

\$3,000,000 FIRE AT FORT WORTH

Conflagration There Saturday Wipes Out 20 Blocks and Terrific Loss of Property Runs Into Millions.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST

Conflagration Finally Checked by Use of Dynamite—Dallas and Other Cities Send Aid to Stricken City.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 5.—Fanned by a stiff wind, a fire which originated in a barn at Jennings avenue and Peters street, in the southern portion of this city, Saturday afternoon, swept an area of ten blocks in length and seven in width and destroyed property roughly estimated in excess of \$3,000,000 and caused the death of six persons.

The fire was beyond control within fifteen minutes after its outbreak and was not checked until dynamite was resorted to four hours later. The local fire department being unable to cope with the situation, assistance was rushed from Dallas and Weatherford on special trains, but even with these reinforcements the spread of the flames was not checked until they had eaten their way to the Texas and Pacific railroad reservation on the east. On the south the fire was checked at the Texas and Pacific passenger depot, this steel and stone structure forming the bulwark that saved the whole district, which at one time was in danger of destruction. The Texas & Pacific round house and twenty engines, the repair shops, four churches, two public school buildings and Walker's sanitarium were the public buildings destroyed. The others were residences, most of them new and pretentious in the most exclusive residence sections of the city. So rapidly did the flames spread that the people living within a radius of three blocks of the place of the origin had no time to save anything except the clothing they wore.

A patient whose identity has not been learned perished in Walker's sanitarium, and three men were electrocuted and their bodies burned to cinders in the Sawyer electric plant. Herbert Stacy was fatally burned in an endeavor to save his dwelling and a fireman fell from a house top and was killed. Rev. H. O. Cowan, assistant pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian church, is missing.

The burned district is being paroled by troops to prevent looting and it is estimated 500 families are homeless. Many of these have gone to Dallas where shelter has been offered. Twenty blocks burned.

The fire burned over twenty blocks in the residence section, destroying four churches, over 200 residences and the round house and machine shops of the Texas Pacific railroad.

The railroad officials place their loss at a quarter of a million dollars. The losses to church property is estimated conservatively at over \$200,000. Estimates of the loss of life conflict. It is certain one life was lost and it may be others were caught in the fire. Six people were seriously injured, but they will recover.

BILL CLEANS BURLINGTON.

Gambling and Disreputable Houses Out of Business.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, April 5.—With the passage of the Cosson bill in the Iowa legislature, the occupation of the gambler and bawdy house keeper in Iowa has gone glimmering, if conditions in Burlington are any indication. Two gambling houses have closed up voluntarily here within a few days, and it is reported that all the places are preparing to get out of business this week. It is also stated that the proprietors of all questionable resorts are preparing to move out, bag and baggage and inmates within a week. The sudden clearing out is the result of the reform measure that will become effective when published this week. It puts a big club in the hands of the reform ranks in any community in the state. Upon the complaint of ten electors the removal of any officer who fails to enforce the law may be effected. In Burlington the gambling and bawdy houses have been permitted to run under a system of monthly fines, which aggregated about \$14,000 a year to the city.

MISSISSIPPI GIVES UP BODY.

LA CROSSE, Wis., April 5.—The body of Jack Kelley, of Galena, Ill., who disappeared from the government quarries at Homer, Minn., last fall, was found floating in the Mississippi river.

HAMBURG LATE IN ARRIVING

Rainstorms Delayed Ship on Which Roosevelt Was Passenger But There Was No Lack of Warmth in Greeting.

A GREAT RECEPTION

Thousands of Visitors into the City to Welcome President and Reception Has Official Twinge.

NAPLES, April 5.—Roosevelt arrived at Naples shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon and was accorded a welcome by the thousands that crowded the piers that bore out everything ever said regarding the volatile character of the inhabitants. Roosevelt landed at the arsenal, the Hamburg later anchoring at Maritime station. The arrival was delayed six hours owing to the slow passage of the Hamburg through the storm-swept Mediterranean yesterday and early today. The Roosevelt party were immediately whisked away in automobiles, tendered by the Duke of Aosta. The few steps from the arsenal to the waiting machines were made through heavy police lines which seemed an almost useless precaution, as only a few persons were at the arsenal. Only those who had passes countersigned by the arsenal commandant were permitted within the arsenal grounds. Outside, however, a dense throng numbering possibly ten thousand, gathered and cheered Roosevelt repeatedly.

The premature report that the Hamburg had been sighted early in the day caused Ambassador Grison and party to go hurrying down the bay in a launch to meet the ship. With the ambassador were American Council Caspar S. Crownshield, vice-council Menninger, and several secretaries from the embassy of Rome. They found the Hamburg not yet in sight and returned aboard the United States gunboat Scorpion.

The fact that the Hamburg was late in arriving seemed to make no difference in the enthusiasm of the crowds which thronged the piers. Thousands came into the city from all surrounding towns. Many Americans in the winter colony at Capri came over to welcome Roosevelt. All wore small American flags. Despite the fact that Roosevelt is traveling unofficially the reception had an official twinge by reason of the presence of Ambassador Grison, officials representing the city and the Italian government.

Shortly after landing Roosevelt was taken to the home of the Duke and Duchess Aosta where dinner will be tendered this evening. The transfer of Roosevelt's baggage is now being rushed. Intense disappointment is manifest everywhere over the failure of the city to have the opportunity of doing homage to Roosevelt.

LYNCHED NEGRO ON PUBLIC SQUARE

Dan Alexander is Dragged from Jail at Pensacola, Fla., and Hanged to a Pole.

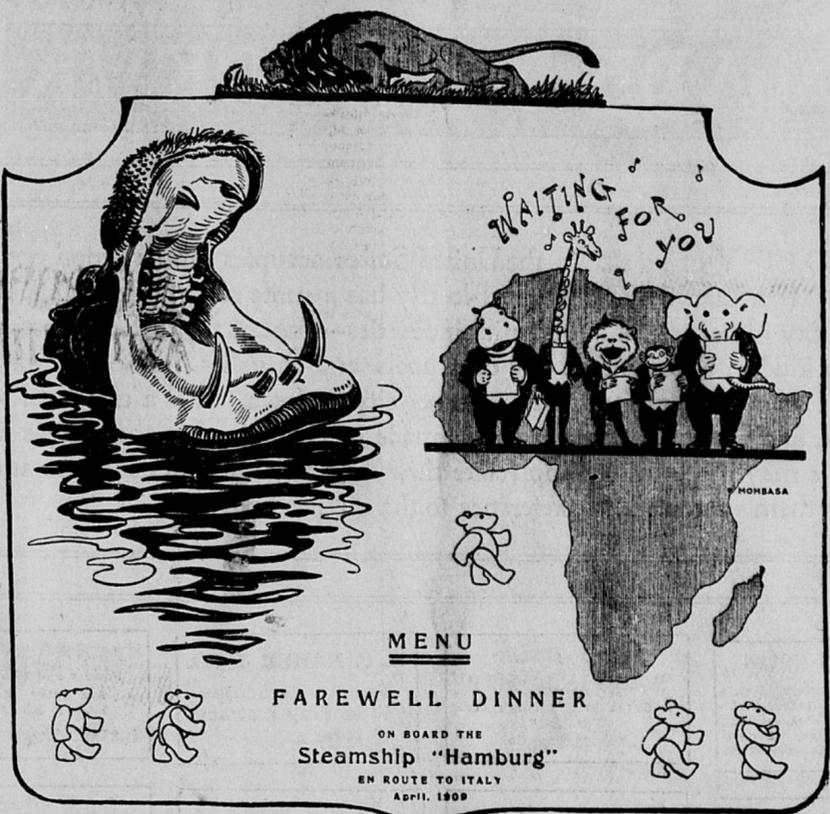
PENSACOLA, Fla., April 5.—Dragged from the police station today by a mob of masked men, Dan Alexander, a negro who stabbed and killed Will Carter yesterday was lynched on the public square. The mob strung the negro up to an electric light pole in the center of the square, after the victim's struggles ceased, fired shots into the air to attract attention then dispersed.

MISSING BOY'S BODY DISCOVERED

Michigan Child for Whom Police Have Been Searching as Kidnaped Found Dead in Water.

FLINT, Mich., April 5.—The body of ten-year-old Harold Moon, who disappeared from home here February 27, and was supposed to have been kidnaped, was found Saturday morning in the pond. The body was found floating on the surface of the pond by Bert Robson, who has been searching for it there for days. The pair of skates fastened to the little feet bore testimony to the manner of the lad's death. The hands which the boy wore when he went through the ice. The boy's father has prosecuted the search for his son far and wide.

MENU DECORATIONS AT FAREWELL DINNER TO ROOSEVELT ON THE STEAMSHIP HAMBURG.



[Captain Burmeister of the steamship Hamburg gave a farewell dinner to Theodore Roosevelt on board the ship when she was arriving at Naples, which was a most elaborate affair in many ways. In anticipation of the event a beautiful menu card, or, rather, a menu booklet, had been prepared. It was embellished with drawings of Teddy bears, lions, a yawning hippopotamus, jungle scenes and many other pictures illustrative of the former president's hunting trip in Africa. The menu, printed in English and German, promised an appetizing and enjoyable dinner, and the list of musical selection included "Down in Jungletown," "Coconut Dance" and "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark."]

RAILROADS PUT UP HARD FIGHT

Notwithstanding Strenuous Fight Made on Commerce Council Bill by Roads, it Passes House.

GOES TO THE SENATE

Attempt Made to Get Bill on Calendar Without Reference to Committee is Defeated—Committee Appointed.

[Gate City Special Service.] STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES, Ia., April 5.—In the house the Commerce Council bill was taken up as special order and passed by a vote of 62 to 28. The bill provides for the appointment by the attorney general of a commerce council at \$3,000 per year, to investigate all complaints of freight rates, discrimination, etc., by railroads. This bill has been strenuously fought by the railroads during the session.

DEATH OF FORMER KEOKUK CITIZENS

Mrs. J. J. Wilson Passed Away in Lincoln, Neb., After a Short Illness—Well Known Here.

Word has been received here by friends of the death of Mrs. J. J. Wilson, a former resident of Keokuk, who passed away at Lincoln, Neb., Friday, April 2, after a short illness. She lived here about five years ago, her husband being for several years superintendent of the Keokuk Pickle Co. Beside her husband she is survived by a daughter Willabelle, of Chicago.

ZEPPELIN MAKES THIRD ASCENSION

Will Attempt to Remain in the Air Twenty-four Hours. Has Fifteen Guests.

FRIEDERSCHAFEN, April 5.—Count Zeppelin ascended in his airship today intending to remain aloft 24 hours. The ascent was made in a strong wind which carried the ship in a northerly direction. Fifteen persons are aboard the vessel. People along the route of the flight received news of the airship's approach by telephone, and crowds cheered Zeppelin at every town and village.

CANNOT SAVE THE INDIANA

Crew and Passengers of Ill-Fated Indiana, Numbering 124, Safely Transferred to U. S. Cruiser California.

INDIANA A TOTAL LOSS

Went Aground Saturday at Point Tosca and is Fast Being Knocked to Pieces on the Rocks.

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—A wireless from Point Loma station says the crew and passengers numbering 124 of the Pacific Mail Steamship Indiana, which went aground at Point Tosca, Saturday, were rescued by United States cruiser California. The Indiana is a total loss, estimated at two hundred thousand dollars. All the ship's records and mails were saved by ships of the Pacific fleet, under the direction of Admiral Swinburne. The California is now sailing for San Francisco and will arrive Wednesday.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HER HUSBAND, STOUTLY MAINTAINS HER FORMER ASSERTIONS OF INNOCENCE.

LYONS, N. Y., April 5.—Mrs. Georgia E. Sampson of Macedon, was placed on trial today before Justice Adolph P. Rich for the murder on November 1, last, of her husband Harry, nephew of the late Admiral Sampson. She maintains her innocence and the trial promises to be sensational as all the evidence against the woman is circumstantial. Mrs. Sampson walked from the jail to the court house accompanied by the sheriff and his daughter. Mrs. Sampson declared she is confident she will be acquitted. The court room is filled with spectators. A special venire of 124 residents of Wayne county was summoned.

WOMAN GIVEN OVATION

Mrs. Sampson received an ovation when she entered the court house. Her aunt, Mrs. Kaye of Chicago, and Frank P. Alyn, the prisoner's father, sat beside her in the court room. Mrs. Sampson was pale, but looked as though she was in good health. She paid close attention to the proceedings.

DISPENSARY CASES REVERSED.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The supreme court today reversed the decision of the United States court of appeals in the famous South Carolina dispensary cases, held in favor of the state.

ACTION AGAINST STANDARD OIL

Government Files Its Suit Against Standard Oil Co., at St. Louis in Three Large Printed Briefs.

ANTI-TRUST LAW IS UP

Potency of the Measure to Restrict Combinations and Monopolies Made Manifest in Government Brief.

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—Pointing out graphically the shocking abuses which it alleges has been proved by the testimony, the government suit against the Standard Oil Company was filed today in the United States circuit court here. The document is almost entirely the work of Frank B. Kellogg and his assistant, J. H. Graves, who for the past several years have been working untiringly in the building up of the case so strong that the department of justice feels it cannot but result in a triumphant victory for the government. The oral arguments in the case will begin Monday. That the potency of the Sherman anti-trust law hangs in the balance is clearly made manifest in summing up the facts in the dangerous monopoly which it is alleged the Standard maintains. The government's brief says: "There is no question if this court holds the Standard to be a legal organization, and innocent of monopoly in other words, it gives it carte blanche to pursue its own methods—it can eliminate every competitor within two years. We do not wish to be understood discouraging enterprise, and taking the position against legitimate competition, but if the Sherman act means anything to this country it means a monopoly acquired by such methods of competition as practiced by this concern."

The government hints at confiscation as to the Standard's products, if the court is unable to grant the relief demanded. It says, "Other remedies have tried and have failed. Either the Sherman act would be repealed or it should be enforced in a manner to make the people respect it. This testimony is valuable as showing the intention of the Standard to monopolize throughout the United States. In many districts it has an absolute monopoly, that is in those districts it does all the business and has eliminated every competitor. Where there is any competition, competitors usually are strictly under control of the Standard, they must sell oil at practically the price the Standard dictates. If we are looking at a degree of suppression of competition no combination of modern times in that respect approaches that of the Standard in all its forms. If we are looking to evidence of the oppression and unfair dealing no combination is equal in its obnoxious feature. The brief is composed of three large printed volumes of almost 500 pages each. Volume one is composed largely of the history of the Standard from the beginning to the present time.

According to the brief the Standard is the "Mother of Trusts." It alleges that the Standard was the first great industrial combination organized; that it was conceived by John D. Rockefeller and his counsel in order to avoid illegality of combining all various concerns in the Standard in Ohio that it was followed "as is always the case in attempts to evade the law, by other combinations of like forms, namely the sugar trust, the whiskey trust, and the paint and lead trust."

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For Keokuk and vicinity: Threatening with probably rain tonight or Tuesday. Cooler.

For Illinois: Unsettled weather with showers late tonight or Tuesday. Cooler north and central portions.

For Iowa: Threatening with probably rain tonight or Tuesday. Cooler east and south portions.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy with probably showers tonight or Tuesday. Cooler north and west portions.

Weather Conditions. An area of high pressure in the southeastern states, combined with a trough, of low pressure extending from western Texas to Lake Superior has caused a decided rise of temperature from the Mississippi Valley eastward.

There has been rain in Oregon, and rain or snow in the mountain region and western Nebraska, in the rear of the low barometer, and a high barometer is following on the northwest coast.

Threatening weather and probably rain, is indicated in this section tonight and Tuesday, the temperature falling to about forty degrees tonight.

DAILY RIVER BULLETIN.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Stage, Height, Change. Rows include St. Paul, La Crosse, Davenport, Galland, Keokuk, St. Louis.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Table with 4 columns: Time, Bar, Ther, Wind, Weather. Rows include 4:30 p.m., 5:30 a.m., River above low water of 1864 8 feet 3 tenths.

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