

\$600,000 LOSS IN A CHICAGO FIRE

Explosion, Widespread Brands, and Panic on Train Mark the Disaster.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A fire which destroyed property worth \$600,000 on West Van Buren street today, started on the sixth floor of the seven-story brick building occupied by the Cash Buyers' union. The building was entirely destroyed.

Spreading rapidly, the fire soon assumed large proportions. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building occupied by the Cash Buyers' union, a four-story structure, the flames were ordered to the roofs of adjacent buildings to fight the flames.

Fires Blocks Away. So fierce did the blaze become that burning sparks carried by a high gale were driven far over the district and buildings blocks away caught fire.

With a detonation that was heard for squares, an explosion in the basement of the Cash Buyers' union building tore up the streets and sidewalks, throwing firemen into the air and tearing live wires of the Van Buren street electric line down. Fortunately none of the firemen was injured. Crushing down thru the frail walls of the structure adjoining, the towering walls of the Peninsular stove company, and those of the Cash Buyers' union tottered and collapsed.

A series of small explosions followed the fall of the building, starting at a frame dwelling at 166-8 West Van Buren street, occupied as a rooming house, was crushed like a shell by the falling walls. The inmates had been awakened earlier and escaped to the street but were unable to save any of their clothing.

The stables occupied by Fortune Brothers Breeding company were gutted. The horses were saved. Panic on 'L' Road.

There was a small panic on the Metropolitan elevated railway, when the motorman rushed their cars thru the smoke. Passengers attempted to get out, but were held in check by the fire.

When the explosion occurred, the windows in the residences across the street were shattered and chimneys were blown down. The falling walls escaped death by leaping into a hole that was being dug at the side of a frame building.

The Fashion Center. The great Plymouth Clothing House. CHADWICK WEEPS; STANDS BY WIFE

possession of Detective Sergeant Bonnot of the New York city police headquarters. He was to have joined Sheriff Barry at the factory where the latter started down the bay on the revenue cutter to meet the Pretoria, but did not appear, so Sheriff Barry went ahead without the papers.

Narrow Escape from Death. Dr. Chadwick, Miss Chadwick and Sheriff Barry had a narrow escape from death while in a hack driving to Meyer's hotel. The driver was slipping on the icy crossing and fell, badly tangling himself in the harness. At the same time a large truck came rushing down upon the hack. The driver was unable to stop his horses and for a moment it seemed as if the animals would go thru the carriage with the load.

Sheriff Barry, perceiving the danger, leaped out of the truck, by main force pushed him onto the sidewalk. The truck missed the hack by a few inches. Dr. Chadwick and his wife were greatly frightened. They were driven to Meyer's hotel, where they met Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Tibbets of Cleveland, who had come to New York to meet them. The party declined to tell the purport of their conference.

Dr. Chadwick will leave at 4:55 o'clock for Cleveland. Miss Chadwick will remain in New York for several days and will go then to Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend a long period seeking to regain her health.

MRS. CHADWICK SWOONS Woman Declares Husband Innocent of Wrongdoing. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—With tears streaming down her face and wringing her hands in nervous excitement, Mrs. Cassie Chadwick listened today to dispatches telling of the arrival of her husband in New York. She was unable to control her feelings and interrupted frequently.

"Oh, my poor husband!" she exclaimed between sobs. "I think that he must be dragged into these terrible charges against me. He is innocent of any wrongdoing as an unborn babe." Then when the reporter stated detailing the circumstances under which he had met and married his present wife, she read, Mrs. Chadwick sprang to her feet, and pacing up and down the jail corridor, shrieked until her cries could be heard thru the building.

"It is not true," she cried. "I do not believe the doctor ever said anything of the kind." For a moment the woman continued her rapid walk, then suddenly stopping, she tottered and throwing up her arms, fell in a faint.

A CARICATURIST'S IMPRESSIONS AMONG THE SENATOR-MAKERS AT ST. PAUL



BIG HENNEPIN MEN AND THEIR CANDIDATE. CLAPP MEN ON THE MOVE. ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF MEN.

POLES BLOW UP RUSSIAN CHURCH

Razon Scene of Wild Riot—People Hoist Red Flag—Officer Killed.

New York, Dec. 31.—A letter to the Lokal Anzeiger from Cracow describes the attack recently made with dynamite on the Russian church at Razon, Russian Poland. The church walls and the graves were destroyed.

A military force surrounded all the public buildings in the place within an hour, and 1,600 persons gathered at the scene singing revolutionary songs.

A red flag was hoisted and cries were heard of "Long live independent Poland." Pistols were fired, and presently a military force appeared under the command of Colonel Belotoff, who rushed in a state of intoxication from the officers' club and immediately ordered the troops to fire on the crowds.

A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Czestochowa, Russian Poland, where a monument to Emperor Alexander II was recently destroyed by dynamite, says the ferment there continues, and that the police are searching houses at night for anarchists.

NEW TOWN ABANDONED

Russians Quit Portion of Port Arthur, Say Reports.

Chi-fu, Dec. 31.—A messenger from Port Arthur says that the Japanese have mounted eight guns commanding positions north of the E-tse forts, but they suffered heavy losses by the Russian fire.

The Russians have abandoned the new town, but the Japanese have been unable to occupy it because of the fear that it has been mined.

FORESEES PORT'S FALL

Russian Writes Hopelessly of Port Arthur's Future.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The navy department has published a letter, which has fallen into its hands, and which was written by a man on the battleship Sevastopol. The writer despairs of relief of the fortress and tells of the destruction wrought by Japanese shells.

He says the Russians are resigned to their fate and are determined to fight to a finish rather than suffer the shame of surrender owing to starvation. Following the text of the letter in part: "The fortress cannot resist after December. The progress of the enemy in reducing our principal line of outer defenses is not fully known, but it is irresistible."

General Stoessel's so-called impregnable line of outer defenses is now a myth. With 203-Meter hill lost, the fall of Port Arthur cannot be avoided. Its capture by the Japanese means the fall of the town, however strong the other defenses.

The new town is at the mercy of the enemy's fire. The old town alone is defensible and here alone may resistance be prolonged.

DEATH OF P. V. DEUSTER. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31.—P. V. Deuster, aged 73, a former congressman, died today after a lingering illness. He served three terms in congress and was consul to Crefeld, Germany, under President Cleveland.

ABBEY FOR MONEY KINGS IN CHICAGO

Great Mausoleum to Afford Catacombs and Crypts as at Westminster.

New York Sun Special Service. Chicago, Dec. 31.—As England's abbeys and monasteries have long been the scene of a great business, so may the body of any Chicagoan for whom the price is paid. In Montrose cemetery is to be constructed a great \$150,000 mausoleum, with catacombs and crypts that are to be offered on the open market for \$1,000 each.

The whole plan is to be patterned after that of Westminster abbey, for centuries the resting place of Great Britain's men of blood and brains. All of the crypts will be above ground, and it is expected by the promoters that this feature will appeal to many who dread the thought of returning a body to the earth.

The project contemplates a memorial temple combining chapel and permanent burial vaults. In the center of the building there will be the chapel, and on each side a memorial hall containing fifty-four individual catacombs, 108 in all. In the rear there will be forty more crypts provided for temporary receiving purposes.

The individual catacombs are to be beneath the floor, and each will be capped with a heavy polished granite cover. The plan is to hold funeral services in the chapel, the bodies will be removed to temporary crypts in the rear of the building, which will be of classical design. A flight of stairs will lead to the entrance, which will be elevated, leaving the vaults along under the floor, still a distance above ground.

CAPITAL JURY WANTS WIFE BEATERS LASHED

Washington, Dec. 31.—The local grand jury, in making its final report for the present term, has recommended the whipping post in the district. The question has been considerably agitated since the president in his message recommended corporal punishment for wife beaters in the district of Columbia. The recommendation of the grand jury is as follows:

"The desirability of establishing the whipping post for wife beaters and petty larceny offenses has been investigated by this body, and the majority of the members are of the opinion that it would prove very effective in decreasing the number of these crimes."

MANY BELGIANS ARE KILLED BY HURRICANE

Brussels, Dec. 31.—Many persons were killed or injured in Belgium by a terrific hurricane yesterday, which also caused much damage to property.

London, Dec. 31.—Yesterday's gale resulted in an abnormally high tide on the eastern coast of England and in the Thames estuary, producing serious floods in the low-lying parts of London, where hundreds of warehouses and residences were inundated and serious damage was done. It was the highest tide at London for many years, the water almost overstepping the Thames embankment and steps of Cleopatra's Needle being covered.

SULTAN OF MOROCCO YIELDS TO FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 31.—According to a dispatch from Tangier, the sultan of Morocco has received M. Guillard, the French vice consul at Fez, and informed him that the dismissal of the French military mission had been canceled. At the same time the sultan urged that the diplomatic mission of M. St. Rene Taillandier (the French minister to Morocco) start at once for Fez.

STRIKERS RULE AT BAKU. Tiflis, Transcaucasia, Dec. 31.—The strike at Baku continues. The street railroads have suspended service, the electric light wires have been cut and the newspapers are not being published.

DAKOTA FARMHOUSE BURNED. Special to the Journal. Minnekaunks, N. D., Dec. 31.—S. B. Spencer, a farmer living near town, lost his house and its contents last night by fire. The loss is \$2,500, insurance \$1,000.

CUMMINS MEN UNITE ON CLARKE

Speaker of Iowa's House Agreed upon as Candidate for Governor.

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SPEAKER GEORGE W. CLARKE, Cummins Man Selected to Run for Governor of Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Cummins men announce that George W. Clarke of Dallas county, speaker of the Iowa house of representatives, has been decided upon as the Cummins candidate for governor.

Mr. Clarke resides in the seventh district, and the decision of the Cummins men starts a fight here which will be long and bitter.

L. H. Conger, who wants to be governor in his own county and as a "standpatter," he hoped to sweep the seventh district.

The Cummins men propose to fight him in his own county and the district forces are lining up for the fight.

ATTORNEYS WANT A FINAL ACCOUNTING

M. D. Munn of St. Paul, chief counsel for the state in its merger suit, and Senator George P. Wilson of Minneapolis, his associate, are having a hard time in trying to collect the remainder of their pay in the winding up of the case. Munn wants \$4,200 and Wilson \$1,500. Attorney General W. J. Donahoe refuses to sign the orders for these final payments, and Auditor S. G. Iverson refuses to issue warrants for the cash without Donahoe's signature. Mr. Donahoe made the following explanatory statement:

"In the fees already received, the state, in my judgment, has liberally paid counsel for services. I know of no instance in this state where counsel employed to represent the public in important litigation have been more liberally compensated."

Mr. Munn has received from the state up to date \$12,500 and General Wilson \$7,500 on account of the merger action.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Mr. Ojeda, the Spanish minister, today signed with Secretary Hay an arbitration treaty between Spain and the United States similar to those already signed with other nations.

COUNSELS SOUTH TO HOLD COTTON

Secretary Wilson Declares the Fire Idea Is Worthless as Price Booster.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary Wilson, when asked for an opinion on the burning of cotton in the south, said today:

"I don't think they are going to burn much cotton. Farmers will see the wisdom of holding what they have of their crop until another season in order to take advantage of a higher market, which will then have been probably created. Next year they will plant less and instead of raising cotton as their entire crop will plant alfalfa and other cash products."

The slump in the market was created principally by an increased production and the decidedly heavier weight of the cotton grown. In order to make their plan paying the cotton price for cotton effective, it would be necessary for farmers to burn at least 2,000,000 bales, the total crop being about 12,000,000 bales. The average price of poor cotton today is about \$40 per bale, so that the burning of 2,000,000 bales would mean a loss to southern cotton planters which they could avert by holding the cotton over for another season."

Abandoned to Frost. New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—As the result of the recent freezing weather in Mississippi and Louisiana, negro cotton pickers have deserted the cotton fields and cannot be induced to leave their homes. The refusal of the negroes to work means a loss of at least 500,000 bales of cotton, which is being rapidly destroyed by the cold.

The planters are not making any efforts to gather the product, as they figure that if they succeed this cotton, which is being rapidly destroyed by the cold and prices will be advanced.

NEBRASKA WOMAN GIVES LIFE FOR HER CHILDREN

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 31.—In a fire near Elgin, Neb., today, which threatened the destruction of her home and the lives of her children, Mrs. Joseph Reuss was so seriously burned that she died within a few hours. Her clothes had burned off. She dashed back into the burning house, extinguished the fire and saved her children and soon afterwards died from the effects of her injuries.

DRUNK, HE HOLDS WIFE ON TRACK; BOTH KILLED

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 31.—A. R. Hemphill and wife were killed four miles north of this city by a fast passenger train on the Illinois Central. Hemphill had been drinking heavily and had started for this city. Mrs. Hemphill endeavored to induce him to return, when he threw her to the track and held her while the train passed over them.

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PLOT CHARGES IN CHURCH SCANDAL

Irvine Man Says Some One Has Scared Presenters into Repudiating Signatures.

New York Sun Special Service. Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Intimidation by powerful and influential friends of Bishop Talbot is the charge made by Herbert Noble, senior counsel for the presenters, in explanation of the repudiation by some of the Huntington presenters of their signatures to the document. He says:

"The signatures of the Huntington presenters were entirely regular. These men signed the document knowing exactly what it contained. Beside their signatures to the presentment, we have their signatures to a letter asking whether they should sign the document once or twice. This came about because in the opening paragraphs of the presentment, their names are stated in a column, one under the other. They were asking whether they should affix their signatures to that place, as well as on the last sheet, which contained the concluding paragraph of the document and which embodied the formal prayer to the presiding bishop for the appointment of a board of inquiry."

Bulldozed, Says Noble. They were informed that they need only affix their signatures at the latter point, and they did, each man knowing fully what he was signing. They have been bulldozed into the repudiation of an act they intended to do and will not be repudiated. The pressure was applied by partisans of Bishop Talbot, we know who they are and propose to probe this matter to the bottom. I shall make a formal statement later, giving all the facts in connection with this sensational turn the affair has taken."

When asked whether or not these repudiations of the Huntington signatures will vitiate the presentment, Mr. Noble replied:

"They will not affect the legality of the presentment in the least." Detectives today were ordered off the sensational trials they have been following, and set to work probing these repudiations. Mr. Noble's statement was made after he had received the first reports from these detectives.

Langdon Charges Plot. Huntington, Pa., Dec. 31.—"That a plot was formed against myself and James Denitmore to get us into this imbroglio I am now fully convinced."

This spoke John Langdon, named as one of the fourteen presenters, when discussing the case of Bishop Talbot and Dr. Irvine. He continued:

"It was the hope of Dr. Irvine that our indignation would bear pressure against Bishop Talbot. A sharp stick will be used on both this man and Dr. Irvine, when the whole truth will develop. I see now that I have been dragged into this affair unknowingly, the deception being practiced when the blank sheet of paper was presented for my signature. Those who are guilty of this trickery will be made to feel the full penalty of the law."

As a man engaged in active business life, I admit being cleverly tricked. I now understand why the names of the presenters were not published with the presentment.

I have heard that J. Jenkins is quoted as saying that the original presentment bears our signatures. If he said that he has been either misinformed or he lied. My attorney has advised me that if I make affidavit to the effect that I did not sign the presentment, the board which inquiry will be powerless to conduct court on Reading on Jan. 10.

THE WAR FOR THE WEEK

General Nogi, commanding the Japanese army before Port Arthur, Thursday made a third serious breach in the "impregnable" defenses of the city. After a mine of two tons of dynamite had been exploded under the Rih-lung fort, making a large breach in the walls and killing half the Russian garrison, the Japanese stormed the position under cover of a heavy bombardment. Rih-lung is the third position now held by the Japanese in Stoessel's chain of forts, Kee-kwan and 203-Meter Hill being the other two.

Admiral Togo is so confident that the Russian Port Arthur fleet is powerless to do any mischief to his fleet or even to escape, that he is in Tokio to consult with the navy department as to plans for meeting Rojestvensky, now believed to be nearing eastern waters. With Togo is Vice Admiral Kamimura. Both were welcomed with public honors. Kamimura's presence in Tokio is a sufficient denial of the report that he has gone with a strong fleet to meet the Russian second Pacific squadron.

The report that a flotilla of eight Russian torpedobots escaped from Port Arthur was "evidently an error. No such vessels have appeared at any Asiatic port."

That the Japanese are keeping a keen lookout for the Russian armada is clear from reports of cruisers sighted at various ports in the straits. They are planning to use Formosa as a base, and have warned the powers that they have mined the harbor of Kelung.

WON'T ATTEND "SNAP" CAUCUS

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Adolph E. L. Johnson from the forty-first district was indorsed for first assistant clerk and W. A. Gullick of the thirty-ninth district was indorsed for undersong clerk.

The delegation voted to place these matters in the hands of a steering committee to consist of Chairman Bardwell and one other, to be selected by him. It is understood that similar committees representing each congressional district will meet Monday afternoon to make up the slate, which will be adopted in the caucus Monday evening.

John T. Jones of Minneapolis has already been assured of appointment as reading clerk.

Hammergen Flops Again. Senator Clapp has won back Representative David Hammergen of St. Paul, whose sensational breaking away from the Clapp ranks caused a panic last week. The senator accomplished it with a personal letter in which for the first time he declared squarely for the Quarles-Cooper bill. The letter is as follows:

Hon. David Hammergen, City. Dear Sir: As it is possible you may not have seen my repeated interviews in the papers in which I have expressed myself in favor of enlarging the caucus of the interstate commerce commission, I take this occasion to assure you that I am in favor of the early passage of the so-called Quarles-Cooper bill. Very truly yours, Moses E. Clapp.

Mr. Hammergen says this removed his objection to the senator, and that he will vote for him in the caucus. He signed the caucus call last evening. There were 101 names on the call last evening, of which about 35 were signed on authority given by telegrams received at the Clapp headquarters. The anti-Clapp men claim that these telegraphic signatures do not represent Clapp votes, and neither are all the autographic signatures placed by men favorable to the senator.

The only Ramsey county men who have not signed the call are Senator W. W. Dunn and Representative John F. Seib.

Clapp Men Had the Floor. Clapp men were claiming everything this morning. On the surface, with the Hennepin men all at a meeting in Minneapolis, it looked as tho the field was given over to Clapp, but such was not wholly the case. At the Ryan hotel was Joel P. Heatwole and rumor said he was busy promulgating schemes to unite the anti-Clapp forces into a more effective opposition.

While Heatwole was in the Ryan lobby, in came Moses E. Clapp and his lieutenants, Wilcots and Rider. The latter greeted one another like old comrades.

"Is there anything I can do for you, senator?" asked Heatwole, after an exchange of greetings. This question went beyond the limit, and even Clapp had to join in the general laugh.

Representative Rider this noon claimed 150 signers to the call for the Clapp caucus Tuesday, but still refused to show the lists to newspaper men.

The fourth district men in the last twenty-four hours have made a desperate attempt to get State Senator Hiler H. Horton into the field. They promised him practically unanimous support if he would become a candidate. They also had a delegation of country men H. Horton into the field. They promised him strong country support. But Horton refused. To the Journal today he made the following statement:

"I thoroughly and highly appreciate the compliment various delegations have paid me in asking me to be a candidate for the United States senate. But I am certainly not a candidate under the present and existing circumstances."

Governor Van Sant was at the capital all day busy with callers and apparently paying little attention to the senatorial campaign, altho rumor has it that enthusiastic friends are busy working with country members by mail and wire.

HASTINGS PASTOR ORDAINED. Special to the Journal. Hastings, Minn., Dec. 31.—Rev. O. D. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church, was ordained last evening. Rev. W. L. Riley of Minneapolis preaching the sermon; Rev. C. C. Markham, of St. Paul, delivering the charge to the church, and Rev. R. M. West of St. Paul, to the pastor.

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TOGO WRITES A NOTE TO SPIRITS OF HEROES

Tokio, Dec. 31, 7 p.m.—At the funeral here today of several officers and men who were killed while fighting under him in attacks on the Port Arthur fleet and fortress, Vice Admiral Togo addressed their spirits in the following words:

"As I stand before your spirits, I can hardly express my feelings. Your personalities are fresh in my memory. Your corporeal existence has ceased, but your passing from this world has been in the gallant discharge of your duty, by virtue of which an enemy's fleet in this world has been completely disabled and our combined fleet holds undisputed command of the seas."

"It trust this will bring peace and rest to your spirits. It is my agreeable duty to avail myself of my presence in this city whither I have been called by our emperor to render report of our successes to the spirits of those who sacrificed their earthly existence in the attainment of so important a result as that above rendered."

"Most humbly me, in person. HEIHATIZO TOGO, Admiral of the Combined Fleets."