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GATES OF PAN-AMERICAN FORMALLY OPENED.

Managers of the Exposition Rejoice in Its Flattering Success—Thousands Attend the Ceremonies—Other News of Interest.

BUFFALO: In the presence of a vast concourse of people, with ceremonial both conventional and novel, the Pan-American Exposition was dedicated formally Monday. The day was fair and Monday night the industrious, energetic men who planned this great enterprise rejoiced in its flattering success. The day began with a parade in which there were men from nearly every country in the world, and ended with an aerial bombardment from flying bombs and a brilliant electrical illumination. Between the two were the floral exercises of the dedication, with oratory that took its theme from the lesson of the time, prayer for right music, song and poetry. The city was bright in the dress of flags and bunting, the exposition group is brilliant in color, the moving crowds were in holiday garb, and the whole effect was highly pleasing. The record of attendance was fully up to the expectations of the most enthusiastic.

OPENING OF BIG STRIKE.

Thousands of Machinists Obey Order to Quit Work.

WASHINGTON: Approximately 50,000 machinists throughout the country struck Monday for a nine-hour day, a scale of wages equal to the present ten-hour per day scale, and other demands. This is the rough estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists, based on the telegraphic advices that have reached him from the machinists' headquarters in the various cities. The strike thus far has not extended to the allied trades, save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, Pa., where men in a part of the allied trades are out. No machinists engaged in government work are affected. Railroad machinists as a rule are not involved in the strike, though the men on several roads are out. The strike order does not apply to railroads generally. It is explained at headquarters that there is no competition between the railroads and the private work, and that work among the private establishments is to be adjusted first.

Following is a statement of the number of men out at important points:

Hartford, Conn., 1,000; Ansonia and Derby, Conn., 500; Hamilton, Ohio, 1,000; Buffalo, 1,200; Scranton, 2,500; Cincinnati, completely tied up and 3,000 men out; Connorsville, Ind., 200; Palestine, Texas, 200; York, Pa., 300; East Orange, N. J., 300; Oswego, N. Y., 300; Norfolk, Va., all shops out, 500.

Word from other large cities is tardy. Telegraphic reports to Mr. O'Connell show the following as the number of firms which signed the agreement Monday:

Kenosha, Ill., all; Milwaukee, 5; Wilmington, 2; Toledo, 1; Auburn, all; Anacosta, all; Denver, all; St. Louis, all; New Orleans, all; Danbury, Conn., all; Pittsburg, 90 per cent; Franklin, Pa., all; Youngstown, all; Cleveland, 15; Rochester, 90 per cent; Buffalo, 50 per cent; Niagara Falls, all; Tonawanda, all; Trenton, N. J., 75 per cent; Baltimore, 11; Philadelphia, 25; New Haven, 8. These establishments, having conceded the demands, the men are at work as usual.

Mr. O'Connell said Monday night that up to 5 o'clock reports show that 904 firms, employing approximately 30,000 men, had signed the agreement for the nine-hour day or made satisfactory arrangements with the local organizations.

WILL COMBINE.

American Linsed Oil Co. to Be Merged Into Big Firm.

CHICAGO: It developed Monday that the American Linsed Oil Company is to be merged in the Union Lead and Oil Company. An arrangement has been effected for an exchange of linsed stock for shares in the Union Lead and Oil Company.

Each share of the preferred stock of the American Linsed Oil Company is to receive \$48 in the stock of the Union Lead and Oil Company and each share of linsed common will receive \$18. The capital stock of the Union Lead and Oil Company, including that necessary to acquire all the capital stock of the American Linsed Oil Company on the terms mentioned is fixed at \$17,000,000 and all this will be common stock.

Stockholders of the American Linsed Oil Company will be asked to deposit their stock in trust with certain designated depositories on or before June 5.

FOR LONG RIDE IN AN "AUTO."

A. Winton to Make Record Between San Francisco and New York.

SAN FRANCISCO: Alexander Winton, accompanied by Chas. B. Shanks, left this city in an automobile in an endeavor to establish an automobile record between this city and New York. Winton will carry a packet from Gen. Shafter to Gen. Miles. The route selected follows the line of the Central and Union Pacific to Omaha; thence by the Chicago and Northwestern to Chicago. Further than this the course has not been determined.

Russian Strike Crushed.

ST. PETERSBURG: The strike here is practically crushed. A very large number of arrests have been made. Many persons wounded and several deaths are reported as the result of the strike riots. The agitation among the students was unquestionably partly responsible.

Monster Russian Frauds.

BERLIN: Frauds and peculations amounting to 31,000,000 roubles have been discovered upon the Russo-Polish and Vistula railroads. They were carried out by wholesale declarations of deficient freight weights. In Warsaw alone forty arrests have been made.

Fearfully Burned by Gas.

TOPEKA, Kan.: Josephine Heron and Carrie Sheffield, employees of the postoffice, were frightfully injured by exploding gas which accumulated from a faulty jet Sunday night.

BIG STRIKE IS SETTLED.

Peace and Enthusiasm Succeed Turbulence in Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y.: The great street railway strike, lasting twelve days, requiring the presence of 3,000 members of the National guard in the city, costing the lives of two prominent merchants and entailing an expense to the county of Albany of over \$89,000, is amicably settled, and if the agreements are kept there will be no trouble for three years at least. The ominous calm which succeeded the killing of two inoffensive citizens by national guardsmen defending property was succeeded by hysterical enthusiasm, when public bell-towers and city newspapers proclaimed that the twelve-day strike on the street railways of five cities had been settled. Flags flying from public and private buildings, horses and wagons decorated with bunting and the national emblem, citizens carrying small flags in their hands and enthusiastic youths and otherwise dignified citizens chasing after the cars, marked some of the earlier scenes.

The repair works left the traction company's barn with its old union crew aboard, and going along Pearl Street received an ovation. It was decorated with flags and escorted by a joyful crowd, very different from the angry mob that had followed the cars the last few days.

The first information of the settlement of the strike came at an early hour Saturday morning from Troy, where it was announced that the Troy division of the railway employees' union had decided to sign the agreement presented at Friday night's conference. Following this notification the other divisions met in Albany and after they had signed the traction company officers signed it and at 11 o'clock Saturday morning it became binding.

The withdrawal of the troops was as expeditious as was their bringing.

THREE TERRIBLY BURNED.

Also One Known Fatality in Stubborn New York Fire.

NEW YORK: A stubborn fire which taxed the energies of the Brooklyn fire department to their utmost caused a loss of \$150,000 worth of property, resulting in a probable loss of two lives of employees and the serious injury of three others, broke out Saturday night in the paint and varnish house of Masury & Co. on Plymouth Street.

Three of the employees, John W. Thomas, his son, John N. Thomas, and Thomas Scott, were at work in the varnish room when a terrific explosion of a combination of benzine and shellac gum occurred. All were thrown to the floor and immediately enveloped in flames. The other employees, of whom there were twenty-five, were thrown into a state of panic, but succeeded in getting the unfortunate workmen from the building. All of the injured were terribly burned about the body and limbs, but young Thomas' injuries are believed to be fatal. The discovery was made that Dennis McDonough, another workman, was missing. The firemen took from the ruins a body which is supposed to be that of McDonough, but the remains were so badly charred as to be unrecognizable. It is possible that others may have perished in the burning building.

COUNTRY PALACE BURNS.

Pennsylvania Home of Thomas B. Wanamaker Destroyed.

PHILADELPHIA: The country home of Thomas B. Wanamaker at Meadow Brook, Montgomery County, Pa., was struck by lightning Saturday morning and entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. The house was ornamented with valuable paintings and bric-a-brac, all of which was destroyed.

Wanamaker and his family were at their Philadelphia home at the time. A woman care taker and child and a man servant were sleeping in the house narrowly escaped being burned to death. The pictures in the art gallery are an irreparable loss.

Their approximate value is \$250,000. Several of the paintings were specimens of old masters. One alone, a Vandyke of Charles I., cost Wanamaker \$43,000.

Double Texas Tragedy.

WILLS POINT, Texas: T. C. Ellzey of McCoub City, Miss., shot a woman companion Sunday and either killed himself immediately afterwards or was killed by officers. Ellzey and the woman arrived here Friday and after leaving a local officer learned that the man was wanted by the authorities in Louisiana. Armed with a warrant two officers started after Ellzey and his companion. They were overtaken near Elmo and Ellzey shot the woman dead and began a pistol duel with the officers. When the smoke of the battle cleared away Ellzey was dead.

Quick Trip of Automobile.

CHICAGO: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Shaw, who left New York May 8 in a gasoline carriage, arrived at their Ashland Avenue home at 6:45 o'clock Saturday evening. The trip was made inside of ten days, and the couple therefore win a silver cup offered by Mrs. C. K. Smith, of New York. A large amount of money is said to have been wagered that the feat would not be accomplished within ten days.

Trapped by Detectives.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.: Thomas Ashton, a wealthy stockman living south of this city, received several letters threatening himself, his home and family with destruction unless he deposited \$12,000 in gold at a designated spot. Detectives watched a decoy placed at the spot and captured the writer who proved to be William Pfaffman, aged 28, a farmer, who confessed he got the idea from the Cudahy case in Omaha.

Ask to Be Excommunicated.

LONDON: "One thousand students of the University of Kiev have forwarded a petition to the holy synod," says the Odessa correspondent of the London Daily Express of April 2, "in which they ask to be excommunicated with Count Tolstoy."

Stole Ten Thousand Dollars.

PHILADELPHIA: Geo. B. Whitney, formerly manager in this city for the Morse-Bell Company of Chicago, has been arrested charged with embezzling \$10,000 of the company's funds. Whitney made a full confession and was sent to jail in default of \$4,000 bail.

For Aiding Counterfeiters.

CHILADELPHIA, Pa.: John L. Semple of Camden, N. J., was arrested Saturday, charged with complicity in counterfeiting \$20 United States treasury notes. Semple was counsel for Bradell & Taylor, engravers for Jacobs and Kendig, a gang of counterfeiters, which was broken up two years ago.

Beloit College Makes Change.

BELOIT, Wis.: The faculty of Beloit College has decided to dispense with the degree of bachelor of arts and bachelor of science.

AGUINALDO TALKS.

Says Our Rule in the Philippines Must Conform to Constitution.

MANILA: Aguinaldo, in an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press last Saturday, expressed the opinion that American government of the Philippines, in order to be unquestionably satisfactory, should conform strictly to the constitution.

Asked whether he considered the Filipinos capable of exercising all the privileges guaranteed by a liberal interpretation and application of the constitution, he declined to express an opinion.

Concerning the political and commercial future of the archipelago, Aguinaldo was reserved. He said it was hardly time to discuss it while he is in what he considers to be captivity. Military officials say he is kept guarded principally for his own protection. Aguinaldo says he knows of no enemies and needs no protection and is willing to go out unattended if permitted to do so. He is pleased with the municipal law conferring full local government. It is not expected Aguinaldo will continue to be prominent in Philippine affairs, though his friends concede his exceptional abilities for leadership.

MADMAN RUNS AMUCK.

Portuguese Artist Shoots Innocent Girl and Kills Himself.

CHICAGO: Lorrice Maudauso, a Portuguese artist, 24 years old, shot Alice Cusack, a nurse girl, through the neck and then killed himself. The tragedy occurred in Washington Park, which at the time was thronged with people. Maudauso had made himself disagreeable to a number of people and complaint being made to the police, an officer started to drive him from the park. This rendered the Portuguese frantic and, rushing up to the nurse girl, who is 15 years of age and who held in her arms a baby belonging to Mrs. J. H. Lambert, he shot the girl through the throat, inflicting a dangerous but not necessarily fatal wound. He then shot himself. The shooting of the girl was wholly without provocation, as she was an entire stranger to him. Maudauso was injured in a railroad accident three years ago, and since that time had not been entirely sane. The girl probably will recover.

JACKSONVILLE'S DISTRESS.

Authorized Agencies for Distribution of Relief Announced.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.: At a meeting of the relief association on Monday evening, owing to the conflicting reports sent through the country by individuals, which tend to confuse the public mind, to create an authoritative channel through which will be sent all information relating to the suffering people here. A press representative was appointed in the person of Edwin G. Weed, bishop of the diocese of Florida, and the Associated Press named as the channel of communication. The public is thus informed that all statements, information or proclamations, unless signed by Bishop Weed, or sent by his direct authority, are not to be given credence by the people and in no way voice the sense of the organization that is charged with the relief work in Jacksonville.

EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS.

Norwegians Killed and Injured During a Celebration.

BERMIDJ, Minn.: During a celebration last Friday night of Norway's national holiday, which included a pyrotechnic display on Lake Bemidji, fireworks exploded on board the steamer Sjadow. The boat was crowded with spectators and eleven persons were badly injured. Only one was fatally injured, although seven are in a serious condition. Many of those on board the boat leaped into the lake and saved their lives by swimming ashore. Fred Driver, a boy, is supposed to have been drowned. It is feared that a number of the injured may die.

Fall of a Chimney.

ST. JOHNS, N. B.: The chimney of Jewett's sawmill collapsed Saturday and three men were killed and others were injured. The dead are: William J. Pierce, John McCluskey, Charles Wilson. The chimney was 107 feet in height, and was undergoing repairs. Price, the contracting mason, and McCluskey were working 150 feet up the inside of the structure, while others were working below. The chimney gave away at the bottom and collapsed.

Mail Box Robbers Sentenced.

CINCINNATI, Ohio: Prentice Tiller and Edward McDowell, alias Grant, pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing mail boxes here and were sentenced by United States Judge Thompson to five and three years respectively at hard labor in the penitentiary. It is alleged the men rifled mail boxes in many cities.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime \$3.00 to \$5.85; hogs, shipping grade \$3.00 to \$3.85; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 56c to 58c; oats, No. 2, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 52c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 11c; potatoes, 34c to 46c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, choice light, \$4.00 to \$5.75; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.80; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.45; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 42c to 43c; oats, No. 2, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 55c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.15; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.70; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 58c to 59c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.45; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; rye, 55c to 56c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 2, 53c to 54c; clover seed, prime, \$6.50.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 3, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 53c to 54c; barley, No. 2, 55c to 56c; pork, mess, \$14.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; lamb, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$5.20.

New York—Cattle, \$3.75 to \$5.70; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.15; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 81c to 82c; corn, No. 2, 50c to 51c; oats, No. 2 white, 33c to 34c; butter, creamery, 18c to 19c; eggs, western, 12c to 13c.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA EVENTS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Failed Canton Bank Had Liabilities Amounting to Seventy Thousand Dollars—Seems No Hope of Floating the Institution.

Four years ago President Bacon of the Canton State Bank, which failed Saturday, May 11, loaned W. B. Wait of Lennox \$8,000 on poor security. Wait went through bankruptcy and the bank refused payment on an Omaha bucket shop check for \$3,000, and on the same day President Bacon went to Sioux Falls, presumably to realize on collateral. He has not been heard from since. The deposits are estimated at \$70,000. Much good paper is on hand, but no money. The liabilities are \$70,000; capital \$20,000, with \$14,000 paid up. The character of the assets is such that the bank cannot realize much at present. It is unknown what Prof. Olans Quale, the Augustana College treasurer, had in the bank of tuition money. A. J. Bredahl of the building committee had deposited \$750. President Tave says the failure will not interfere with the erection of the new building.

There is no hope of "floating" the failed bank. Cashier Larsen made an assignment. Public Examiner Cooper is on the ground, but will make no full statement till he goes through the accounts. President Bacon has not yet been heard from, and it is now believed he has skipped. It is claimed the assets are greater than the liabilities. Bacon and Larsen will lose all their property. They owned a majority of the Canton telephone stock, which paid 12 per cent.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

Thomas Hall for the Second Time Is Found Guilty of Murder.

L. S. Tyler, ex-clerk of the Sioux Falls penitentiary, who returned last week Thursday from Castlewood, where he was a witness in the case of the State vs. Thomas Hall, reports that Hall was found guilty of murder and has been sentenced to the Sioux Falls penitentiary for life. Public Examiner Cooper is on the ground, but will make no full statement till he goes through the accounts. President Bacon has not yet been heard from, and it is now believed he has skipped. It is claimed the assets are greater than the liabilities. Bacon and Larsen will lose all their property. They owned a majority of the Canton telephone stock, which paid 12 per cent.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Negro Sporting Folk Have Quite a Serious Row.

Quite a serious shooting affray took place at Ruth Smith's notorious coon dive in Yankton. There were a number of pleasure seekers still at the resort when a fight broke out. The police, hearing the noise, was soon at the scene of disturbance and several arrests were made, and H. E. Dunham, E. Thomas and Ruth Smith were fined. As a result of the melee the following casualties were reported: E. Thomas, head badly cut open; William Hayes, hand badly cut; Ruth Smith (colored), shot in the shoulder; Milo Austin (colored), was also the target for a stray bullet, but not seriously injured. These events are not uncommon in Yankton. When the time hangs heavy this brand of resort affords opportunity for a little excitement, and as the authorities do not see fit to prosecute very heavily for such disturbances they do not prove very expensive amusements.

Conflicting Records.

It is known that on Wednesday, May 8, the Omaha stockholders that they had \$5,000 to their credit, but when a check for \$3,000 came, payment was refused. Now C. W. Delamater, the attorney of the Omaha house, is in the city with a collection for \$10,000, and the books of the bank show that the Omaha house has already overdrawn to the extent of \$3,000.

A Compound Fracture.

Frank Fanzel, a waiter living in Yankton, suffered an accident that will lay him up for several weeks. While riding a wheel he fell in such a manner as to break both bones of his arm and force them into the flesh and skin. The bones were set and the torn flesh sewed up by a physician who was summoned, and he was then taken to Sacred Heart hospital.

Arranging for Encampment.

Adj. Gen. Conklin was in Aberdeen the other day looking after matters pertaining to the militia encampment to be held there this fall. Gen. Conklin seems to be to the right man for the position, and it is to be regretted that his success in organizing a regiment of state militia in the way he has done and in so short a time.

A Fine Church.

The Catholic Church at Kranzburg was dedicated by Bishop O'Gorman of Sioux Falls last week. The ceremonies were attended by hundreds of people. The church cost the people of Kranzburg and vicinity upwards of \$20,000, including the furnishings, and it is said to be one of the finest edifices in the diocese.

Killed by Lightning.

Another victim of the storm in which Judge Healy and Adolph Bachman were killed has been reported from Aberdeen. His name was Fred Adam, a German farmer, who was caught in the storm near Jackson ranch north of Ipswille and killed by lightning. He leaves a wife and several children.

Held in \$1,000 Bonds.

Miss Augusta Jensen, the Sioux Falls domestic charged with drowning her child in a pail of water, was arraigned in the state circuit court. She pleaded not guilty. Bonds for her appearance at the next term of court were placed at \$1,000, which she has as yet been unable to furnish.

To Have Its Own Plant.

The city council of Sioux Falls at a special meeting authorized Mayor Burnside to go ahead and purchase and install an electric light plant with which to light the streets of the city.

CHILDREN REUNITED.

After Being Separated Since Childhood.

After being separated since childhood, a brother and sister, the latter for many years a resident of South Dakota, have been reunited. Sixteen years ago May Gillespie, a little tot who was an inmate of the orphan's home at Milwaukee, Wis., was adopted by W. W. McKittrick, then a resident of Wisconsin. Later the family moved to Hurle County, this state, bringing the adopted daughter with them. She took the name of May McKittrick. About two years ago she was married to Bert Bowden, a former resident of Brule County, who had moved to Guthrie Center, Iowa, where the couple now live. Recently W. W. McKittrick, who yet lives in this state, received a letter dated at Brandon, Wis., in which the writer stated that his name was James Gillespie, but for his sister James Gillespie visited Brandon, Wis., from which point he succeeded in tracing W. W. McKittrick to South Dakota, thus resulting in reuniting children who had not been seen or heard from each other since childhood.

A. O. U. W. GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Lodge Holds Annual Session at Huron.

The annual meeting of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W. of South Dakota, was held at Huron. The reports showed the order to be in a very flourishing condition. There are 128 lodges in the jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of about 12,000. Following are the officers elected: Fred B. Smith, Hecla, grand master; J. D. Lavin, Aberdeen, recorder; Sol Star, Deadwood, foreman; F. P. Lane, Frankfort, receiver; F. H. Rector, Parker, overseer; A. B. Griffe, Gettysburg, guide; Ernest Olson, Yankton, inside watchman; R. D. Whorton, Huron, outside watchman. Mr. Lavin was re-elected recorder for the thirteenth time, and was presented with a handsome diamond stud costing \$150.

There was some lively sparring over the selection of representatives to the supreme lodge and the selection of a place for the next meeting of the grand lodge. The representatives chosen are Fred B. Smith, T. Smith of Yankton and V. K. Stillwell of Alexandria. Mitchell was chosen as the next place of meeting.

During the stay of the delegates and visitors everything possible for their comfort and entertainment was done by local members of the orders, and all went away pleased with the results of each day's session and the generous treatment accorded them. It will require no small effort on the part of the city entertaining the next grand lodge to surpass Huron's entertainment of her guests.

Unite to Exterminate Wolves.

It is likely that the cattlemen on the Black Hills ranges will unite for the purpose of exterminating the wolves and coyotes that continually molest the herds. In the vicinity of the Short Pine hills the cattlemen have for the past three years been assessing each other 6 cents per head for horses and cattle and 6 cents for every ten head of sheep. The money has gone to pay a professional wolf hunter, who gets \$3 per head for every animal killed. Last winter he killed seventy wolves, and they have become scarce in that immediate vicinity. The plan will likely be tried by other cattlemen.

Accident to a Boy.

The young son of Col. O. F. McNulty, a prominent Sioux Falls business man, met with a peculiar accident, which may result in his death. While playing on an outside stairway, which leads from the rear of the McNulty home to the second story of the building, the lad tripped and fell to the ground. He fell upon an Oleander shrub which was growing in a tub in the yard. The shrub had been trimmed, and the body of the boy struck one of the sharp prongs of the plant, which entered just above the hip and penetrated about six inches.

Killed in a Runaway.

Charles, the 7-year-old son of C. W. Jordan, a well known farmer living near Wall Lake, Minnehaha County, was instantly killed in a runaway. Mrs. Jordan and the boy were in the wagon and Jordan was preparing to enter, when the horses became frightened and ran. They circled around a windmill and the wagon was overturned, throwing both occupants out. The boy was dead when picked up; the mother was not seriously injured.

Shipping Militia Equipment.

The state arsenal at Pierre is a busy place these days, as Custodian Logan is preparing for shipment the uniforms and equipments for the various companies recently organized as the First Regiment of the South Dakota state guard. While the organization of the Second Regiment may be commenced before the 1st of July it will have to wait for its equipment until after the beginning of the fiscal year before the government will furnish them.

Fell Into a "Slime" Tank.

A class of twenty young women from the state normal school at Spearfish was accompanied by Prof. Cook to Central City to examine the cyanide plant and its workings. One young miss fell into a "slime" tank and received a thorough soaking. She was taken to a neighboring house and given a fresh supply of clothing and went back to her investigation as though nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

Pastor's Home Is Wrecked.

The residence of Rev. Paul Voltrath, pastor of the German Lutheran church at Bryant, was broken into while the owner was in Oldham holding services. Things were turned upside down, the piano badly cut with a jackknife, and some few things carried up and left in different places. It looks more like a piece of malicious mischief than anything else.

Boy Struck by a Hatchet.

Eldon Williams, the 12-year-old son of W. T. Williams of Tyndall sustained a serious injury. While he was standing under a telephone pole watching a workman a hatchet fell, striking him on the head and making a scalp wound two inches long.

Magner Has Two Fights.

Patsy Magnar, Yankton's pugilist, has two fights practically arranged for the first of next month. One is with Gardner, of Omaha, to take place about June 1; the other with Ole Olson, about June 15.

RIISING FROM RUINS.

STRICKEN CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO BE REBUILT.

The Great Fire Which Wiped Out 148 Blocks, Rendered 10,000 People Homeless and Inflicted a Money Loss of \$10,500,000.

Jacksonville, Fla., is slowly arising from the effects of the recent awful visitation, when a mighty conflagration swept over the place, wiping out 148 blocks of buildings, inflicting a monetary loss of \$10,500,000, rendering 10,000 people homeless and destitute and entailing casualties, the exact number of which is not even yet determined. Order is being gradually evolved from the chaos which followed the withering disaster and under the stimulus of committees of leading citizens the people are beginning to take new heart.

The fire which entailed such a heavy loss upon Jacksonville was the worst in the history of the State. With the rapidity and fierceness of prairie fire sweeping over the sun-dried pine trees, the flames fire among inviting pine trees, the flames passed over a section of the city thirteen blocks wide and two miles in length, embracing in the same consuming breath the proudest and most substantial buildings equally as the most unpretentious negro dwelling. Fanned by a strong wind, the flames leaped into the air for hundreds of feet, and bending over in the form of archways attacked buildings several rods away, leaving the intervening structures to be consumed at will. Against the advance of the conflagration at its height nary steam in the terrific heat and even dynamite was powerless to open gaps over which the flames could not reach. Finally, like a monster with appetite satiated, the flames died down and the most destructive fire in the history of Florida became a memory of sorrow.

Origin of the Fire.

The fire started a little before 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the plant of the Cleveland Fiber Company, where some fiber drying on a platform was ignited by falling soot from the chimney of a negro cottage. The start was an unfortunate one, for the fiber building was little more than a tinder box and the surrounding buildings were highly inflammable. Right here the fire department lost its grip on the fire. The flames quickly spread from the fiber plant to the negroes' dwellings, and soon a dozen of the latter were masses of fire.

The course of the fire lay eastward along Beaver, Ashley and Church streets to Hogan's creek, dipping out of its way here and there to lick up a block or two, but ever burning with accelerating speed and intensity. When it reached Julia street, which runs at right angles to the St. John river and Beaver street, it was at its height, and so terrific was the heat that men could do nothing but look helplessly on. The draught created by the increase heat carried portions of roofs, timbers and the like high into the air, whence they fell, blocks distant, to start fresh fires.

At this time the fire department began using dynamite in blowing up houses, hoping thereby to create spaces over which the flames could not spread. But their work was futile. The very air seemed to be on fire. Millions of sparks were carried into the air, to descend in a fiery rain, and buildings far in advance of the dynamite brigade broke into flame.