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HUNDREDS HOMELESS

OVER 500 FAMILIES BURNED OUT AT OTTAWA, ONT.

Confagration Covered Quarter of a Square Mile—Probably of Incendiary Origin—Convict Just Released from Prison is Arrested.

A fire supposed to have been of incendiary origin started at Ottawa, Ont., Sunday afternoon destroyed hundreds of houses and millions of feet of lumber.

John White, who had just been released from the penitentiary after serving a term of imprisonment for arson, was caught near where the fire was first discovered. He was taken to the police station and will be charged with starting the conflagration.

The fire originated within a stone's throw of where the great Hull fire of April 26, 1900, was checked.

Two hours before the principal fire started two smaller blazes were discovered and quickly extinguished in the lumber yards near the Canadian Pacific Railroad. It was 3:30 p. m. when the third fire was discovered.

When the brigade arrived at the scene it was found that the water main had been damaged and no water could be obtained. When the brigade did get water the fire was utterly beyond its control.

It swept along over the same ground that the former fire had gone, the only difference being that it was going in the opposite direction. There is a large cliff which extends from the Ottawa River into the corner of Margaret and Preston Streets.

The fire area was on the flats below the cliff. At two or three points it came very near getting over the cliff, and had it done so nothing would have saved the city.

A stiff southwest wind was blowing, and by the time the water main had been repaired the lumber yard was a mass of glowing coals.

From the lumber yards the flames spread to a group of frame houses on the outskirts of the city, formerly known as Rochestersville, but which is now united to the city. Every house in the little settlement was destroyed.

Fifteen million feet of lumber was destroyed. The loss on the lumber will be about \$300,000.

Mayor Cook said there were 500 to 600 families homeless, or about 2,000 individuals. He estimated the loss on the buildings at \$300,000, making a total loss of \$600,000.

FIRES FOREST FIRES.

Some Lumbermen May Have Perished in Pennsylvania.

One of the fiercest and most damaging forest fires in the history of the Allegheny Mountains has been raging since early morning above Dunlo, Pa., a big coal and lumber town. Much apprehension is felt for the safety of several camps of lumbermen, who were in the great district which had been swept by the flames. Some of them may have perished. They would have to flee from the camps ahead of the fire, and as no tidings have been received from them there is much alarm.

The flames came toward Dunlo with terrific fury and at noon every man, woman and child in Dunlo was out doing everything possible to save the town from destruction. After hours of fighting the progress of the flames was checked.

EXCITEMENT IS SUBSIDING.

No Present Danger of a Lynching at Fremont, O.

Mob violence, which was threatened in Fremont, O., as the result of the alleged killing of Otto Mischke by one of three negroes, subsided at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. The three negroes who are charged with the crime are now securely locked in the city jail at Norwalk.

From 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock Sunday morning the jail building was surrounded by an angry crowd calling upon Sheriff Mason to deliver the prisoner. Sheriff Mason said he would shoot the first man who made an attempt to break down the jail door and enter the building.

For fear of further trouble Mayor Engle ordered every saloon in the city closed.

Big Flood in Kansas.

Rain has been falling at Downs, Kan., in torrents for more than twelve hours, causing the Solomon River to overflow its banks. Business houses are under water and boatsmen are rowing through the streets. A great many families have left their homes.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

One of the huge boilers in the Indianapolis, Ind., hoisting mills blew up, wrecking the engine room at the works, killing Charles Bowers, a fireman, and injuring seven others. Of the injured who were taken to the hospitals one will die.

In a State of Siege.

The Salonica correspondent of the London Times cables that there are ten foreign men of war in the harbor of Salonica. A state of siege has been proclaimed and Turkish troops are guarding every square yard of the town.

Big Sawmill Burned.

The sawmill of the Scofield Lumber Company on Superior Bay front, at West Superior, Wis., burned, entailing loss of probably \$75,000. Three hundred men are thrown out of work.

May Have Been a Hoax.

The police so far have failed to solve the mystery surrounding the opening of a box of dynamite on the Ontario street at New York. There is a division of opinion among the officials as to whether the matter was intended to be a hoax or not. All agree that the possibilities of a gas explosion and a great loss of life were many.

Tribemen Begotten in Tossing.

News has reached Tangiers, Morocco, from Tetuan that the tribesmen have suffered defeat at the hands of government troops.

MAY END IN WAR.

Russia Makes Ominous Movements in Far East.

The Russians. It is announced at Peking, have occupied New Chwang with a large force and have put garrisons in the forts at the mouth of the Liao River, and are making extensive warlike preparations.

The news of the Russian activity, which comes from a most trustworthy source at New Chwang, adds that on their return to New Chwang the Russian troops brought with them several large guns.

A large force has been ordered to reoccupy Tien Shiang Tai.

The Russians have 14,000 troops between the mouth of the Liao River and Port Arthur.

The Russians are reported to be constructing forts on a hill near Liao Yang, commanding the rail between there and the Yalu River, and they have arranged to have a large quantity of provisions delivered at New Chwang.

A dispatch from officials at New Chwang says the indications point strongly to these active preparations being intended to guard against operations against the Russians in Manchuria.

The announcement at London that the Russians have "reoccupied" New Chwang must not be understood as implying they have ever fully evacuated the place.

The news is taken to mean the town has been reoccupied by the force in April, when the Russians said all troops, except men necessary for police guard, had been removed.

There are persistent reports in circulation at Yokohama regarding the movements of the Russian troops along the Yalu River.

Detachments have entered Korea, ostensibly to protect Russian timber concessions, and a large body of Russian troops is reported to be approaching Wiju, Korea.

The Japanese government is protesting against these actions.

CAPTURE A SULTAN.

American Troops Fight a Big Force of Moros.

Advices from Manila state: Capt. Percival's column has defeated the sultan of Amparagano's strong force of Moros in Taraca County, on the east shore of Lake Lanao, Island of Mindanao.

The Americans captured ten forts, 115 Moros were killed, 13 wounded and 60 made prisoners, including the sultan.

Two Americans were killed and seven wounded.

The two forts constituted a series of strong positions on the banks of the Taraca River, and from them the Moros vigorously resisted Percival's advance.

BIG SUM FOR LOSS OF BEAUTY.

New Jersey Jury Awards a Woman Twelve Thousand Dollars.

Her lawyer's plea that her beauty was ruined as the result of a trolley accident is believed to have largely influenced the jury in the county court at Elizabeth, N. J., in awarding a verdict for \$12,000 to Mrs. Myra Rose Searles, wife of a physician of Plainfield.

Mrs. Searles and her sister were run down by a trolley car in August, 1892, while driving. Mrs. Searles has been a helpless invalid since the accident.

Dr. Searles was also awarded \$3,000 by the jury for being deprived of the companionship of his wife since her mishap.

GO BACK TO THEIR BOOKS.

Omaha Children Return to School Pending Settlement of Troubles.

The school children of the Holy Family and St. Philomena's schools at Omaha, Neb., who went on a strike here returned to school pending a settlement by arbitration of their troubles.

Although the strike was looked upon as something of a joke it is believed that it will be in a measure successful.

The school authorities and the parents of the children have become interested in the matter, and they promise to give thorough consideration to the demands made by the children.

TO CORNER PEANUTS.

New Combine in Bona with Capital of Four Million Dollars.

The Confectioners' Review, published at Cincinnati, O., says the Michigan Underwriting Company of Detroit has completed a combine of the peanut industries and the American Nut Company which will soon be incorporated in New Jersey with a capital of \$4,000,000, and that it will absorb eighteen plants near Norfolk, Va. The yearly output within eighteen miles of Norfolk is 5,000,000 bushels.

Ship Given Up for Lost.

Edgar P. Luckenbach of New York, one of the owners of the oil tank steamer S. V. Luckenbach, which is missing, said that he had given up hope of the steamer ever being heard from. The vessel left Sabine Pass, Tex., March 22, with a crew of thirty-three men.

Convicted of Murder.

S. E. Wilson, on trial for killing Ed Knight of Lorimer, was convicted by a jury of murder in the second degree at Creston, Ia. The tragedy was due to a political feud.

Reward for Assassin.

Gov. Beckham of Kentucky has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the assassins of J. B. Marconi. County Judge Hargis' request for this step was not voluntary, but due to a letter sent by the governor, practically dictating such action.

Detroit Has \$100,000 Fire.

A Detroit special says: The manufacturing department of Scherer & Co.'s carriage works was damaged by fire Friday to the extent of \$100,000.

Sisters Are Reunited.

Lizzie and Emma Danck embraced one another at Lincoln, Neb., Friday, for the first time in ten years. They had been adopted by Lincoln people in their infancy, lost all trace of one another and lived within three blocks of each other for years. The meeting was a very affecting one.

French Warships Sail.

French flagship Potou and the cruisers Latouche and Treville sailed from Toulon for Salencia early Friday. The cruiser Gallie is ready to proceed to the same port.

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL.

Sioux City, Ia., Will Have a Great Street Fair and Carnival.

A big midsummer festival will be held at Sioux City, Ia., June 29 to July 4 inclusive, which will embrace the features of a fair and carnival. The proposed festival is said to be one of the most elaborate amusement schemes ever undertaken by Sioux City. The Jambour Carnival and Circus Company, the largest organization of the kind that has ever traveled, has been secured to furnish the attractions. This company has some two hundred performers. It provides an entertainment of over three hours' duration. A spectacle called "A Night in Japan" is presented, with scenery portraying the buildings and a street of a Japanese city, gaily decorated in honor of the visit of the Mikado, in whose honor a program of festivities is given. There are feats by troupes of Japanese acrobats and jugglers, a Japanese wedding, and a ballet in which twenty-four women appear, headed by Mlle. Rose-Elyth, premiere danseuse. Closing the spectacle is to be a grand display of fireworks with a number of set pieces. These open air acts alone are to occupy nearly two hours. There are also three shows in tents, each one with its troupe of performers. Two bands will furnish music on the grounds.

It is also proposed to organize an industrial fair. This will be located upon the portion of the park lying between the entrances and the grand stand. Booths are to be fitted up for mercantile and manufacturing displays, refreshments, etc., and there will be several interesting local features in addition to some free exhibitions.

Altogether the big midsummer festival will be the greatest Fourth of July event ever given in this section of the country, and an enormous outpouring of people is sure to be the case.

FATAL SLIDE OF ROCK.

A Sad Calamity in Giles County, Virginia.

Nine men were killed and five others injured, three of them fatally, in a slide of rock in the east end of tunnel No. 2 at Eggleston Springs, Giles County, Virginia, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Railroad contractors were engaged in double tracking the two tunnels at the point named, and then the tunneling force had removed the earth and stone for the railroad tracks at the point where the calamity occurred a huge slide of solid stone gave way on the mountain side, striking down at an angle of about 45 degrees, and coming up the side of the tunnel, crushing the life out of nine men.

This strata of solid rock was connected only by clay seams, and when the foundation was removed the strata, some fifty feet long, fell without warning, catching the men in a death trap. Of the five men who were near the edge of the slide two escaped with slight bruises, but the other three were injured so badly that it is feared they will die. The bodies of the other nine men, some of whom are white, are still under the slide.

There is no likelihood that the bodies can be recovered soon, as the rock will have to be dynamited and removed bit by bit.

DR. AMES FOUND GUILTY.

Former Mayor of Minneapolis Convicted of Felony.

Dr. Albert James Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, Minn., has been found guilty of accepting a bribe of \$600 while chief executive of that city.

After being out twenty-four hours, held up by a disagreement that was the result of a few minds holding out against the majority opinion, the jury in the case returned into Judge Elliott's court, and after being polled returned the verdict of guilty.

The usual motions were made for a stay and arrest of execution of judgment, and now will come the long fight on appeal.

The verdict of the jury came as a severe shock to both the defendant and his wife.

SHOOTING IS A MYSTERY.

Police Puzzled by Case of William Patterson in Muncie.

The mystery of the shooting of William Patterson, a wealthy business man of Muncie, Ind., has not been cleared up. The family persists in the story that he was shot by a burglar who was in the Patterson home. The police say that ten or fifteen minutes before they were called to the Patterson house two pistol shots were heard on South Walnut Street about six squares from the Patterson home. The police cannot understand how, if a burglar did the shooting, he left the house, as all doors and windows were securely locked when they reached the home. Patterson is still alive.

Deering Plant Closed by Strike.

A Chicago special says: More than a thousand tin snappers, lumbermen and core-makers joined the ranks of the strikers at the Deering works of the International Harvester Company Wednesday morning. The entire plant was shut down at noon until further notice.

Woman Suffrage Defeated.

The bill granting women the right to vote in Connecticut was rejected in the house of representatives at Hartford by a vote of 105 to 60.

Plague on the Increase.

The state department at Washington has received a cablegram from United States Consul General McWade at Canton, S. D., saying that bubonic plague is increasing in Canton, Honan, Shantung, Yoon Kung and Yungshan.

Twenty Persons Injured.

Twenty persons were injured, a few seriously, in a collision between two southbound Haled Street electric cars at Chicago. One woman is believed to be fatally hurt.

Robbed in Porto Rico.

James Jacobs, a shoe salesman representing A. K. Bates & Co. of New York, was chloroformed in his bed at the Hotel Francis, Ponce, P. R., Monday night and was robbed of \$1,000, clothes and jewelry, by a man who was hidden in his bedroom.

Nine Persons Hurt.

A New York special says: While running at speed a trolley car of the New York and Queens County Electric Railroad, filled with passengers, left the rails at North Beach, L. I., Sunday night. Nine persons were injured.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Bank Robbed—Crackmen Make a Successful Raid at Freeman—Get All the Cash in the Vault—The Officers Are Completely at Sea.

Burglars entered the Merchants' State Bank of Freeman and secured about \$3,000.

They broke through the vault with tools from the section house, making an opening large enough for one man to crawl through on the side of the vault. They then used nitroglycerin to blow open the safe and were completely successful. The vault and safe were completely wrecked. The entire contents of the safe were taken.

No one seems to have heard or seen anything of the burglars. The officers are completely at sea, the crackmen not having left the slightest clue behind.

The robbery was not discovered until 5 o'clock next morning.

A year ago an attempt was made to rob this bank, but it was foiled by a man who was sleeping in the bank.

Blair, cashier of the Merchants' State Bank of Freeman at the time of the robbery. The exact loss will not be known until an investigation is made by the cashier and insurance agents. So far as known no clear robber has been discovered. Five thousand dollars in currency was in transit for the bank, but had not been received.

CHILD BADLY BURNED.

Playing by a Bonfire, Hazel Ferris, of Huron, is Injured.

Hazel Ferris, aged 9 years, was quite badly burned at Huron. She was playing near a bonfire when her dress caught fire, and the pain and fright sent her running towards the house with agonizing screams. Her sister, Ethylene, tried to catch her, but could not. The dress created fire and she fell into the flames. Her cries attracted Ed Cassell, who was passing, and he ran to the child's assistance, and by rolling her over and over on the lawn extinguished the flames, but not until after her sides and back were badly burned.

It was first thought that her burns would prove fatal, but she is reported as recovering.

COLLECTION OF RARE EGGS.

Henry Schaller's Gift to the State Agricultural College.

Henry Schaller of Huron has presented a valuable collection of eggs to the State Agricultural College. The collection consists of eighty-eight and includes many from birds no longer found in that locality. It is the largest collection in this section of the country, and it is rare in some of the specimens. The smallest egg is that of the humming bird and the largest is that of the moose gull, which is larger than that of a chicken.

Mr. Schaller spent many years in gathering the collection, and has presented it to the college to be placed beside the large collection of birds and reptiles recently sold by him to the state for the college.

PLACE WAS TOO GAY.

Authorities Close a Combination Theater and Dance Hall.

The combination theater, a variety hall and dance house of Deadwood, S. D., was closed by Mayor McDonald, but the order was ignored, and it opened for business as usual. The proprietor was notified by the chief of police that his license had been revoked, and he refused to comply. He was saying himself liable in continuing his defense, he closed the doors.

The grounds on which the theater was closed was that it was conducted as a disorderly place, and that the management neglected to see to it that the theater was kept clean and that attention had been called by the authorities.

Cattle Arriving at Belle Fourche.

The C. Y. cattle outfit, owned by J. M. Carey and brother of Cheyenne, Wyo., has received at Belle Fourche thirty cars of cattle from Cheyenne and North Platte, which were driven 100 miles across the country to the outfit's range. Twenty more cars of cattle are expected in a few days, to be turned on the range.

No Serious Damage to Wheat.

The recent cold weather has not done the wheat fields any serious damage. Oats and barley have suffered to some extent where well above ground, and will in some cases show a decrease in yield in consequence. Rain at the present time would greatly invigorate the frosted grain and largely overcome the damage.

Charged with Cattle Rustling.

Ernest Millard has been arrested and taken to Spearfish on the charge of cattle rustling. It is alleged that he drove several head of cattle belonging to persons in Blacktail gulch, near Lead, to his ranch on Chicken Creek, where he put his brand on them.

Awarded a Fellowship.

Harry M. Gage of Huron has been awarded a fellowship in the University Council of Columbia University, New York. It is said to be of the value of \$650 and is one of the most highly prized academic honors conferred anywhere in the United States.

A Diminutive Pig.

A strange pig has come to the Donahue ranch, south of Miller. It is described as four inches high, six inches long and weighs eight ounces. It will drink, according to reports, a pint of milk at a time.

An Elk Point Robbery.

Daniel Sharp, a jeweler at Elk Point, who occupies part of the store room in which the postoffice is located, is out \$120, which was taken from his safe while he was absent for a few minutes in the postoffice. The officers have some good clues to work on, and it is expected that arrests will soon be made.

Held for Manslaughter.

Mrs. Chris Horch of Yankton has been arrested on the charge of manslaughter. She is said to have produced an abortion on the person of Mrs. Maggie Anderson, who died from its effect.

Large Apartment Building.

F. D. Smith of Deadwood is preparing to erect a large apartment house at the corner of the Commercial and Lincoln Avenues, Ingleside, in the city of Deadwood. The plans call for a four-story building, which will cost nearly \$40,000, containing some twenty living apartments.

Farmer Hanged Himself.

Michael Borth, a farmer living five miles north of Huron, committed suicide by hanging. His body was found in a barn suspended from a rafter by a halter strap. No reason is assigned for the deed. He was an unmarried man, aged about 38.

Mulch Remains in Custody.

The application for a certificate of public cause in the case of Jacob Mulch at Deadwood, convicted in Lawrence County several months ago for criminal assault, has been denied by the supreme court.

WORKING FOR HIS RELEASE.

Friends Interpet Themselves in Behalf of William Waters.

Friends of William Waters, who is serving an eight-year term in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for the murder of a woman named Elvira Worth at Conterville, have taken steps to secure what would virtually be a pardon for him. They are circulating petitions asking that his term be reduced to two years. As Waters was convicted in Turner County he is eligible for release if the petitions are granted he would be released from the penitentiary almost immediately.

It is said that ten of the members of the jury which convicted Waters have signed the petitions, as well as many other influential residents of Turner County. There were mitigating circumstances connected with the death of Elvira Worth which lead the friends of Waters to believe the movement for his liberation may prove successful.

KILLED HIS FATHER-IN-LAW.

Paul A. Thurlow Shoots John G. Krueger Near Madison.

John G. Krueger of Faulkton was killed by Paul A. Thurlow, ten miles south of Madison.

Thurlow had married Krueger's daughter Emma the day previous. Krueger came with threats to kill Thurlow, whom he had never seen. Emma Krueger was a normal school student and Thurlow a prosperous farmer. Krueger's objection to the marriage was that he was a German Lutheran and Thurlow a Baptist.

Krueger attacked the young man with a revolver and nine shots were fired, four taking effect and killing Krueger. Thurlow was wounded on the head with a revolver, but escaped Krueger's bullets.

WOONSOCKET TO CELEBRATE.

There Will Be All Kinds of Sport on the Fourth of July.

Woonsocket is getting ready to celebrate the Fourth of July on a grand scale. There is to be a three days' series of events. The Grand Army encampment is to be held there during that time. The lake has been completed and is now being riprapped with stone, and the water is to be turned on and the lake filled from the artesian well by the Fourth.

There will be boat races, horse racing, ball games and a band tournament. Judge Dick Hauer, of the supreme court, has been invited to deliver the address on the Fourth.

SUICIDE ENDS NIGHT AT FARO.

Elmer D. Town of Deadwood, Gambles Wages and Kills Himself.

Elmer D. Town, in the employ of a Deadwood firm, shot himself through the heart in the presence of his wife, after a night of gambling and dissipation. He had received his wages, and instead of taking them home he went to a local gambling establishment and lost them playing faro.

Early in the morning, when his last cent was gone, he went to his house, and taking down a rifle from the wall loaded it and turned the muzzle against his breast, pulled the trigger before his wife could stop him.

IMPROVEMENTS AT GARRETSON.

Proposition for Flour Mill and Electric Light Plant.

A couple of eastern capitalists have decided to construct a first class flour mill and an up to date electric light plant at Garretson, and have made a proposition to the citizens which has been discussed and acted upon at a meeting to be held later.

The citizens already have informally discussed the matter, and there is practically no doubt that the proposition of the capitalists will be accepted and that Garretson will secure industries which it has long needed.

GOOD INDIAN WILL LIVE.

Well Known Policeman and Ex-Soldier is Accidentally Shot.

Uriah Good King, grandson of Chief Milk, of the Ponca district, was accidentally shot while riding horseback. A revolver which he carried was discharged, the bullet passing through the inside muscle of the right thigh. He rode to the Ponca substation, where a physician was called. No serious results are anticipated.

Good King is a member of the Indian police force and has served as a soldier in the Philippines.

Nine-Year-Old Boy Shot.

John Bergman, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bergman, of Aberdeen, was shot in the head and instantly killed. His death was reported by a companion about 11 years old, who claimed he found the body near Bergman's barn, and saw a man leaving the premises across the street. It is thought the little fellow killed his playmate accidentally with a revolver.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The grand lodge, I. O. O. F., will meet at Watertown on May 19. If a full attendance comes out there will be over 700 delegates in the city at that time, in addition to the numerous visitors who will be attracted there. Committees of entertainment and decoration are working hard to get things in shape for the boys.

Sold Liqueur to Indians.

Harry G. Hall, of Pierre, who was convicted by a jury during the recent term of United States court of the charge of selling liquor to Indians belonging on the Cheyenne River reservation, was sentenced by Judge Carland to a term of eighteen months in the Sioux Falls penitentiary, in addition to a fine of \$100.

Grain Coming Nicely.

The grain is coming on nicely at Lake Preston after the hard frosts of last week, and farmers are preparing for corn crop. Rain would do much good, although the ground is still in good condition.

Cattle Stealing Charged.