

FIRE IN STEAMER
STIRS SLEEPERS

Passengers on Ontario Roused in Early Morning by Cries and Smoke Clouds.

CAPTAIN BEACHES HIS SHIP
Wireless Operator Stays by Post and Summons Aid.

WOMEN PROVE THEIR COURAGE
Ten Persons Riding in Steerage Cause Only Trouble.

LIVES ARE NEVER ENDANGERED
Accident Which Results in Excitement and Opportunity for Studies of Human Nature Turns Out Fortunately.

BOSTON, Mass., April 8.—A group of tired, hungry passengers of the Merchants' and Miners' steamer Ontario, which was driven ashore burning on Montauk Point, L. I., arrived here late today from New London, Conn., where they were landed by a tug.

Most of them were without baggage. Some had dressed so hurriedly in the excitement that they had scarcely sufficient clothing.

When the Ontario was run ashore it carried thirty-two passengers, twenty-two first and second cabin, and ten Italians in the steerage. All but two of the passengers were brought to Boston.

Despite their trying experience, they took the situation philosophically.

"It was an unavoidable misfortune," said one, while others declared they believed no one was to blame. There was no panic except among the steerage passengers, who did not understand English, could not be calmed and directed. They were forced by the ship's crew into the saloon. Some of them insisted on running on deck and a few tried to climb the mast, thinking the ship would sink.

Women Braver Than Men.

"The women," said H. W. Sanborn of Dover, N. H., "behaved better than the men, in my opinion, and they are deserving of much praise. Of course we all got a little excited, but who would not? I was sleeping in the stateroom next to that of the wireless operator, Herbert Ingalls of Lynn, Mass., and right on the other side the rifle was raging. About 2 o'clock this morning I awoke and looked out at the weather and saw people running out on deck crying 'The ship is afire.' I thought it was a fire drill, but the next minute smoke enveloped us.

"If there were any heroes on that boat they were Ingalls, the plucky wireless operator, and Chief Engineer Dineen. Both of them stuck to their posts until their duty was done, and they were most responsible for our safety.

"One of the busiest men on the boat was Purser James. He assisted in awakening passengers. He also aided in calming the Italians, who were bordering on hysteria.

That the fire started before the ship left Baltimore was the opinion expressed by D. C. Cannon, one of the passengers. Cannon says he saw stowaways who were storing the cotton smoking and it is his theory that a smouldering match or cigarette started a blaze before the steamer left port.

DITCH PAIN LIVESAVING STATION, Long Island, April 8.—The steamer Ontario, 2,000 tons burden, Baltimore to Boston, with fifteen passengers and a crew of forty, was run on the rocks off Montauk Point by its captain early today when fire was discovered in the hold.

The passengers were transferred in lifeboats to the tug Tasco, from New London, Conn., which rushed to the scene in response to the Ontario's S. O. S. wireless signals, and after six hours the fire was brought under control.

The vessel is hard aground with a light sea running and but little wind, and there is little danger, apparently, of its going to pieces.

SEVEN PERSONS KILLED IN
PANIC IN CONCERT HALL

AVENUES, France, April 8.—Seven women and children were killed today in this city in a rush to the doors in a concert hall, following an outbreak of fire. Fifteen other women and children were injured.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for Nebraska, Iowa, and Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation data.

Sioux City Loses
Fight for Lower
Rates on Grain

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Interstate Commerce commission today declined to disturb the existing through freight rates on grain in the middle west. The petition of the Sioux City Terminal Elevator company against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway and other rail carriers was rejected, except as to certain local rates.

It was urged by the Sioux City petitioners that existing rates in and out of Sioux City were discriminatory against that city as a grain center and gave preferential advantage to the cities of Omaha and Kansas City, direct competitors of Sioux City. The commission held that as to the great bulk of its grain tonnage Sioux City labored under no substantial disadvantage.

The existing local rates on grain from the states of South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa to Sioux City were held to be unreasonable and the railroads were given time in which to readjust them.

Auto Outruns Train
in Race for Contra-
band Ammunition

EL PASO, Tex., April 8.—Racing with a train for war supplies destined for Mexican insurgents, an automobile in a race with the train today. The prize was \$5,000 worth of ammunition, which left here for Tornillo, Tex., forty miles east of El Paso on the Southern Pacific.

The fact that the ammunition was aboard the train and destined for Guadalupe, Mex., opposite Tornillo, was discovered after the train left El Paso. There was neither telegraph station nor telephone station by which the ammunition could be headed off at Tornillo. United States secret service men jumped into an automobile and after a wild thirty-two-mile ride caught the train as it stood at the station of Fabens. When the ammunition was unloaded at Tornillo the officers piled out of the automobile and set it.

Committee Votes to
Unseat New Mexico
House Members

SANTA FE, N. M., April 8.—The house bribery committee, by a vote of 5 to 4, today decided to make a report adverse to the four house members accused of bribery and recommend that they be unseated. A minority report in favor of the defendants will be made.

Rehearing Refused
in Patent Case

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Rehearing of the so-called "patent monopoly" miscegenation case was today refused by the supreme court of the United States.

On March 31 the court decided that in selling its patented machine the patentee may require the purchaser to use only such supplies for the machine as are purchased from the owner of the patent, notwithstanding that the supplies are not patented.

The government joined in the application for a rehearing and asked to be made a party to the case. The rules of the court provide that a rehearing will not be granted unless a justice who concurred in the judgment desires it. No ground was announced for the court's action today.

Two-Score Lives Are
Endangered by Fire

CHICAGO, April 8.—Twenty persons sleeping in the Chicago Inner Mission society house of the Evangelical Lutheran church were aroused from their beds and sent hurrying into the street, two automobiles were destroyed and a score of firemen were imperiled early today by a blaze which attacked the garage of Clifford M. Leonard, 124 LaSalle avenue.

A few minutes after the firemen arrived a tank containing a large quantity of gasoline exploded, shattering the wall which separated the garage from the mission house.

The fire, which is believed to have been caused by crossed wires, was discovered by Rev. V. J. Tengwald, superintendent of the mission, who sent in an alarm by telephone. The loss was \$5,000.

FIRST MOVE TO SAVE
LIFE OF RICHESON

BOSTON, April 8.—The first move to save the life of Clarence V. T. Richeson, the confessed murderer of Miss Avis Lincoln, who is sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of May 13, was made today. The former minister's attorney, William A. Mayne, had a short conference with Executive Secretary Hamlin at the state house, following which it was announced that on April 26 counsel for the condemned man will appear before Governor Foss and argue on the question of referring a petition to the executive council, which rests entirely with the governor.

The National Capital

Monday, April 8, 1912.
The Senate.
In session 2 p. m.
Assistant Secretary Wilson of State department told finance committee free sugar bill would make abrogation of reciprocity agreement with Cuba for 20 per cent preferential.

ROOSEVELT PUTS
HOPE IN ILLINOIS

Colonel Fights All Day for Victory in Primary and Says Hat Will Stay.

ASSAILS OPPONENTS WITH VIGOR
Goes on Record Against Taft in Regard to Reciprocity.

FIVE SLATES IN COMPETITION
Voters Will Face Complex Election Ticket Today.

FROM PRESIDENT TO CORONER
Taft, La Follette and Roosevelt Are Bidding for Fifty-Eight Delegates to National Republican Convention.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 8.—All day long Colonel Roosevelt fought as hard as he could for victory in tomorrow's presidential primary in Illinois. In his opinion, as he expressed it today, the result will be of first importance in determining the outcome of his whole campaign. When it was all over and the colonel was ready to board his train to pass out of the state, he said: "My hat is in the ring and it is going to stay in the ring."

In one of his speeches today the colonel said: "We look to Illinois to set the keynote of this campaign. Illinois stands in the most important position of any state in this campaign."

In some other states, he charged, his supporters had been defeated by the unfair tactics of federal office holders and by other methods which he characterized as improper. The people of Illinois, he said, had obtained the presidential primary and on the morrow would express their preference as to the nominee for president.

"If you are against me in a fair vote," he said, "I shall have nothing to say, but if you are for me and the horses record you as against me, I shall have a great deal to say."

Attacks His Opponent.

The colonel handled his opponents without gloves today. He assailed Congressman McKinley, campaign manager for President Taft, in his own district and put himself on record as opposed to President Taft in regard to reciprocity. He repeated his broadside at Senator Lorimer and paid his respects once more to the country's multi-millionaires and the heads of great corporations, saying it would be for their own good to follow the policies he advocated.

The colonel made nearly a dozen fighting speeches. The day's run took him through the districts of Congressman McKinley and former Speaker Cannon. He delivered one speech in the shadow of McKinley's home in Champaign, and a few hours later was whirled in an automobile by Mr. Cannon's chocolate-colored dwelling in Danville and made a speech a few blocks away. He also made addresses at Clinton, Decatur, Sullivan, Mattoon, Tuscola and Urbana.

After leaving the state he made several speeches in Indiana.

Voters Have Man's Job.
CHICAGO, April 8.—Illinois voters will ballot tomorrow in the most complex primary in the state's history. Members of the two great parties will indicate their choice for president of the United States, United States senator and local offices down to county coroner, while in Chicago the question of the advisability of woman suffrage also is up to the electors. The republican candidates for state offices are divided into three distinct slates, one claiming to be "regular," one having the support of Senator Lorimer and one backed by the "progressive" element. Other candidates, not aligned with any of these three factions, are up for endorsement for many state and county offices.

The democrats are divided throughout the state into two general factions, though "unattached" candidates are expected to make good runs. Adherents of National Committeeman Sullivan will, in general, support one slate while the other will receive the support of a party led by Mayor Harrison.

Both big parties will give an advisory vote on candidates for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Shelby M. Cullom, who is a candidate for re-election. The state's first presidential primary finds Roosevelt, Taft and La Follette bidding for Illinois' fifty-eight delegates to the republican national convention. The democrats will choose between Clark and Wilson.

Wants Man to Stay Put.
DANVILLE, Ill., April 8.—The attendance of many residents of the Old Soldiers' home caused Colonel Roosevelt to talk of the civil war and its lesson in his final speech today in Illinois.

In those days, he said, a soldier was always interested to see whether a recruit would stand fire or run. "It made no difference what was his religion or creed or whether he was a merchant or a bricklayer," said Colonel Roosevelt, "but it did make a difference if he would stay put in a battle. That is what we want now, men that will stay put when we put them in places of trust and high honor."

The former president then urged young men to fight for the same principles for which the old soldiers in his audience fought. President Taft, he said, was trying to revise a saying by Lincoln, and it takes a mighty big man to do that.

Opposes Reciprocity.
MATTOON, Ill., April 8.—Colonel Roosevelt put himself on record today as directly opposed to President Taft on the subject of reciprocity. He declared he would never sanction the reintroduction of such a measure as the Canadian reciprocity bill passed by congress last year. "I have looked into it carefully, and under no circumstances, as far as I have any power, will I ever sanction the reintroduction of such an agreement as that which reciprocity agreement," he said. "I am perfectly willing and I am sure I speak for the farmers when I say it, that the farmers should pay their fair share, but they are not to be required to pay everything for an agreement like that. And in any future tariff arrangement" (Continued on Second Page.)

By the Process of Elimination



From the St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

OPERATORS DEFEND PATTEN
Witnesses Tell House Committee
Wheat Was Not Cornered.

ACTION ASSERTED BENEFICENT

Merrill Says Undue Profits Were Not Collected by Patten, but that Millers Got Big End of Deal.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—When James A. Patten operated in May wheat in 1909 he did not conduct a corner of wheat, several prominent grain operators told the house committee on agriculture today. Instead of cornering wheat and holding out for enormous profits, Mr. Patten performed a "beneficent action," according to John C. F. Merrill, president of the Council of Grain Exchanges, who acted as spokesman for the Chicago board of Trade and other wheat and corn exchanges at today's hearing.

Mr. Patten was exonerated of having collected undue profits. His deal was in May wheat, Mr. Merrill said, but he closed it out in April and by doing so there is a great deal of misinformation about the so-called "corner." There was no corner. He never had wheat cornered so that he could squeeze the price Mr. Patten got.

"Was that Patten's purpose?" asked Representative Sims of Tennessee. "I do not know that Mr. Patten had any philanthropic motive in mind," answered Mr. Merrill, "but that is the fact. There is a great deal of misinformation about the so-called 'corner.' There was no corner. He never had wheat cornered so that he could squeeze the price Mr. Patten got." (Continued on Second Page.)

La Fayette Young
Wants to Be United
States Senator

ALDRICH AT LEAVENWORTH

DES MOINES, Ia., April 8.—Formal announcement of the candidacy of La Fayette Young for United States senator, to succeed Senator W. B. Kenyon, was made today in the Des Moines Capital, of which Mr. Young is publisher. Colonel Young succeeded Senator J. P. Dolliver, by appointment of Governor Carroll, and served in the senate until Senator Kenyon was elected by the Iowa legislature in February of last year.

Senator Hitchcock
Will Come Home for
Harmon Meeting

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska will leave here Wednesday to address a democratic mass meeting at Omaha Friday when Governor Harmon of Ohio will formally reply to personal attacks by William J. Bryan.

CHILDREN ROLL EGGS ON
WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Thousands of children today crowded the main grounds of the White House, the president's backyard, to join in the annual Easter Monday egg rolling. The air was chilly, but otherwise the day was almost perfect, and children of all sorts and conditions, with their mothers, big sisters and nurses, flocked in to play on the White House grass.

Commission Plan Primaries Today

Where to Vote—Polls Open from 8 a. m. Till 9 p. m.

- FIRST WARD.
First—1300 South Sixth street.
Second—309 Sherman avenue.
Third—1300 South Tenth street.
Fourth—815 Bancroft street.
Fifth—426 Lincoln avenue.
Sixth—1212 North Twenty-fourth street.
SEVENTH WARD.
First—2505 South Twenty-ninth street.
Second—2026 Vinton street.
Third—1212 Vinton street.
Fourth—314 South Twenty-eighth street.
Fifth—2225 North Thirtieth street.
SIXTH WARD.
First—1212 Webster street.
Second—1212 Webster street.
Third—1212 Webster street.
Fourth—322 North Thirtieth street.
Fifth—505 South Thirtieth street.
SEVENTH WARD.
First—1519 Davenport street.
Second—184 Harnay street.
Third—718 South Sixteenth street.
Fourth—322 North Thirtieth street.
Fifth—297 Davenport street.
EIGHTH WARD.
First—384 Sherman avenue.
Second—291 Sherman avenue.
Third—184 Sherman avenue.
Fourth—184 Sherman avenue.
Fifth—1212 North Sixteenth street.
SIXTH WARD.
First—2419 North Twenty-fourth street.
Second—1902 North Twenty-fourth street.
Third—204 Tatten eighth street.
Fourth—122 North Thirty-third street.
Fifth—205 Military avenue.
SEVENTH WARD.
First—1212 South Twenty-second street.
Second—1212 South Sixteenth street.
Third—1212 Park avenue.
Fourth—204 North Thirty-third street.
Fifth—1212 North Thirtieth street.
EIGHTH WARD.
First—1204 North Twenty-fourth street.
Second—1212 Cummins street.
Third—1212 Cummins street.
Fourth—241 Cummins street.
NINTH WARD.
First—257 Cummins street.
Second—227 Cummins street.
Third—204 Davenport street.
Fourth—211 South Thirty-sixth street.
Fifth—204 Farnam street.
TENTH WARD.
First—1613 South Tenth street.
Second—1212 Leavenworth street.

Good Men for
Commissioner

VOTE FOR THESE FIVE:
Alfred C. Kennedy.
John J. Ryder.
Albert C. Kugel.
W. G. Shriver.
Harry B. Zimman.

AND TWO MORE OUT OF THESE

John D. Weaver.
G. H. Thummel.
J. B. Hummel.
Louis Berka.
Hecher Higby.
H. F. Meyers.
Rev. M. O. McLaughlin.
F. A. Faray.
W. A. Redick.

(Make up your own slate at home. Cut out this slip and take it with you to the voting booth.)
Third—1212 South Twenty-second street.
Fourth—1212 South Sixteenth street.
Fifth—1212 North Thirtieth street.
SIXTH WARD.
First—1212 Hamilton street.
Second—204 Farnam street.
Third—204 Leavenworth street.
Fourth—76 South Twenty-seventh street.
Fifth—204 Leavenworth street.
SEVENTH WARD.
First—1212 North Thirtieth street.
Second—1212 Grand avenue.
Third—1212 Grand avenue.
Fourth—1212 North Thirtieth street.
Fifth—204 Corby street.
EIGHTH WARD.
Sixth—1212 North Twenty-fourth street.
Seventh—1212 North Twenty-fourth street.
Eighth—1212 North Twenty-fourth street.
Ninth—1212 North Twenty-fourth street.

Governor Makes Trip South to In-
spect Federal Prison.

PENITENTIARY NOT YET QUIET

Trusty Makes His Escape from Outside Building and Many Believe More Weapons Are Hidden in the Cells.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Kan., April 8.—Governor Aldrich, L. B. Fuller, the governor's private secretary, and State Architect Miller will spend the day and possibly longer investigating the big federal prison at that point. The governor desires not only to have a personal talk with Major McClaughry, the warden, but to see for himself how things are managed there. Mr. Miller will examine the buildings and get some ideas on prison construction. The results of the investigation, it is expected, will be applied to the Nebraska prison so far as they commend themselves to the governor and are practicable with the present facilities here.

Convict Escapes.

Fred Schaffer, a convict sent up from Cherry county, and a trusty, took French leave last night and has not been located by the prison authorities. He was working at the time at one of the buildings outside the prison yard and the authorities did not suspect he would attempt to get away, as he had a good time allowance which would have given him his liberty August 12. Before coming to the penitentiary he had served a term of two years and nine months in the Industrial school at Kearney.

Conditions at Prison.

Persons familiar with conditions at the penitentiary and with the ways of convicts express the opinion there are still revolvers and explosives concealed at the prison by convicts which the officers in their various searches have failed to find. From the actions of Martin and Forbes, who were sent up for the same job as Shorty Gray, it is thought they were supplied at the same time and by the same parties who gave the weapons and explosives to Gray. If their suspicion is true there is likely to be an attempt most any time to repeat the break of Gray, Dowd and Morley. Prison officials, however, do not believe such is the case, though they admit it is a possibility. One thing is certain, that all the turmoil of recent date has caused a bad feeling among the convicts which is requiring the best efforts of the officials to keep under. There is also a bitter feeling between the white and colored convicts and if given an opportunity this feeling is likely to develop some outbreak or assault.

GOVERNOR GUEST OF WARDEN

Methods Employed in Federal Penitentiary Inspected.
LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 8.—Governor Aldrich of Nebraska was at the federal prison here today as the guest of Warden McClaughry. "After the terrible tragedy at our state prison," he said, "I made arrangements to come here and get pointers for a complete reorganization of prison methods. I find the prison system at Lincoln has been all wrong, many of the employees being old, incompetent and underpaid. Politics also has cut too much figure there."

Hay Thirty Dollars a Ton.

CINCINNATI, O., April 8.—Hay sold higher here today than at any time since the civil war. For good hay \$30 a ton was the ruling figure on the floor of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

RIVER IS RISING
AT VICKSBURG

Great Flood Now Crests in Northern Louisiana and Southern Arkansas.

BEGINS FALLING AT MEMPHIS
Several Minor Breaks Reported South of the City.

GENERAL SITUATION IMPROVING
Thousand Persons Are Reported Marooned at Wynoke, Ark.

ELLIOTT CITY IS INUNDATED
People in Town Near Baton Rouge, La., Driven from Homes by Break in Levee Along Atchafalaya River.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8.—Analysis over the Mississippi flood situation centered in the threatened reaches along the Arkansas and North Louisiana river shows this afternoon. The trend of the flood is shown in the report of the river stages, which shows that the Mississippi had receded one foot and two-tenths at Memphis and had risen one foot and one-tenth at Vicksburg this afternoon.

South of Memphis today there were minor breaks in the embankments protecting the Arkansas shores, and while these crevasses temporarily relieve the strain on the Tensas and Yazoo dikes, yet the water hourly works back into the main torrent.

In Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana villages behind the levees alarm over the on-coming crest is spreading, and hundreds of villagers and farmers have fled to the highlands.

One thousand famished, thirst-plagued persons are marooned by the flood on mounds, house-tops and in a church at Wynoke, Ark., according to Mayor Crump of Memphis, who returned here today after an inspection twelve miles south of Memphis. Boats were sent to their rescue. The refugees in the church built up safety stages of pews as the waters rose.

Two hundred levee workers narrowly escaped being swept away when the embankment caved at Mile Post 24, sixteen miles south of Helena, Ark., yesterday.

The town of Modoc, near the break is twenty feet under water today. Modoc practically was depopulated and those who remained took to flight when the roar of the water gave warning of its coming.

Hundred Rescued from Barge.

The steamer Kate Adams was near Modoc when the levee broke and rebounded those imperiled. A hundred or more panic-stricken negroes were taken from a government barge. Later motor launches went into the flood and rescued a number of farm hands from the roofs of their cabins, from the trees and the peaks of knolls which were above the water.

The work of caring for the refugees from the lowlands is fast being systematized. Tents and supplies have been received at the more important centers and arrangements have been made for the establishment of a central relief headquarters at Helena.

New Madrid, Mo., overflowed to a depth of several feet is nevertheless "dry." At least the "dry" was in a local option election Saturday. Voters came to the polls in shifts, in motor launches and on rafts and when the rubber-boated election clerks completed their count it was shown that the wetts were beaten by 200 votes. Related returns from the election were received here today.

Three Mississippi river steamers reached Memphis carrying hundreds of homeless persons from the flood-swept lands of Arkansas in the Modoc territory. Many of these report loss of life in several of the small towns that were inundated when the embankment was breached.

Stage of the River.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The weather bureau's report on conditions on the Mississippi river this morning says: "The stage of the river at Cairo, Ill., is 62.9 feet with a falling tendency. The Mississippi is falling above Helena, Ark., with a stage at Memphis of 47.7 feet, a fall of 1.6 feet from the high water mark of Saturday. From Helena southward the rise continues as previously forecasted."

Elliot City Inundated.

BATON ROUGE, La., April 8.—Cities of two towns of Louisiana have been flooded refugees during the last two or three hours, the crevasse in the west bank of the Atchafalaya river Saturday night having forced those living in Elliott City and Lottie to desert their homes. The water already has inundated Elliott City and today is moving toward Lottie, situated between Baton Rouge and the river. No loss of life has been reported.

Government Needs Supplies.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 8.—The Mississippi river was 34 feet here today, a slight fall in twenty-four hours, but the water is still above the danger line. At Hannibal the river was 12 feet, 6 feet above the flood stage. No great damage

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stock or eggs for sale,
as well as those who
want information as
to where to buy the
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