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FOREST FIRE RAGING

NORTHERN MICHIGAN TOWNS IN DANGER.

Five White Men and Scores of Kafirs Killed and Many Injured by the Explosion of a Powder Magazine in South Africa.

Forests on Fire.

Destructive forest fires are burning two miles south of Marquette, Mich., along the line of the Marquette and Western Railroad. During Sunday afternoon a brisk south wind was blowing, and there was some anxiety lest the fires might be driven upon the city, but a change of wind to westerly averted the danger.

Nestoria Junction, on the line of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway, seventy miles west of Marquette, is in serious danger. The junction is the location of much valuable railroad property. Forest fires are also raging in the immediate vicinity of Humboldt, a mining village of 200 population thirteen miles west of Marquette.

LI HUNG CHANG HOME AGAIN

Imperial Secretary Touches the Soil of the Celestial Kingdom.

Imperial Secretary Li Hung Chang arrived at Tien Tsin on the 8th. All the members of his party are well. He goes immediately to Peking to report to the Emperor regarding his tour of the world on a special mission as representative of the Emperor of China at the coronation of the Czar of Russia and as envoy to the principal governments of Asia, Europe and America.

WILL SEND TROOPS.

War Department Takes Part in the Indian Territory Election Row.

The Indian office has requested the War Department to send troops to the Indian Territory to prevent bloodshed as the result of the row over the presidential election. The War Department has issued the necessary orders.

Want American Wheat.

A dispatch to the London Times from Simla, India, with reference to the proposed shipment of California wheat to India, says: The best news we could receive would be that twenty or thirty cargoes of wheat were being shipped from North and South America. It would steady the market and check the further rise, while the actual arrival of cargoes would cause the native grain dealers to lower their prices, the high prices already having caused grain riots in various towns.

Powder Explosion at Bulwago.

A second explosion has occurred at Bulwago, a large powder magazine being destroyed. Five white persons were killed and many seriously injured. Scores of kafirs camping in the vicinity of the powder magazine were crushed to death by the flying fragments of the huge rocks. Others had their limbs torn off. Many houses were wrecked and the streets were literally filled with rocks and debris. The fall and the market hall have been converted into hospitals.

Will Erect a Big Beet Sugar Factory

W. A. Clark, the mine millionaire, congressman and newspaper man of Butte, Mont., is about to erect an extensive sugar beet plant at Anaheim, Cal. It will be one of the largest plants of the kind in the world. It will cost more than \$400,000 and will grind 700 tons of beets daily, making 15,000 tons of sugar in the four months of the season. He is also considering the erection of a sugar factory in Montana.

Kicked Against the Cherokees.

Over 300 operatives employed in Creagh, Gudneek & Co.'s cigar factory at Tampa, Fla., have struck. The strikers asked that the management do away with the cheroot department and the company will accede. This is the second strike for the same cause within three weeks.

Fireman Jumps Overboard.

The steamer La Bourgogne, which arrived at New York the morning of the 4th from Havre, reports that on September 30, Jean Lebre, a fireman, was missed by his mates. A thorough search of the ship was made, but no trace of him could be found. He is supposed to have jumped overboard.

Assaulted with an Ax.

D. Knowles, an old citizen, and his married daughter were assaulted at their residence at Ben Franklin, Texas, the other night with an ax. Robbery is suspected as the object. Mr. Knowles is dead. His daughter may recover.

County Officer Shot.

N. F. Harrison, trustee of Monroe County, Tennessee, is missing, and an examination of his books shows a shortage of \$7,000 to \$10,000. Warrants for his arrest have been issued.

Australian Cricketers Lose.

In the third international cricket match at Haverford, Pa., between the Australian and Philadelphia elevens the Philadelphians won by an inning and 60 runs.

Actress Bernard Beere Dying.

Mrs. Bernard Beere, the well known English actress, is reported to be dying in London.

Whitecapism in Arkansas.

A gang of whitecaps, said to be composed of negroes, have undertaken the task of driving undesirable negroes out of Jackson Township, Monroe County, Arkansas. Many have been visited and whipped, one dying from his injuries and another shot to death.

Russian Ironclads at Athens.

The Russian barrette ironclad Alexander II, flying the flag of Admiral Androff, and the tarred cruiser Navarin, have arrived at Piraeus, the seaport of Athens.

PLOT TO KILL ZELAYA.

Conspiracy of Nicaraguan President's Enemies Nipped.

The New York Herald's Nicaragua correspondent telegraphs from Managua that, since the close of the last rebellion, in which President Zelaya was victorious, his enemies and a majority of his former allies have been plotting to upset the Government by force of arms. The barracks and palace were to be assaulted simultaneously and Zelaya assassinated. The barracks were to be blown up by dynamite in case the assault failed. The conspiracy, however, was discovered on the very eve of its execution. The principal leaders are the former president, Carstens, Gen. Pais Diego, and Fernando Chamorro, the latter two wealthy and prominent members of the Conservative party.

GEN. WEYLER CALLED HOME

Report to that Effect at the Washington State Department.

It is reported at the State Department that the State Department has been notified that Gen. Weyler is to be recalled to Spain immediately. The ostensible reason is that Weyler is needed in Spain because of threatened outbreak of Republicans and Carlists. The real reason is asserted to be, however, that Spain has lost confidence in the "Butcher's" ability to suppress the Cubans. Now that the rainy season has begun the Spaniards are absolutely powerless to cope with the revolutionists, so that Weyler's presence on the island can be dispensed with to better advantage now than at any time since he succeeded Campos.

CLOUDBURST IN ARIZONA.

Part of Benson Washed Away and Six People Drowned.

Part of the town of Benson was washed away and six persons drowned in a flood from a cloudburst in the Whetstone mountains, twelve miles southwest. It is expected great loss of life and destruction of property will be reported from all along the San Pedro River until it empties into the Gila. The flood from the western end of the same range tore out three miles of the Southern Pacific track twelve miles west of Benson. A wall of water at least twelve miles long was poured into the San Pedro River, hence there is apprehension felt for the safety of persons in the valley.

SCORE OF MEN INJURED.

Leaking Ammonia Pipe in a Brewery Causes an Explosion.

An explosion at the Indianapolis Brewing Company's plant at Indianapolis, Ind., injured a score of men, five of them seriously, and caused a heavy loss of property. It is impossible to estimate the loss or to obtain accurate information as to the accident. The first explosion was due to a leaking valve in one of the ammonia pipes. This was followed by a more powerful explosion, which shattered the building and tore doors from their hinges blocks away. The first explosion attracted a crowd, and the yard was full at the time of the second explosion.

WILL KEEP UP THE FIGHT.

Leadville Miners Vote to Continue the Contest.

All possibilities of ending the Leadville strike by amicable means have disappeared, for a time, at least. The miners' union voted to fight indefinitely. Two hundred members of the union have withdrawn and will seek work. The operators will fill the strikers' places as rapidly as possible. The state militia will probably be kept there a long time.

CEDAR KEYS WIPED OUT.

Tidal Wave Reported to Have Destroyed the Town.

A dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., says: Cedar Keys, Fla., was destroyed by a tidal wave during the recent storm. Twenty lives were lost.

Look for an Anglo-Turkish War.

Among the military attaches at the foreign legations in Washington it is generally expected that trouble between England and Turkey is imminent. In fact some of these gentlemen openly predict that hostilities may be looked for within the next thirty days. The same observers profess to see in recent movement of vessels of the U. S. European squadron evidence that this country will become involved in the controversy. The resolutions in Congress favoring the Armenians are pointed to as bearing out this supposition. The State and Navy departments maintain their accustomed reticence, but the fact that there has been a sharp advance in the wheat market gives color to the belief that the rumors of possible war are well grounded.

Novel Way to Get a Free Ride.

The Italian who gave his name as Salvatore Battaglia, and who surrendered to the police at La Crosse, Wis., last week, saying that he was wanted for murder in Buffalo, N. Y., and was taken there to stand trial, turns out to be another man altogether. Battaglia's brothers disown him, and when questioned by the police the prisoner said that he wanted a free ride to Buffalo.

Nearly Killed His Keeper.

Patrick Keelher, an inmate of the insane asylum at Middletown, Conn., murderously assaulted keeper Brown, rendering him unconscious and then made his escape.

Admission of Women Opposed.

The Minnesota Methodist conference voted against the admission of women to the General Assembly 49 to 17, a three-fourths vote being necessary.

Diphtheria in Kinnmundy.

There are a number of bad cases of diphtheria at Kinnmundy, Ill. Two deaths have occurred. The schools have been closed indefinitely.

Shoots Himself While Hunting.

Ernest Archer, aged 24, accidentally shot himself while out hunting near La-grange, Ind.

Appointed Assayer.

The President has appointed Francis F. Clausen assayer of the mint at New Orleans, La.

KILLED IN A WRECK

LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLODES ON THE SANTA FE.

William Buckler, Crazed by the Disaster, Puts a Bullet Through His Head—Seven Perish in All as a Result of the Accident.

Seven Killed in a Wreck.

A frightful railroad wreck, attended by serious loss of life, and made terrible by the self murder of one of the terrified passengers, occurred at 5 o'clock Sunday morning on the Santa Fe Railroad, seven miles north of Osage City, Kansas. Seven dead bodies have been recovered from the wreck and it is feared other victims are buried beneath the debris.

The wreck was caused by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive. The engineer should have stopped for water at Osage City, but being behind time he endeavored to run to the next tank. Though it is not positively known, as the engineer and fireman both met death in the wreck, it is surmised that their neglect was the cause of the disaster.

The wreck was marked by scenes of the wildest confusion among the terrified passengers. One passenger, Wm. Beckner of Los Angeles, Cal., en route to Chicago, seemed to lose his reason immediately. When the crash came he took a single barreled pistol from his pocket, and in the presence of a car full of terrified passengers took his own life, sending a bullet into his brain. Beckner had been drinking heavily. He was about 55 years of age.

The force of the explosion broke the locomotive entirely in two and the front truck crashed into a coal chute thirty feet from the track. The explosion blew a hole in the ground four feet deep.

Only the Pullman coaches in the rear of the train remained upright, although they were much shaken up, as the train was running at probably forty miles an hour when the accident occurred.

INDIAN SCHOOL BURNS.

Four Choctaw Boys Cremated in the Fire.

At 11 o'clock Sunday night Spencer Academy, located ten miles west of Antlers, I. T., burned to ashes and four Choctaw boys burned up in the flames.

Superintendent J. B. Jeter, who is in charge of the schools, heard the flames crackling, and when he got up the stairway was on fire. He ran outside and woke all the boys and barely saved his own life. The boys threw their beds out of the windows and jumped to the ground on them. One of the boys who was burned to death was a cripple and the other three were in rooms where there were no windows.

The academy was built by the Choctaw nation and 102 boys were there when it burned. Everything is a total loss as the nation did not carry any insurance.

UNDER SEALED ORDERS.

U. S. Cruiser Leaves Key West, Presumably for Cuba.

Advice from Havana state that an expedition has been landed at Bacourane, six miles from Havana.

The United States cruiser Newark left Key West, Fla., Sunday evening under sealed orders. One report is that she has gone to Tampa to intercept a Spanish warship which is reported to be chasing an American schooner near that place. Another report is that she has gone to Havana to secure the release of Julio Sangulilly and for the purpose of protecting American interests at the Cuban capital.

An Aeronaut Killed.

George B. Anderson, alias Snyder, attempted to make a parachute drop from a balloon at Paola, Kan. When about 8,000 feet in the air he attempted the feat, but the parachute did not open readily, and when it did open the ropes tied to Anderson's wrist broke and he fell to the ground dead. His ribs were broken on both sides, also his right arm. Where he struck the ground the force of the fall made a hole fourteen inches deep.

Defaulted Interest Payments.

As had been foreshadowed for some time past, the semi-annual interest, aggregating \$141,000, on Louisville, New Albany and Chicago consol 6s, due the 1st, has been defaulted. The road recently went into a receiver's hands.

Sends Troops to Madagascar.

A dispatch from Paris says: In view of the disturbed state of affairs in the island of Madagascar, 12,000 troops will be dispatched there after the fetes which are to be held in honor of the visit of the Czar and Czarina to Paris.

Cuban History in Brief.

Spain colonized the island in 1511. In 1534 and again in 1554 Havana was destroyed by the French. Matanzas was the first city to fall into the hands of the insurgents. Cruelty and injustice to the natives has always been the creed of the Spaniards.

The present revolution began Feb. 24, 1895, when the republic was proclaimed by Marti.

The constitution of Cuba, modeled on that of the United States, was adopted Sept. 23, 1895.

The revolution of 1898 lasted ten years before Spain succeeded in compromising by promising reforms.

A triangular blue union, having a single star and five stripes, three red and two of white, is the flag of the republic.

Very little reliable news of the present insurrection can be obtained, owing to the censorship of the press and the mendacity of the leaders on both sides.

The first serious revolution took place in 1848, under the leadership of Narciso Lopez, who repeated his attempt to free the island from Spanish control in 1851.

Until the seventeenth century a ring formed a part of the official dress of every priest of the Romanish church. Cromwell's ring bore his crest, a lion rampant.

IN JESSE JAMES STYLE.

First National Bank at Joseph, Ore., Robbed in Daylight.

The First National Bank of Joseph, Wallawa County, Oregon, was robbed on the afternoon of the 2d of \$2,000 by three masked men, one of whom is dead and another badly wounded, while the third was pursued by a body of citizens. At the time of the holdup there were four customers in the bank. Cashier McCully had means to go to the vault. When he came back he was confronted with a shotgun and told to throw up his hands. The customers had already complied with the request, and McCully did likewise.

One of the robbers took a position at the door and compelled all passers by to throw up their hands. The third robber went into the vault, taking all the coin and currency, even nickels, and placed them in a sack. He then demanded the keys to the private boxes and ransacked them.

By this time the report that the bank was being robbed had reached the citizens, several of whom armed themselves. When the robbers appeared, Alex Donnelly, opened fire, killing one of them instantly and wounding another. The third robber had the sack containing the coin, and succeeded in reaching his horse. The dead robber was named Brown, while the one who escaped was Cy Fitzgugh. The wounded robber is unknown.

DUN & CO.'S REVIEW.

Advance in Wheat Due to a Short Crop Abroad.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: The continued advance in wheat may prove of the utmost importance. It has been 1.12 cents for the week and is mainly due to short crops abroad and foreign demand. No lack of visible domestic supply causes or supports the advance.

There are unmistakable encouraging signs in the industries, although the actual gain in working force employed or in new orders received is slight. But the strong demand for materials, for pig iron, hides and wool, as for cotton does not diminish, and has already gone far to stiffen prices.

Merchants and manufacturers are waiting, but there are not wanting signs that many have the confidence to invest and push forward as though the dawn of prosperity were close at hand. The quarter that has passed has been most trying, but things would be worse than they are but for the general belief that better times are near.

DISASTROUS SPANISH DEFEAT

Over 1,000 Killed and Wounded in a Night Attack by Rebels.

A Key West special says: Advice received here from Havana state that Antonio Maceo in a recent attack on the trocha inflicted terrible losses on the Spaniards, more than 1,000 being killed and wounded. The attack was made at night and carefully planned. The fighting was general all along the line, but was fiercest near Artemis, where Antonio Maceo led a large force of insurgents against the Spanish column commanded by Gen. Aralas.

MUST PAY ITS TAXES.

Western Union Company Loses Its Case in Indiana.

The supreme court at Indianapolis, Ind., decided the Western Union tax penalty case in favor of the state. By refusing to pay its taxes under the tax law of 1891, the Western Union incurred a penalty of 5 per cent. The state sued for it, and recovered a judgment in the Marion County circuit court. This judgment was affirmed on the lines laid down by the federal supreme court in the Indiana tax cases.

Three Burned to Death.

A fire, which originated in the City Hotel at Ladonia, Texas, destroyed sixteen business houses. Loss estimated at \$50,000. Three guests of the hotel lost their lives in the building. Mrs. Jane Knapp, John C. McFarland and Miss Carrie McFarland. Other guests barely escaped cremation.

Ten Thousand Die of Fever.

A malignant fever, similar to that which appeared in 1893, has ravaged Turkistan for the past two months. Ten thousand people have died from the fever, most of the victims being children.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.50 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 70c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 35c to 37c; butter, choice creamery, 14c to 16c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 16c; potatoes, per bushel, 13c to 30c; broom corn, common short to choice dwarf, \$25 to \$30 per ton.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 20c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 65c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 20c to 22c; oats, No. 2 white, 16c to 17c; rye, No. 2, 32c to 34c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 26c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 36c to 37c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 22c; rye, 37c to 39c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 22c to 24c; oats, No. 2 white, 17c to 18c; rye, No. 2, 37c to 38c; clover seed, \$4.15 to \$4.25.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; barley, No. 2, 25c to 35c; rye, No. 1, 36c to 37c; pork, mess, \$5.75 to \$6.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2 white, 23c to 24c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 1 hard, 75c to 77c; corn, No. 2, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 20c to 22c; butter, creamery, 12c to 17c; eggs, Western, 15c to 16c.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST COLLECTED FROM ALL SOURCES.

South Dakota's Tax Levies—Some of the Unorganized Counties Have Very Heavy Assessments—The Lowest Levy is for Brown County

South Dakota's Local Tax Levies. The following is the total state and county tax levies for each county of the state for this year, as shown by the reports made to the state auditor:

County	Mills	Mills	
Aurora	12.5	Lawrence	23.0
Beadle	12.0	Lynch	16.7
Bon Homme	12.0	Lincoln	10.2
Brookings	10.0	Marshall	16.0
Brown	8.0	McCook	13.0
Brule	10.0	McPherson	13.0
Butte	17.0	Meade	23.0
Campbell	20.0	Miner	10.4
Charles Mix	18.0	Minnehaha	18.0
Clark	15.0	Moody	9.0
Clay	15.0	Pennington	22.2
Codington	15.0	Potter	16.0
Custer	23.0	Roberts	18.0
DeWitt	12.5	Sanborn	11.0
Day	12.5	Spink	10.0
Deuel	10.0	Stanley	24.0
Douglas	19.0	Sully	16.0
Edmunds	17.0	Tarnett	10.0
Fall River	22.0	Union	16.5
Faulk	14.0	Walworth	14.5
Grant	16.3	Yankton	21.0
Haskell	18.0	Chouteau	10.0
Hanson	12.5	DeLano	11.0
Harrison	12.0	Ewing	10.0
Hughes	17.0	Harding	10.0
Hutchinson	12.2	Jackson	19.0
Hyde	18.0	Martin	10.0
Jackson	18.5	Nowlin	21.0
Jones	10.0	Rinehart	10.0
Lake	12.0	Seobey	11.0
Lake	21.0	Wagner	10.0
Ziebach	10.0		

The lowest levy in any county is for Brown, but with 8 mills, and the highest is Lawrence with 23. The Black Hills counties have an average higher than any other section of the state, the lowest in that section being 20. One peculiarity is that some of the unorganized counties have a heavier levy than for the organized counties.

ORDERING SQUATTERS OFF.

Interior Department Watching the Ceded Lands.

The Land Department is evidently taking action on the reports sent in by Special Inspector Bone in regard to squatters on the ceded lands. A number of them have been ordered to either offer filings on the locations which they are holding or get off and allow others to secure the locations. There are also a number of settlers on the reservation around the old Cheyenne agency south of Cheyenne River, and while there has been no notice to them in regard to removal, they have been notified to take down all their fences, as the are now enclosing Government lands. Several of them have sent in a protest to this order and will wait the result of their protest before taking any action in the matter.

Liquor Dealers Not Satisfied.

It has been asserted that the liquor dealers prefer to have the prohibition statute remain in force in this state, and that no fight would be made to carry the repeal of the prohibitory clause of the constitution at the coming election. This does not appear to be the fact of the case, as a representative of the liquor interests from Louisville, Ky., was in Pierre recently and arranged for a local representative in that city to look after the campaign in that portion of the state. As a starter about 7,000 circulars were mailed there the other morning, and others will follow through the same agency. There is no question that a vigorous campaign will be carried on both sides and the silver question will not be the only one discussed from this time to the close of the campaign.

Will Sell Fort Sully Buildings.

The land office at Pierre has received permission to sell the buildings which were not bid in at the sale of Fort Sully property. The permission is for sale at appraised valuation. As several parties have made application for the buildings, the officials have set October 17 as the date when they will dispose of the property. In case there is but one applicant for a building he will secure it at the appraised price. If several want the same building it will be disposed of by competitive bid. As the buildings were not bid up to the appraised price at the regular sale, there is not likely to be much contest for them now.

Aberdeen Coursing Meet.

The second annual meeting of the Aberdeen Coursing Club opened the 29th under perfect weather conditions and with an attendance of nearly 1,000 people. The first trials in the Aberdeen cup stakes were run, Glenrose beating Caliph, Lady Falconer beating Merry May, Minneapolis beating Mormon Boy, Dakota beating Robert le Diable, Lightfoot beating Sylvia, Fritz Royal beating Von Tromp, Maid of Honor beating Reconciliation, Lucian Swift beating Merry Maid, Good Cheer beating Kirk Glen, Oakes beating Wayfarer, Diana beating King of the Hills and Araphoe Village Girl.

Liberal Rainfall.

Over four inches of rain has fallen during the month, putting the ground in the finest possible condition for fall plowing, which is being generally taken advantage of by the farmers of Hanson County. The corn crop is above the average and was safe before the first frost which occurred on the 18th. Wheat is averaging about 12 bushels and is of fair quality. But a small portion of the threshing has been done.

Fire at Kimball.

The residence of L. A. Weeks at Kimball was ruined by fire which originated from a gasoline stove. Loss \$300.

Fatal Collision on the B. & M.