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EWEN IS WIPED OUT

Quarter of a Million Loss by Incendiary Fire.

SUSPECT HELD BY CITIZENS

May Be Lynched, as the People Are Frenzied by the Loss of Property. Only Two Stores Left.

DULUTH, Minn., July 20.—A special to the News-Tribune says that the business portion of the town of Ewen, Mich., 150 miles down the South Shore, has been entirely destroyed by fire. It is a village of some 2,000 people and in the whole place only two stores are left standing. The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin, and a message received at the South Shore offices says the homeless people are holding as a prisoner a man supposed to have started the blaze. He is almost certain to be lynched, as the people are worked up almost to a frenzy by the loss of their property. Telegraphic communication was re-established late tonight. The loss is about a quarter of a million and the insurance less than $50,000. The flames were discovered at 1:30 in the rear of the Snyder house, and before the fire was completely controlled spread to buildings across the street and everything burned, including the Hotel Conover, the most prominent building in the town. In two short hours all was wiped out of existence.

List of Losses.

Losses that can be ascertained at this time are as follows: Louis Dante, general store, $15,000; Lipsett & Harrison, $12,000; G. H. Smith, dry goods, $6,000; J. H. Scott, hardware, $5,500; Ed Hullick, saloon, $9,000; J. Loisure, saloon, $4,500; Snyder house, $5,500; Conover house, $8,000; Raymond house, $3,000; Ontonagon River Lumber company, $3,000; American house, $3,500; James Connelly, saloon, $3,500; Clark Fainam & Co., $8,000; Stewart Bros., $5,000; Marquette house, $3,000; James Norton, general store, $4,000; F. H. Osborne, drugs, $4,500; Ewen exchange bank, $3,000; W. Triplett, jewelry, $5,000; H. G. Hubbell, $1,000; E. P. Connelly, $5,000; J. P. Rossman, meat market, $1,000; Finch & McLaughlin, $1,000, James Rason, millinery, $3,000; Neddy & Co., $3,000; F. Wright, barber, $8,000; Mrs. Conroy, millinery, $1,000; H. Kind, $1,000; John Garvin, $2,500; Steve Johnson, saloon, $4,000; J. Stadler, $4,000; W. D. Hatfield, $4,000; Railroad house, $5,000; F. J. Hargrove, moving, $2,500. Lawyer E. C. Chamberlain of Bessemer, was here at the time of the fire and wired to Bessemer, Ironwood, Ashland and Ontonagon for aid.

HANGED TO A TREE.

A Private Dispatch Says the Incendiary Was Lynched.

DULUTH, Minn., July 20.—A private dispatch, received in the office of the train dispatcher at 11:15 p. m., at the union depot, says that the mob at Ewen, Mich., has just taken the man suspected of starting the fire which destroyed the town and hung him to a tree. The only news that can be obtained is the gossip of the operators that is going on over the fires, but it confirms in every particular the first news. Ewen was a lumbering town and has been built up rapidly on a boom. The business portion of the town with the exception of one or two buildings is entirely wiped out. The loss is a matter of conjecture, but it is probably as heavy as at first reported. Like most lumbering towns it possessed but little fire protection and the companies have written but little insurance. A later estimate put the insurance at $35,000 and the loss $300,000. There are no stories of loss of life. Nothing can be learned of the man who was lynched. The operator at Ewen could not give his name or any details concerning him. So much of the above despatch as refers to the lynching of the incendiary lacks confirmation. The only authority for the statement that he was lynched is the gossip between the telegraph operators. Lateness of the hour makes confirmation impossible.—Editor.]

OUR MAN WHIPPED.

John J. Flynn Knocked Out by William Gaffney at Jackson.

JACKSON, Mich., July 20.—A fight to the finish was held near this city tonight between William Gaffney, who claims the lightweight championship of Michigan, and John J. Flynn of Grand Rapids. The affair was kept very quiet to avoid the officers, but notwithstanding this fact fully 200 persons were present. Time was called at 11:40, and the two men stripped to the waist, stepped to the center of the ring and shook hands. The first round was simply a sparring match, neither party getting in an effective blow. In the second round Flynn struck Gaffney a blow on the side of the head and received in return a stinger squarely in the mouth which brought the blood and sent him sprawling under the ropes. He was unable to regain his feet until time had been called, but the referree allowed the fight to proceed. In the third round Gaffney struck Flynn in the pit of the stomach, doubling him up. He was apparently willing to give up the fight then, but his friends urged him to his feet, and again Gaffney struck him in the same place. This time Flynn was unable to come to time, and his second, George Labbache, threw up the sponge.

Crooked Postmaster Parks.

CLINTON FALLS, Mich., July 20.—Alonzo Park, who resigned the office of postmaster last December, is alleged to be short in his accounts to the amount of over $2,000. Crystal Falls has received frequent visits the past six months from Postoffice Inspector Pulsifer, but the news of the alleged shortage was not given out till yesterday, the matter having been kept quiet on a promise of settlement, it is said. Mr. Parks' bond was $20,000. The bondsmen were J. H. Parks, A. L. Austfield and A. Coon. The ex-postmaster has started in business in South Milwaukee. Legal steps will be taken.

Arrested for Shooting.

PORT HURON, Mich., July 20.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Chauncey Stevens, a Yale boy, charged with shooting George Edgerton. Last Friday Stevens treated a member with Edgerton's younger brother. The same night the boys quarrelled and Stevens, it is alleged, shot George Edgerton in the leg. Edgerton may die, as blood poisoning has set in. The victim's father made the complaint. Sheriff Bernats went after Stevens this afternoon. Chauncey is 19 years old. George is four years younger.

Wants His Money Back.

SAGINAW, Mich., July 20.—"Kid" Lavigne is after the prosecuting attorney of Ottawa county, Illinois. He claims that he paid that official $250 for getting him out of jail some time ago, and he wants the money back, for, he says, the prosecutor was compounding a felony and has no right to keep the cash. Lavigne has made a formal demand through the prosecuting attorney of Saginaw county. The "Kid" was arrested and jailed for being one of the principals in a prize fight at Streator, Illinois, some time ago.

Jordan Is Superintendent.

JACKSON, Mich., July 20.—O. F. Jordan has been appointed superintendent of the middle air line, Grand Rapids, South Haven, South Bend and Battle Creek divisions of the Michigan Central, with headquarters in this city. He succeeds C. B. Bush, deceased. Mr. Jordan has been superintendent of the Canada and Michigan Midland divisions at St. Thomas, Ontario. His place there is taken by J. B. Morford.

Michigan Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Michigan postoffice appointments today: J. M. Fowler, to succeed F. B. Barber, removed, at Leonia, Jackson county; E. H. Hilleyer, to succeed E. R. Gould, removed, at Morrill, Saginaw county; C. S. Mills, to succeed J. A. Woodward, resigned, at Slocum's Grove, Muskegon county; Nathan Loeb, to succeed W. S. Thomsen, removed, at Stronach, Manistee county.

Copper at Au Train.

AU TRAIN, Mich., July 20.—Workmen at Stickney's lumber camp, at the foot of Trout lake, south of this place, while breaking rock for a river dam, found a number of large pieces of native copper. It has been thought for some time that parts of this county were rich in mineral deposits, and the citizens are much elated over the find. Those interested will make a careful investigation.

Boy Drowned at Jackson.

JACKSON, Mich., July 20.—Bert Dennis of Blackman was drowned at Wolf Lake today. There was a picnic at that place, and the program included three balloon ascensions. One of the balloons landed all right, but the other two dropped in the water. In one of the latter was young Dennis, and as the balloon landed on top of him, and he could not swim, he was drowned.

Ellis Discontinues.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., July 20.—The cases against the Sault line employes who were arrested for alleged violation of health laws were discontinued today by instructions from Attorney-General Ellis, who will await the decision of the federal court as to the validity of the Michigan health laws. The cases may be commenced again.

Lottie Wood's Story.

MARINE CITY, Mich., July 20.—Lottie Woods, the Sand Beach girl who disappeared the other day, or, as her uncle, Prof. Lomady, asserted, was spirited away to prevent her acting as a witness, is in town. She says she is married to a man of 60 and is tired of him. She will be held until her uncle arrives.

A Tramp's Revenge.

MORENCI, Mich., July 20.—Clarence Koon, a farmer living two miles northeast of Morenci, drove a stranger from his barn last night. An hour later his barn, grain house and their contents, consisting of a stallion, a cow and a calf, were burned. Loss, $1,500. There is no clue to the incendiary's whereabouts.

Clairvoyant in Trouble.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 20.—Prof. J. M. Crane, "clairvoyant and only genuine medium," was arrested today on a telegram from Saginaw charging him with false pretenses. He will be taken there on a warrant.

Gaylord Mill Burned.

GAYLORD, Mich., July 20.—Fire at noon today destroyed the saw and planing mill of Humphrey Bros., causing a loss of $4,000 or $5,000. There is no insurance.

BOILERMAKERS STRIKE.

They Demand Ten Hours' Pay for Nine Hours' Work.

ST. LOUIS, July 20.—For some reason the boilermakers, who had selected August 1 to make their demand for nine hours' work with ten hours' pay, concluded to bring matters to a head today, and the demand was made at noon. It resulted in about 1,000 of them going out on strike. They are well organized, have a large strike fund, and declare they will not yield an inch. The bosses are equally determined, and a long struggle is looked for. There is a strong probability that the trouble in the shoe trade will be settled amicably. A number of non-union carpenters went out today.

RAIDED A FARO DEN.

A Cash Register Agent Caught Backing the Tiger.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 20.—Last night's raid on the faro den at No. 1005 Arctic avenue has resulted in placing in jail on the charge of embezzlement Louis Jerome, an agent for the National Cash Register company of Dayton, Ohio, who was fleeced to the amount of nearly $500. H. H. Gerrish, the general agent of the Cash Register company at Newark, hearing of the affair, came down today to investigate, and found that $100 of the money Jerome had lost was that collected from local patrons of the concern.

To Take Strikers' Places.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 20.—It is current here with the railroad officers as authority that 1,000 colored men were put on the cars at Birmingham, Alabama, last night and started for Kansas to take the places of the striking miners. It is thought they will go to Pittsburg and from that place be distributed to all the affected mines in the state. Trouble, and perhaps bloodshed, will undoubtedly follow such an attempt.

Cavalry Officer to Be Tried.

CHICAGO, July 20.—A court-martial will assemble at Fort Reno, Indian Territory, tomorrow to try Captain Mackay of the Third cavalry. The exact nature of the charges against the officer have been kept secret, but it is understood that he will be tried for some breach of discipline. Colonel Miles of the Third cavalry is president of the court and Lieut. C. F. Martin judge advocate.

GRESHAM IN FOR IT

Indiana Democrats Indorse Him for the Presidency.

BOOM SPRUNG TOO EARLY

General Torrence's Views All Right, but He Should Have Waited Awhile Before Talking.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Gresham boom so vigorously started by General Torrence causes considerable stir in political circles here. With one accord the Indiana democrats enthusiastically indorse Gresham, but they deprecate the present launching of the boom as entirely too early. Prominent Indiana democrats, men who have been the stay and support of the party in that state for years, readily avow their belief in Secretary Gresham as the coming presidential candidate. They say that no man, not even the lamented Hendricks, ever aroused such enthusiasm or attained such cordial support as will Gresham if nominated in 1896. There are democrats in Washington from all parts of Indiana, and without exception they declare Gresham to be stronger by all odds than any other man in the state. But they all say that Torrence has been very indiscreet in naming Gresham so early. The Torrence interview has served to develop the fact that the leading democrats of Indiana had already turned their attention to Judge Gresham for president.

Indiana Enthusiastic.

The man who is now conceded to be the chosen leader of Indiana democracy said today:

"General Torrence is no doubt a sincere friend of Judge Gresham, but he is foolish in talking about him as a presidential candidate now. There is time enough for that and at the proper time Judge Gresham's friends will bring him forward with no uncertain sound and in numbers sufficient to accomplish their end."

Postmaster Dalton of the house of representatives has just returned from a month's visit to Indiana. He is one of the best informed men in public life as to Indiana politics. Asked how the suggestion of Secretary Gresham as the democrat candidate for president impressed the people of his state, he replied:

"Splendidly. He's the man we want next time, and I believe he will be the nominee. Judge Gresham is extremely popular in Indiana. He is known to be a man of the strictest personal and political integrity, and the democrats of our state would support him to a man. He would draw thousands of republican votes in our state, too."

BI-METALISTS RESOLVE.

Carlisle's Speech of 1874 Endorsed and Free Silver Demanded.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 20.—The bi-metallic state convention assembled in Representative hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon. There were present 300 men and women including delegates and spectators. Nearly all of those who qualified as members of the convention were populists. Ex-Gov. Thomas A. Osborne of this city, a republican, was chosen as permanent chairman. Congressman Bryan of Nebraska was the only one of the invited guests from outside of the state who put in an appearance and he attracted a large crowd at the evening session. At the afternoon session free coinage speeches were made by ex-Attorney General John N. Ives and Congressman John Davis, both populists. The committee on resolution was guided in its work by Congressman Bryan of Nebraska, who prepared them. The address presenting the resolutions declared in favor of the gold and silver money of the constitution. It then made a hit at Secretary Carlisle as follows:

"We endorse the opinion expressed by the Hon. John G. Carlisle in 1874 that 'the movement to totally demonetize silver is a stupendous conspiracy conceived by the money interests of all countries to increase the value and one-half of the world's metallic money by destroying the other half.' We further agree with the secretary of the treasury in the then expressed opinion that the successful consummation of that conspiracy would be more disastrous to the people of this world than war, pestilence and famine."

The resolutions declare opposition to a universal gold standard because gold coin of the world would not afford a sufficient basis for a currency adequate to the needs of commerce. They express belief that an international agreement for the coinage of both gold and silver at a fixed rate is not necessary. The action of eastern states is denounced as selfish and inconsistent. In conclusion, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we demand of our senators and representatives that they oppose the repeal of the Sherman law of July 14, 1890, except by the adoption of a law placing silver back where it was prior to its demonetization in 1873. We denounce it as inconsistent with sound public policy to confer or advise directly or indirectly with any foreign nation as to what the money or currency of the United States should be."

The adoption of the resolutions was followed by a speech by their author, Congressman Bryan.

Denver to be Represented.

DENVER, Colo., July 20.—The Denver chamber of commerce held an important meeting this afternoon. It was decided in view of the recent troubles in financial and business circles in this city that the interests of Colorado demand that the state be represented at the bi-metallic league conventions in Chicago and Washington by business men who would place the state before the country in a proper light, and repudiate any incendiary utterances which may be made in that convention by delegates from this state.

APPOINTMENTS EXPECTED.

Treasury Places to Be Filled as Soon as Secretary Carlisle Returns.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—It is expected in the treasury department that a large number of important appointments will be made in a short time, Secretary Carlisle's return from Chicago will produce the decisions in a number of applications that are hanging fire. Whether President Cleveland will sign the commissions of the lucky persons at once or wait until congress adjourns cannot be definitely stated. Among these early appointments, or selections rather will be a fourth auditor of the treasury in place of John Lynch, the colored ex-congressman from Mississippi, whose resignation was asked for some time ago, to take effect on the qualification of his successor. More than a dozen collectors of internal revenue will also be selected, following Mr. Carlisle's return. The question of appointing some one to fill the vacant directorship of the mint seems as far from settlement as ever. No candidates have been given serious attention, and it is said that the office will remain vacant for some time to come. Secretary Carlisle, it is said, is fully satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Preston, the acting director, has discharged the duties of the office, and he feels no uneasiness in leaving the office in his efficient hands while he leisurely considers the claims of the various applicants.

WATSON'S MEETING.

It Passed Off Without Any Appearance of Trouble.

AUGUSTA, Ga., July 20.—A special to the Chronicle from Washington, Ga., says that the Watson meeting passed off without any trouble. About 2,000 people were present, 1,500 negroes and 500 white populists. The democrats kept away, not over twenty-five being present. For weeks the people of Washington have been receiving notices that the populists from several counties would congregate in this city today. Watson was to speak armed with a Winchester, would create trouble and then wage war on the democrats. The sheriff of Lincoln county, a populist, fought the sheriff of Wilkes county, a democrat, and asked to be sworn in as a deputy marshal to help to preserve order, which was done. Watson urged his followers not to create trouble, and the day passed off quietly. The city and county authorities had made every preparation to meet any emergency, and the precautions against trouble were excellent, and not even a semblance of a brawl was created. The bars were closed at 3 o'clock today, and the state troops ordered to be ready in case of necessity.

RIGHTS OF PENSIONERS.

Subject Will Be Brought Before Congress.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—It is reported here that Congressman Burrows of Michigan will introduce a resolution in the house to investigate the present workings of the Pension office, with particular reference to the legality of certain orders which have been made by Secretary Smith. It is understood Mr. Burrows claims that after a soldier has been examined in the legal way and his pension granted, that the commissioner has no right to suspend him from the rolls, or reduce his pension, or compel him to be re-examined and go through the form of again qualifying to draw a pension.

Hill and Murphy Ignored.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—An examination of the record of fourth-class postmasters appointed in New York shows that Senators Hill and Murphy have been entirely ignored in the distribution of this petty patronage. Senator Hill has refused to make any recommendations, but Senator Murphy has put in several big batches. Not a single appointment has been made in Rensselaer, Senator Murphy's home county, while only two have been made for Chemung, Hill's favorite county, and both were to fill vacancies caused by death.

Quiet at Gray Gables.

BUZZARD'S BAY, Mass., July 20.—The president passed a very quiet day and nothing transpired worthy of note. A part of the day was spent at Gray Gables with his guests, Colonel Lamont and Dr. Bryant. Later in the day the party took a short sail in the "Ruth" on Buzzard's Bay. G. F. Fryes of Hudson, New York, who is taking a pleasure trip in New England and who claims to be a lifelong democrat, called at Gray Gables today, but the president was unable to see him.

To Retire Secretary Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The friends of President Cleveland are intimating with more or less distinctness that he has been very greatly disappointed in his secretary of the treasury. They assert that the president has found Mr. Carlisle lacking in many of the qualifications he believed him to possess when he called him out of the senate into his cabinet, and that he is seriously considering means of making a change.

SENSATION AT ATLANTA.

Two Gentlemen Charge Each Other Harshly and Are Arrested.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 20.—Atlanta had a sensation today in a controversy between Dr. D. W. F. Whetmore and Lawyer D. W. Rountree, both prominent young men. Roundtree acted as Whetmore's attorney, and Whetmore charged with highly dishonorable practices. Roundtree replied in a card applying opprobious epithets to the physician. Atlanta expected a shooting affray when these cards appeared, but the police arrested both men, and they will have a hearing tomorrow. The outlook is that as soon as the court proceedings are concluded the expected fight will occur.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

Can of Naptha Explodes in a Sweat-Band Factory.

NEW YORK, July 20.—At 4:05 this afternoon a can of naptha exploded in the sweat-band factory of J. D. Campbell, No. 221 Walworth street, Brooklyn, killing four persons.

The dead are: J. D. Campbell, Samuel Campbell, his son; John Weiss, 25 years old, of No. 218 Walworth street; Jacob Weiss of No. 218 Walworth street. Matthew Doering was badly injured. The building was completely wrecked. It was a two-story frame structure. There were twelve persons employed in the factory, but all excepting the five named were in the basement and escaped without injury.

Bank Cashier Arrested.

NEW ORLEANS, July 20.—This morning Cashier James M. Dowling of the United States mint was arrested on a charge of embezzling $25,000 from the government, made by the district attorney at the instigation of the department at Washington. This is the result of the recent mysterious fire in the vault of the mint, said to have been caused by an electric wire by which the bills in a tin box were reduced to an unrecognizable mass of charred paper.

Will Be Shot August 4.

CANON, I. T., July 20.—Governor Jones is in town today and says the condemned Choctaws will be shot on August 4, according to the sentence of the court.

AT WAR IN KANSAS

Four Hundred Striking Miners, Headed by Women,

ATTACK NON-UNION WORKMEN

Winchesters and Clubs Resorted to in Trying to Persuade Them to Quit. Injuries Were Slight.

WEIR CITY, Kan., July 20.—The expected crisis has come in the Kansas miners' strike. Miners who were willing to work quietly and peaceably have been attacked by the strikers and blood has been shed. The feeling which has been growing more and more bitter for several days culminated today in a fierce battle at Clements Pit, one mile south of this city. All the forenoon there were mutterings of the approaching storm, and the feeling was universal that serious trouble was at hand. Just before noon a band of 500 of the strikers, headed by 100 women, which had been marching to the various strip pits, reached Clements pit and a committee tried to persuade the miners working there to quit. This they refused to do and when the committee reported the entire body of marchers moved on to the works to force the men out. The strip men were ready for them and when they had passed the trespass line they were fired upon and a general battle ensued, in which Winchesters, pistols and clubs were used. Over 100 shots were fired and it is nothing short of a miracle that nobody was killed.

But Slightly Injured.

One man was injured in the forehead, a boy was shot in the foot and one of the women got a ball through her arm. None of the injuries are fatal, and it is believed that none of them are dangerous. A number on both sides were badly beaten up by clubs and clubbed guns. As a result of the battle, the men in the strip pit were routed by the strikers and were forced to flee for their lives, pursued by the howling mob, which would have lynched them had they been caught.

There is an enclosure around the pit which was broken into by the strikers. The owner of the strip, Clements, his son and a man named Big Dick Reed are said to be the ones who did the shooting and they have given themselves up and were run out of the county for safe keeping. The excitement was intense after the shooting and it was feared that matters would become worse, but a prominent striker, George R. Fulton, made the crowd a speech in which he advised them to keep cool and counselled peace. It is rumored that a quantity of firearms have been received here tonight. The excitement is still at fever heat and there is every probability that a further demonstration will be made during the night.

PENNSYLVANIA MINERS.

A Meeting Called to Take Action on Work.

PITTSBURG, Kan., July 20.—The miners in this vicinity are in a state of intense excitement tonight over the wounding of four of their number at Weir City this afternoon. Many express the opinion that this is but a starter and will result in more bloodshed. A meeting of miners and strip men is called for tomorrow in Henry's hall in this city, when it is expected that a number of miners will be present from the lower part of the district, and it is almost certain that something new will be decided upon regarding the matter of work. A telegram was received at the miners headquarters today stating that Assistant Attorney General Clark will arrive in Pittsburg tonight to afford the miners all the legal protection that they will demand. No attempt was made to disturb the pit strips in the neighborhood of Pittsburg today. Those operated by Shuck, Beasley and Lanyon are running the same as usual. The stockades around the Kansas and Texas shaft, No. 22, at Litchfield, is about one-third completed and the men are working night and day upon it. Considerable uneasiness was felt at Lee's pit last night from the fact that a number of men marched up and down the road there, shouting and firing guns. No other demonstration was made. Miners having provided themselves with guns, it is feared that today's eruption at Weir City will result in a collision here.

PITTSBURG, Kan., July 20.—The sheriff of Crawford county has fifty deputies scattered at the various mines and will tomorrow appoint 200 more if necessary. He says he is able to preserve the peace and will prevent a riot, and that the state military power will not be needed. Two warrants were sworn out today for the arrest of Walters, for trespassing on the premises of the mine owners, but hearing of it he immediately left town.

BOUND TO COME EAST.

Idle Silver Miners Capture a Train of Cars.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 20.—An instance of the deplorable condition of affairs in Colorado so far as workingmen are concerned, as a result of the shutting down of silver mines, was shown here this evening, when nearly a hundred starving men took forcible possession of a train and demanded that the company carry them east. At 5 p. m. a freight arriving from the west brought in seventy or eighty men ordinarily designated as tramps, but in fact there could hardly be found a half dozen of the professional bum in the lot. When freight 76, east bound, got ready to leave at 5:30 some thirty-five or forty of the men boarded the cars with the intention of continuing their journey, but the depot policeman ordered them off. They refused to move and made the officer put up his gun which he had out when he tackled them. To the United Press representative they stated that they were men who had been thrown out of work in Colorado and were compelled to go some place. Some of them were trying to get to friends in the east. They had cards from different trades unions in support of this statement that they were laborers and honest men. The depot officer appealed to the city authorities and a squad of police went down, but refused to take any action. The men stuck to their places on the train and the train stayed where it was. The train was finally backed down into the yard and Roadmaster McFarland held a parley with them. As a result they quit the train and organizing in convention appointed a committee of three to ask the Burlington & Missouri officials to provide them with transportation to Omaha.

FALL RIVER MILLS.

Manufacturers Prepared to Tide Over But the Prospect Is Unfavorable.

FALL RIVER, Mass., July 20.—Odd goods are selling in this market on a basis of 3 cents for 64x4's, but no sales of any moment are reported. The Daily Evening News says tonight, editorially, regarding the situation: "Brokers are offering 2¾ cents for print cloths, which has been the cost of production. Predictions are made that some mills will have to break or sell at that price to get money to pay their help if the looms are to be kept in motion. With the close of July contracts manufacturers will face the alternative of shutting down and selling at less than cost or paying exorbitant rates for money to meet their pay rolls. Few corporations in the country are so well prepared for hard times as Fall River mills. Most of them are out of debt and have handsome surplus accounts, but they run with the certainty of piling up goods and carrying them at high rates of interest and of selling at less than the cost of production are conditions that confront them. The other alternative is to shut down the mills, by which it is claimed the stringency of the money market will be lessened to some extent, confidence restored and the return of prosperity would be hastened. No concerted action has yet been taken, but the air is full of talk of a shut down or a reduction in wages. Fall River has not yet realized the suffering that many localities are experiencing, but it will require the best thought and energies of our business men to minimize the effect of the blow to local prosperity that is approaching. If severe measures are a necessity the present season of the year is the best time to adopt them for the welfare of laboring men and women."

CAR WORKS TO RESUME.

Trustees Will Operate the Terre Haute Plant Again.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 20.—Creditors of the Terre Haute Car Works company representing more than seventy-five per cent. of the claims met here today and with no difficulty reached a plan of settlement that will be submitted for approval of the smaller and unrepresented creditors. The creditors chose A. J. Crawford president of the two rolling mills of this city; Major Collins of the Central Steel company, Brazil, and J. F. Brinkman of this city as trustees. They will recommend the discharge of the assignee and that the plant be restored to its owners, who will operate it. The company is to be given two years extension on its paper, 25 per cent payable every six months. The officers of the company voluntarily agreed to reduce their salaries by one-half. Creditors express gratification at the good showing made and the works are expected to be in partial operation soon.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS.

Colorado Firms Will Open for Traffic Tomorrow.

DENVER, July 20.—A number of the firms closed yesterday and the day previous will resume business tomorrow. Chief among these is the Flanders Dry Goods company, the court having ordered the sheriff to turn the property over to the assignee, who will conduct the business pending settlement. The Halleck-Sayre Lumber company and the Palace drug store will also resume. The Tucker Manufacturing company has also made arrangements to resume. A number of others will open up in a few days.

DEPOSIT OF BONDS.

Railroad Bondholders Agree Upon a Plan for Relief.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The agreement of the first mortgage bondholders' committee of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railroad company provides for the deposit of the bonds with the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, subject to the order of the committee. Bondholders on depositing are to pay an assessment of $5 for each bond, negotiable certificates will be issued in exchange for bonds deposited and application will be made to have the certificates listed on the New York stock exchange.

Mills Ordered Closed.

MILTON MILLS, N. H., July 20.—The agent of the Waumbeck company has issued orders for closing the mills here for three months, as soon as the goods now in process of manufacture are finished. The reason assigned for this action is a lack of orders, except at ruinous prices.

Fatal Railway Collision.

TISKILWA, Ills., July 20.—An extra east bound freight train collided with a west bound local freight on a siding this morning. The local had just pulled into the siding and the switch was not closed in time. George Hickey of Sheffield, fireman of the stock train, was instantly killed and Engineer Henry L. Strong of Blue Island, died three hours later from his injuries. Thirty horses and a large number of hogs were killed.

Home Rule Clauses Passed.

LONDON, July 20.—The last eleven clauses of the home rule bill were brought through the committee stage this evening. On Thursday evening of last week the work of the house in committee had been pushed forward to clause 27. This clause concerning judges and other persons having salaries charged on consolidated fund, was carried on Monday. Clause 28, concerning persons in the civil courts, and clause 29, concerning pensions, were passed last evening.

Canadian Village Burned.

QUEBEC, July 20.—The village of St. Anne de la Parade near Quebec, one of the oldest settlements in the country, was completely destroyed by fire today. The fire started about noon in a house occupied by one Clement near the railway station. A strong wind was blowing at the time and the flames spread quickly to the adjoining buildings, which were mostly of wood.

No Longer International.

LONDON, July 20.—A dispatch from Rome to the Central News says: The report that Italy has proposed that the two and a half franc pieces be no longer regarded as international coins has been confirmed. Belgium and Greece approve of the proposal. If France and Switzerland refuse to accept it Italy will withdraw from the Latin union.

ARE MILLIONS IN IT

Rich Oil Field Opened Up at Waterville, Ohio.

GREAT EXCITEMENT CREATED

Farmers May Make Fortunes by Selling Lands if They Do Not Lose Their Heads.

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 20.—Excitement exists in the hamlet of Waterville, fifteen miles southwest of this city, over a phenomenal oil find. The territory was abandoned as worthless thirty years ago. Recent indications induced a few farmers and one or two speculators to lease all the territory possible. The work was conducted secretly. All at once several wells were opened. Two wells are flowing 900 barrels a day and several others are running 200 and 400.

Oil men from all over the country are flocking in on every train. The Standard Oil company also has representatives here, who are taking up everything in sight that has not already been secured. A number of farmers will make thousands, perhaps millions, if they do not lose their heads. The little town of 500 today looks like a city. Hundreds are arriving daily and are living in tents, board shanties and everything that will afford slight protection from the weather.

Good judges say the newly discovered field is a continuation of the celebrated Haskins oil belt of Wood and Hancock counties. It lies just beyond the Clover Leaf track and right on the edge of town.

The field is less than half a mile in width and is thought to be less than two miles long. Some enthusiastic oil men say that the narrow oil strip runs up into Michigan. That remains to be demonstrated.

Farms Already Leased.

The Dodds farm, the Posy farm, the H. Van Fleet and the H. F. Van Fleet farms, the Heaton farm and the Christman farm cover about all the good oil territory so far opened up. As high as $1,000 bonus has been paid for the privilege of leasing a rich twenty-three-acre strip. Besides this the lucky farmer receives one-sixth of the gross revenue from all oil produced, and from $100 to $200 for each new well drilled. Farm land on the oil strip cannot be bought at any price. Plenty of land is being leased daily, but most of it is said to be outside the district of Trenton rock and oil sand.

Ezra Dunham, late of Bowling Green, and Dr. Samuel Downs of Waterville are the men who always had implicit faith in Waterville's oil future. They opened the newly defined territory. Mr. Dunham is a keen-eyed, energetic man, approaching the fifties. He has been in the oil business for thirty years—from New York to Waterville. He has made and lost fortunes galore. He is now making another. Dr. Downs has lived in Waterville over twenty years, and swears by his friend Dunham. So does Mayor James Marston, a frisky bachelor of 65. Everybody in northwestern Ohio knows "Doc" Downs and "Jim" Marston.

The Rex Oil Company is a home institution, and was organized six weeks ago. There are five experienced hustlers in this infant corporation—Messrs. Downs, Dunham, Marston of Waterville, and Heacock and Baker of Ilion, New York. The two latter gentlemen are heavy operators in the Wood county fields.

THREE MEN BURNED ALIVE.

An Oil Well Spurts Furiously and Taking Fire Burns Fatally.

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 20.—Three men were burned to death at a fire in an oil well near here today. Their names are: David Arnot, contractor; Lemuel Connors, tool dresser; David Ramsey, driller. Between 3 and 4 o'clock an oil well was being drilled on a farm belonging to the Ohio Oil company, about half way between Freeport and Woodside. The last screw was being turned when the well suddenly began to flow furiously. The flood of oil soon reached the boilers near by and ignited. So rapidly did the fire spread that only two workmen out of five escaped with their lives, and they were terribly and perhaps fatally burned. All the men are married, and came here from the Pennsylvania fields.

Meyer Retains Counsel.

NEW YORK, July 20.—The celebrated criminal lawyers, Howe & Hummel, will defend Dr. Meyer, the reputed wholesale poisoner. Both these lawyers were out of town when Dr. Meyer was arraigned on Tuesday, and Joe Moss, one of the members of the firm, represented the prisoner. Moss in an interview with Meyer, said to him: "Keep your mouth shut and keep a stiff upper lip." Lawyer Moss also telegraphed to Mrs. Meyer in Detroit to talk to nobody, and that when they were ready to bring her on he would meet her half way to ward off questioners.

National Glassworkers.

MARION, Ind., July 20.—The National Flint Glass workers, after the forenoon was devoted to amendments to the constitution, elected officers as follows: President and treasurer, W. J. Smith of Pittsburg; vice president, J. F. Hickly of Philadelphia; secretary, John Kunzler of Marion; assistant secretary, John F. Claire of Pittsburg.

Will of A. J. Drexel.

PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—The will of the late Anthony Drexel was probated today. The valuation of the personal estate is $1,000,000 and of the real estate $2,000,000. Under the law of Pennsylvania, when the estate exceeds these figures it is not imperative that the census should be stated.

Iron Mines Closed.

PLATTSBURG, N. H., July 20.—The Chutauqua Ore & Iron company, located at Lyon Mountain, closed down today, as did also the Crown Point Iron Capital mines and ironworks. The cause given is dullness in the iron trade. About a thousand men are thrown out of employment.

Three Men Drowned.

GENEVA, Ill., July 20.—Three men, sons of Frank Lundgren, of this place, aged respectively 18, 20 and 22, were drowned in Green river today by the capsizing of a boat.

Paid admissions at the fair today 124,287.