperor.

Berlin, Oct. 29.—According to the present arrangements, Emperor William and the czar will meet first at Darmstadt, the former traveling thither to meet his brother monarch. The czar afterwards will return the visit at Wiesbaden.

Report of Receiver Not Ready.

New York, Oct. 29.—Assistant Receiver Degnan of the United States Shipbuilding company said that the report of Receiver Smith has not yet been completed and would probably not be ready for publication before Saturday.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Rev. Osman A. Hall, M. D., medical missionary at Chung King, is dead. Hal Harvey, oldest son of W. H. ("Coin") Harvey, was killed at Hugo, I. T., while coupling cars.

George Jagers was lodged in jail at Newton, N. J., charged with the murder of Mrs. Victor E. Bevans at Peters Valley.

While attempting to secure her husband—who lived near Jennings, Fla., a mob shot to death Jennie McCall, a negress.

Karl Hagenjos, city treasurer of East Galesburg, Ill., was arrested at Kansas City, charged with embezzling \$1,800 of city funds.

The boiler-makers on the entire system of the Erie railroad struck because of the discharge of men in all the shops of the company.

Governor Otero of New Mexico has issued a proclamation establishing a quarantine against cattle brought from Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Mexico on account of the alleged existence of splenic fever, mange and other diseases.