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BAD FIRES RAGING

Disastrous Flames Visit North Nebraska.

WIND NOW SWITCHED NORTH

Prairies in Vicinity of Atkinson Swept by Blaze.

THE GALE FANS FIRE FLAMES

Prairies are Covered by Vast Sheets of Fire Which Sweep Unchecked, Burning Houses, Barns—Elgin's Narrow Escape.

Atkinson, Neb., March 24.—Special to The News: Terrific fires, fanned into diabolical appetites by the fierce south gale which swept over this section of the country all day yesterday and through the night, have done great damage in the country around Atkinson.

Fire started two and one-half miles east of town and ran eleven miles north, sweeping the dry prairies before it with hungry, licking tongues of flame and eating up the buildings in its path. The barns and outbuildings of Ed Fullerton were destroyed and a large barn belonging to George Reimers.

Fire at the Ray postoffice, twenty-five miles northeast of here, destroyed a house and barn completely. This blaze ran unchecked for fifteen miles south.

A bad fire started south of Newport and between 400 and 500 men of the town have gone out to fight it desperately.

At the Simmons postoffice a large barn was burned by a flame which jumped along at a frightful speed for twenty or thirty miles.

At 11 o'clock this morning the southern gale suddenly switched and was replaced by a very heavy northwesterly, which is sweeping across the plains. A cold wave signal was received here by telegraph and this, it is thought, is the beginning of a drop of forty degrees which will hit north Nebraska generally before night.

Amelia, Neb., March 24.—Special to The News: At 2 o'clock this afternoon the prairie fire in this vicinity is still raging and it will without doubt destroy this postoffice town.

Bassett, Neb., March 24.—A disastrous prairie fire has been raging in Rock county since early Wednesday morning. The fire originated in Loup county and driven by a high wind, burned a strip from five to ten miles wide from the south line of the county to the railroad near Newport, a distance of forty miles. Thousands of tons of hay, many residences, outbuildings and stock have been destroyed. The fire continues and an army of men and teams is fighting it. A special train carrying seventy-five men was sent from Long Pine and Bassett to assist the town of Newport and it is now out of danger. No fatalities have been reported, but several fire fighters have been injured.

Kearney, Neb., March 24.—A prairie fire on the Platte river bridge and partly destroyed.

Holdrege, Neb., March 24.—A terrific wind from the south has been blowing here and the noon train set out three fires near Atlanta, one or more of which burned clear through to the Platte, a distance of twenty miles. A number of farmers were burned out. Some saved their homes, but lost everything else, while others lost all their buildings and stock. A. Olsen, an old man, who was sick in bed, was burned to death, and a woman and boy are missing and are believed to have perished.

FIRE IN SIOUX CITY.

Pelletier's Dry Goods Store Was Threatened for Time.

Sioux City, Ia., March 24.—Special to The News: Fire broke out in the Pelletier dry goods store this morning and for a time things looked dangerous. It was gotten under control, however, and the loss was slight.

RAPID CITY GROCERY HOUSE.

Fire is Raging in Large Jobbing House in Black Hills.

Rapid City, S. D., March 24.—At 1:30 this afternoon fire is raging in one of the large grocery jobbing houses in this city, and it is not yet known whether the firemen will be able to bring it under control.

OPERATION AT HUMPHREY.

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartsch of Lindsay.

Lindsay, Neb., March 24.—Special to The News: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartsch, who have had their 7-year-old daughter to Chicago for treatment for the past six weeks, returned Saturday and took the little girl to Humphrey where an operation was performed and about a quart of pus removed from the abdominal cavity

by Dr. Walker of Lindsay and Dr. Gadbois of Humphrey. The little girl is still in a very critical condition and there is some doubt regarding her recovery.

Revolt in Cameroons.

Berlin, March 24.—General von Puttkammer, governor of the Cameroons, cables that the revolt of the natives has spread to Cross river and extended to British territory in Nigeria and that the British custom house at Okokum was attacked on March 10. The governor adds that Colonel Mueller, is at Cross river and has the situation well in hand.

Hinschaw is Renominated.

York, Neb., March 24.—The Fourth Nebraska district Republican congressional convention renominated Representative Hinschaw by acclamation. I. Foss and H. M. Childs were second district delegates to the national convention and instructed for Roosevelt.

ELGIN HAS ANOTHER FIRE

Room Filled With Burning Gas Nearly Disastrous.

MRS. IRA WOLF BURNED ON ARM

By Her Plucky Efforts, However, and Those of an Early Arrival, the Home is Saved From Flame—Acetylene Gas Fixture Causes Trouble.

Elgin, Neb., March 24.—Special to The News: What threatened to be a serious fire was averted here Wednesday night in the residence of Ira Wolfe, the prominent merchant. A gas fixture was broken off and the room filled with escaping acetylene gas. Mrs. Wolfe pluckily attempted to smother the flames and in the effort the cloth of her sleeve caught fire and burned her arm quite seriously before she could succeed in extinguishing it. An alarm was turned in and Ed Roberts rushed to the scene, checking the blaze by wrapping his coat about the broken burner.

Aside from burning the cloth and smoking the rooms, no real damage resulted but as a big wind was blowing at the time it was lucky that the fire was put out in the beginning.

Elgin School House. Elgin, Neb., March 24.—Special to The News: Excavation for the new school house in Elgin began this morning and is being done by local contractors.

Wedding of Elgin People.

Elgin, Neb., March 24.—Special to The News: Ross Saunders and Miss Frankie Palmer were married at Neigh yesterday. Mr. Saunders is one of the industrious young men of Elgin, a son of F. L. Saunders who is one of the well known pioneers of Antelope county. He is employed by J. M. Payne. Miss Palmer is a daughter of Fred Palmer, a builder and contractor. She is one of the finest young ladies of Elgin and has taught school here for seven years. They will go to housekeeping at once.

BYAN BLOWN UP IN BATTLE

Report from Berlin Says Skori is Still Safe.

Berlin, March 24.—It is reported here today that the Byan was blown up on March 16 at Port Arthur, instead of the torpedo boat Skori, and that several hundred were drowned.

JACK MONROE VERY ILL.

Has to Give up His Theatrical Engagements.

New York, March 24.—Jack Monroe, the prize fighter so well known, is very seriously ill in this city. He has had to abandon his theatrical engagements on account of his illness.

SETTLE STRIKE QUESTION.

Miners and Operators of Illinois Get Together.

Springfield, Ill., March 24.—The question among miners of the Illinois coal fields will be settled here this afternoon at a conference which is being held between the operators and miners.

BRISTOW IS HIMSELF A GRAFTER

Card Circulated Shows Big Salaries in Family.

Washington, March 24.—Congressmen here today are circulating a card which states that Bristow's father, his son, his brother and a number of other relatives of the man who made the report about grafts, are together drawing from the United States government \$15,000 every year on fat jobs.

Gilbert Named for Congress.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 24.—The Republicans of the Twelfth congressional district, in convention, nominated Lieutenant Governor Newton W. Gilbert as a candidate for Congress. The resolutions endorsed President Roosevelt.

FIGHTERS ARE ALL READY

Corbett and Britt Will Meet in the Ring.

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Jimmy Britt Wants the Honor to be Again Determined at San Francisco Tomorrow Night—Britt is Confident and Corbett is Also.

San Francisco, March 24.—"Young Corbett," champion featherweight pugilist of the world, and Jimmy Britt, who believes he ought to be champion, have completed their work of preparation and are ready to enter the ring at Woodward's pavilion tomorrow night to settle the question of relative supremacy. The battle will be the most important the champion has engaged in since his last fight with Terry McGovern. Britt never worked harder for a coming fight, and both men will go into the ring in nearly perfect condition. Britt realizes the stake that is at issue, and will make a supreme effort to show his California admirers that he is at the top of his class.

The Hayes Valley Athletic club, under whose auspices the contest will take place, reports one of the largest seat sales of any fight that has ever taken place in San Francisco. Delegations of sporting men are already arriving from out of town and the indications point to an enormous crowd in the big pavilion, when the little fighters enter the ring.

Never in the history of a championship fight has betting been so light as it is on the Jimmy Britt-Young Corbett contest, which will be decided here Friday night. No bets of any proportion have been registered at Harry Corbett's or any other pool room.

A number of small bets have been made by lesser sporting lights and theatrical folks, the odds being 10 to 8 on the featherweight champion. Britt's admirers seem to have plenty of money, but are holding off for better odds. Ten to six is what they want, but experts declare they see no reason in the world why Corbett should be made the favorite in the betting. It is doubtful if Britt's backers will get the odds they demand.

Young Corbett said today, "You can bet all you have that I'll win from Jimmy Britt Friday. Just as sure as he crawls through the ropes to fight me he will be carried out a badly beaten man. I am in shape—couldn't be better—and that's a guarantee that no man in the world can beat me at my weight."

Both men took their final preparation today. Britt made a particularly busy day of it at Croll's garden. There was a big crowd on hand to see him, but only a chosen few were admitted to the gymnasium. In speaking of the coming encounter the little Californian said: "I will have to hit an awful gait to beat Corbett, but I know it's in me. I don't like to talk about these things, but I would just like my friends to know that I am confident, and have put up money on myself. Young Corbett is a wonderful fighter, and I will have the hardest contest of my career, but I feel sure I'll win."

The same feeling of confidence was apparent today in the Corbett camp. Despite the many stories to the contrary the champion has been training faithfully for his battle with Britt and from all indications he will enter the ring in first-class condition. In company with his trainers he went through the usual routine of exercises today, spending an hour or so in road work and afterwards boxing several rounds.

VILLAGE MARSHAL ARRESTED.

Charged With Striking Physician Over Head With Cane.

Pierce, Neb., March 24.—The preliminary hearing in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Geo. Goff, marshal of the town of Pierce, was held before County Judge Williams. This is a case wherein it is claimed that Marshal Goff struck the village physician, Dr. J. T. Pringle, over the head with his cane. It is charged that Goff tried to strike Pringle with his cane but Pringle pulled it away from him and tried to strike Goff twice. Goff got Pringle up against the wall when W. W. Quivey stepped in and parted them. Goff then told Pringle that he was under arrest, and Pringle said that he would have to draw his warrant to pay his fine, but he didn't allow any man to call him a liar without slapping him, whereupon Goff, it is said, struck him with his cane. A number of men saw the fight and many stories are in circulation. Judge Williams thought the evidence strong enough to hold the marshal and so bound him over in the sum of \$800. Both men have friends and an interesting case will come before the next district court.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-Four Hours Ending at 8 O'Clock this Morning.

Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	69
Minimum	49
Average	59
Precipitation	.06
Precipitation for month	.37
Barometer	29.30

Chicago, March 24.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Rain tonight. Snow and cold wave tonight. Friday fair, with colder east portion. High northwest winds. Chicago, March 23, 4:14 p. m.—Special forecast. Cold wave. Fall in temperature forty degrees or more by or during Thursday night.

BONILLA MAY BE EXECUTED

Former President of Honduras Has Been Sentenced to Death.

New York, March 24.—There is a rumor here that former President Policarpo Bonilla of Honduras has been tried by court-martial and sentenced to be shot to death, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. He was arrested and thrown into prison last month with several other members of the chamber of deputies, it being charged that a plot against the government of President Manuel Bonilla was hatching among them.

General Policarpo Bonilla for many years was president of the country, and it is said he was the only man who ever retired from office willingly and without starting a revolution to bring him back into power again. It was during his administration that a reform constitution was adopted which provided among other changes for a secret ballot instead of the vive voce method of election.

Hold Railroad Responsible.

Dubuque, Ia., March 24.—The coroner's jury inquiry into the cause of the deaths of Thomas, Rhyno, Griswold and Cavanaugh, who were killed in a collision of two stock trains at Dyersville, Feb. 25, returned a verdict holding the Chicago Great Western railroad and Conductor Mahoney responsible and charges both with gross negligence. The wreck was caused by the second section of a stock train crashing into the first section, standing at Dyersville. The evidence showed that there were no signals placed and that the speed of the second section was such as to make a collision inevitable.

Senator Burton's Trial.

St. Louis, March 24.—In the trial of Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas District Attorney Dyer read a letter purporting to have been written to the local attorney of the Rialto company by Senator Burton, in which the latter is alleged to have stated that he had made inquiries at the postoffice department regarding complaints against the Rialto company and assured the latter that no final action would be taken until he, Burton, had been first notified and had arranged for a full hearing before the department. "In return," the letter states, "I trust arrangements will be made for my first month's pay."

Disciples of Christ Meet.

Chicago, March 24.—Over 300 delegates from all parts of the country were present here at the convention of the National Congress of the Disciples of Christ. Officers were elected to serve during the coming year as follows: President, J. J. Haley, Richmond, Va.; secretary, M. S. Sharp, Columbia, Mo. Next year's convention will be held in Columbia, Mo., in March.

Death of General Armstrong.

Indianapolis, March 24.—General Thomas Armstrong Morris of this city is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Chambers, in San Diego, Cal., where he was staying for the benefit of his health. He was the oldest living graduate of West Point, having received his diploma from the national military school in 1834. General Morris was ninety-one years of age.

Keokuk Canal to Open April 1.

Keokuk, Ia., March 24.—Orders have been issued to open the United States Dees Moines rapids canal for navigation on April 1. Several small steamers and the big packets Quincy and Sidney are being rapidly painted in the canal and will start as soon as the canal is opened. Steamboat men are anticipating a heavy traffic this year because of the fair at St. Louis.

Holdenville Bank Fails.

Holdenville, I. T., March 24.—The National Bank of Holdenville, one of the largest banks in the Creek nation, has suspended payment. It is now in the hands of the comptroller of the currency. The condition of the bank is fairly good. Injudicious investment is given as the cause of the trouble.

Governor Cummins Ill.

Des Moines, March 24.—Governor A. B. Cummins is seriously ill with an attack of the grippe and is threatened with pneumonia. The governor has been ill for about two weeks, but has persisted in attending to his duties at the state house.

JAPAN'S PLAN OF ATTACK

Believed War Will Be Fought on Plains of Manchuria.

ARMY TO LAND AT NEW CHWANG

Will Probably Seize Hal Cheng as an Additional Base—Japs Said to Have Destroyed Russian Battleship at Port Arthur.

London, March 24.—The stringent Japanese censorship is likely to be relaxed early in April, says the well informed Daily Telegraph's Seoul correspondent. This coincides with the numerous indications of the imminence of land operations. In the meantime the veil has not been lifted and not a word has yet issued, either officially from Japan or unofficially from any other source, concerning the last bombardment of Port Arthur.

The Times prominently publishes an opinion of a correspondent that Japan will land her main army at New Chwang, which will be formed into a magnificent base and that she also probably will seize Hal Cheng, fifteen miles eastward and on the railroad, as an additional base, and that without seriously attacking either Port Arthur or Vladivostok, the war will be fought out on the plains of central Manchuria.

London, March 24.—A series of messages, sent by a correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chemulpo, Korea, describes the perfect organization and arrangements of the Japanese forces in Korea. Elaborate preparations have been made for landing troops and advancing them through the country and pontoon bridges and stables are built wherever they are found to be necessary. The greatest difficulty facing the Japanese is the commissariat, as, owing to the poor food supplies of Korea, it is only possible at present to maintain 90,000 men. The Japanese hold two enormously strong positions at Ping Yang and on the Mok San range between Hwangju and Seoul. The latter, the correspondent says, is probably impregnable and secures Seoul from land attacks from the northwest. In the event of defeat it is intended to hold the passes at Kazan, thus protecting the Ping Yang valley. The Japanese troops are suffering from dysentery and pneumonia, but the army is full of spirit. There are probably 25,000 Japanese at Ping Yang, which the correspondent points out might easily have been taken when the Russian scouts first arrived, there being then only 250 Japanese soldiers. The Russians intended to make Anju their base, but owing to the delay in the arrival of reinforcements they were afraid they would be cut off and so retired. Meanwhile the Japanese advanced to Ping Yang by forced marches, the troops being almost without equipment.

According to this correspondent the Russians are preparing to prevent the Japanese landing at Pak Chon, twenty miles west of Anju, and he says the Japanese sailors admit that Port Arthur is so protected by mines and torpedoes that it would mean death to approach it.

Russians Are Not Worrying.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—As no further dispatches, official or otherwise, have arrived here from Port Arthur up to this morning the officials have come to the conclusion that the bombardment by the Japanese fleet on the night of March 21 and on the morning of March 22 failed to cause any damage considered worthy to be reported to the emperor. In consequence considerable satisfaction at the continued fruitlessness of the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur prevails in high circles.

The correspondent of the Novi Kral of Port Arthur, who is proceeding to the Yalu river, writes that he saw crowds of Chinese coolies throwing up earthworks on the frowning impregnable heights at Kin Chon, north of Port Dalny. This shows that the Russians are determined to resist the Japanese attempt to land on the neck of the Liao Tung peninsula.

Vladivostok Preparing for Siege.

Vladivostok, March 24.—While the situation here remains quiet, it is not expected that Vladivostok will continue to be much longer free from the vigorous operations of the Japanese. In anticipation of the appearance of the enemy and of a possible siege, a ladies' circle has been formed, which sits six hours daily at the ministry of marine preparing bandages of linen for sick soldiers and sailors.

Destroys Russian Battleship.

Tokio, March 24.—A special from Moji says the Japanese fleet made another attack on Port Arthur March 18, bombarded the city and its defenses and fought a furious engagement with the Russian fleet outside the harbor, destroying one Russian battleship. Seven Japanese casualties are reported. There is no information concerning the Japanese fleet's condition.

State Rests in Rudolph Case.

Union, Mo., March 24.—After examining more than thirty witnesses, the state rested its case in the trial of William Rudolph, the alleged Union bank robber, who is charged with the murder of Detective Schumacher. Attorneys for the defense said that their only hope for a favorable verdict was in the fact that the state had not presented the testimony to a witness to the shooting.

Wreck on the Lake Shore. Cleveland, March 24.—The east-bound Pittsburg and Buffalo express on the Lake Shore road ran into an open switch in northeast Pennsylvania while running at a high rate of speed, and several passenger coaches were derailed. The engineer, baggageman and a brakeman were seriously injured. The engine struck the depot and partially demolished it.

Allege Editor is Russia Spy.

Tokio, March 24.—The house of representatives appointed a committee of eighteen members to investigate the charge that Tesuk Akiyama, a member of parliament, is in the employ of the Russian government. Akiyama is publisher of the Nirokushin, a Tokyo paper, which has been bitterly assailing the government.

MARTIAL LAW IS RENEWED

Telluride District Again Under Military Control.

Denver, March 24.—After ten days of civil control, San Miguel county is again under martial law. According to news from Telluride, a proclamation issued by Governor Peabody was read there declaring the county to be in a state of rebellion and ordering Captain Wells of the local troops to assume control of affairs of the county. In the proclamation it is stated that certain armed bands in and about the county are preparing to join forces for the purpose of resisting the law and destroying property. The primary cause for the placing of San Miguel under control of the military again is the trouble between the union miners and the Citizens' Alliance, which resulted in the deporting of a number of union men several days ago. The action of the government was consequent upon an appeal from the sheriff of the county, who stated that affairs had reached such a state that he could no longer enforce the law. Information from Ouray, a neighboring mining camp, where the deported men sought refuge, tells of a joint meeting held there between the unions of Silverton and Ouray, which was attended by President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners and the deported Telluride unionists. It was decided to start some of the evicted men back to Telluride today to test the situation. This will be done under the injunction issued by Judge Stevens of Ouray. If the men are interfered with a stand will be made first on the powers of the injunction. Should this prove unavailing, President Moyer says, proceedings for damages will be commenced in the federal courts against all concerned in the deportation of the Telluride unionists. He also said that charges of kidnaping may be brought against them under the federal laws.

STATE TROOPS NOW IN CHARGE

Cause of the Action Was the Intention of Deported Men to Return. Union Miners Held a Meeting and Decide on Line of Action.

Trinidad, Colo., March 24.—The special train bearing 386 members of the National Guard arrived here. The coming of the troops caused absolutely no excitement. Camp was established in this city and detachments were sent out to various coal camps to relieve the mine guards employed by the coal companies, who have been drawing \$5 a day each. Immediately upon arrival Major Hitt read his first general order, placing the entire county under martial law and ordering all saloons to close at 9 p. m. daily. All citizens having firearms in their possession are ordered to register them immediately with the military authorities and the sale of firearms and ammunition in the county is absolutely forbidden. The mine owners have insisted for months past that they could not get men to operate their property because non-unionists were afraid to go to work unless afforded military protection.

Tells of Hubbard's Death.

Williamstown, Mass., March 24.—The reports of the death of Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., assistant editor of Outlook Magazine, while on an exploring expedition in Labrador, were confirmed by a letter received by relatives of A. Dillon Wallace, a former Williamstown man, who is the surviving white man of the party. While in the deep interior Hubbard's strength failed him and the party started back, hoping to reach provisions. When Hubbard could go no farther Wallace and George, the Indian guide, made him comfortable and went on for provisions and assistance. Wallace found a quantity of flour which the party left on its way in, about twelve miles from the place where Hubbard was left, and started back with it, while George went forty miles beyond to find a party of trappers. On the return trip Wallace lost his way in the deep snow and was near death and out of his mind when found by George's party. Wallace soon regained his strength, but Hubbard died the same day.