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GAS EXPLOSION CAUSES A PANIC.

Startling Incident at a Chicago Fire.

WILD RUSH FOR SAFETY.

Tosetti Cafe and Mussey's Billiard Rooms Are Badly Wrecked.

Windows and Other Debris Fall Among the Crowd-Twenty-three People Injured-Blaze Starts in the Basement, and is Thought to Be Incendiary-Suddenly the Building is Shaken to its Foundations-The Flames Spread With Such Rapidity That Escape is Difficult-A Police Captain Badly Burned.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-A fire broke out shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon in the basement of the five-story building on Madison street, occupied by the Tosetti Cafe and Restaurant Company, and on the second floor was the billiard parlors of Frank Mussey. A crowd of people gathered on the sidewalk in front of the building to watch the work of the firemen.

About one dozen policemen were busily engaged in pushing back the throng when a terrific explosion of natural gas took place. The building was badly wrecked, the windows, window gratings, sidewalk lights and manhole covers were hurled into the air and fell among the crowd. Dozens of people were thrown from their feet and twenty-three were injured.

Of these Police Capt. Thomas O'Connor was the only one seriously hurt. He was burned about the head, face and body and may die. The others who were injured sustained burns about the head and face and more or less painful bruises.

The explosion caused a wild panic in the street and in the frantic rush for safety, many people were thrown down and trampled upon. That many were not killed and many more injured was little short of a miracle.

Mussey's billiard parlors were filled with players when the explosion came, and the men who had paid little or no attention to the small blaze in the basement appreciated the situation at its proper value when the windows went sailing into the street and the plaster began to come down on their heads.

The fire spread through the building with great rapidity, after the explosion, and the flames spread fiercely. The fire could only be reached in front and rear and was difficult of access. The severe weather caused much of the water to freeze and within an hour the building resembled an iceberg with a furnace in its interior. The burning building is within fifty feet of the intersection of Dearborn and Madison streets, where the loops of the west side and north side cable lines intersect, and from the time the fire broke out until after midnight traffic was entirely suspended on both lines. The loss is estimated at \$125,000, of which \$50,000 will fall on the Tosetti company, \$30,000 on Mussey and \$45,000 on Morris Rosenfeld and other tenants.

The Grand Union hotel, which backed up against the Tosetti structure, the two forming a right angle, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. The building is owned by Chief Justice Fuller, of the supreme court of the United States.

HIGH BACK PENSION CLAIM.

Over \$1,000 Goto to a Norwegian -Has Never Been in This Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-A pension has been granted to the widow of Knud Knudsen, a soldier in the late war, the back pay of which aggregates over \$1,000. The man was a native of Norway, and was married to the woman who now gets the pension in April, 1858. Knudsen emigrated to this country in 1861, and died January 27, 1882, in Company H, Fifteenth regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and died in service October 15, 1862.

In connection with allowance of the claim, the pension office makes the following statement: "On August 21, 1894, thirty-one years after the soldier's death, the widow, who has never left Norway, applied for a pension. Under the present laws she has title and the claim must be allowed, granting arrears of pension from the date of the soldier's death, making the first payment amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. In all claims filed subsequent to July 1, 1882, and prior to June 7, 1888, pensions, if allowed, would begin from date of filing the application. On the latter date, however, an act was passed which provides that all pensions granted to widows heretofore shall commence from the date of the soldier's death."

HOFF HELD FOR MURDER.

Coroner's Jury Finds Him Guilty of Killing Mrs. Cate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.-The inquest into the death of Mrs. Mary Cate was concluded today and after deliberating half an hour the coroner's jury found Albert Hoff guilty of murder. Much evidence connecting him with the crime was adduced. Another witness testified that he had seen the coupling pin in his possession and positively identified the weapon with which the murder was committed.

Hoff turned pale when the verdict was read and bit his lips to conceal his emotion. It was evident that he had not expected such a verdict. He refused to say anything concerning the matter.

ANDERSON SENTENCED TO HANG. He is Found Guilty of the Murder of the Mate of the Olive Pecker.

counsel last evening the jury was excused from deliberation until today, and shortly after 12 o'clock the verdict of guilty as indicted was brought in. Anderson received the verdict unmoved. A motion for a new trial was made and argued this afternoon. The court overruled the motion after a brief argument in reply by the district attorney, and Judge Goff sentenced the prisoner.

QUICKEST TRIP ON RECORD.

Steamer China Makes a Fast Run From Yokohama to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.-The steamer China, which arrived this morning from the Orient, via Honolulu, made the quickest trip on record, not only between Yokohama and Honolulu, but between Honolulu and San Francisco. The ship was detained nineteen hours and thirty-six minutes at Honolulu, and from Yokohama to this port, including this delay, she made the trip in fourteen days, twelve hours and eighteen minutes. The passage from the islands was made in five days, seven hours and forty-one minutes. At one period of the voyage 18 1/2 knots were averaged for four hours.

UNION PACIFIC GRANT.

Secretary Bliss Holds It Includes Ground for Stationing Troops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Secretary Bliss has rendered a decision holding that the Union Pacific railway is entitled to station and side track purposes, in addition to the 20 feet of right-of-way along its route, granted by act of congress. Any other construction of the granting act, it is held, would leave without force the words "including all necessary grounds for stations between," etc.

PAXSON WILL GET THE PLACE.

President Decides to Appoint Him on the Interstate Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-It is believed that the president has decided to appoint Judge Paxson, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed Col. William R. Morrison, whose term will expire in January. The president today informed Senator Deboe, of Kentucky, who called upon him in the interest of Mayor Todd, of Louisville, that the position was promised, and it is thought that Judge Paxson is the man slated for the place.

Quiet Christmas at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-During the remainder of the present week the White House will probably be closed to all except those who call upon urgent official business, or who have engagements to see the president, in order that Mr. McKinley may consider some important questions and obtain a needed rest. The death of the president's mother and the more recent death of his cousin, Mrs. Charles R. Miller, of Canton, caused an entire abandonment of preparations for holiday festivities at the White House. Christmas day will be observed quietly.

Launched in a Snow Storm.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.-In a blinding snow storm the revenue cutter Ondonga was launched this afternoon at the yard of the Globe Iron Works Company. The steamer was christened by Miss Louise Allen.

Letterbox Thief Captured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Richard O. Davis, said to be a well known forger and thief, was arrested today by a postoffice inspector. Davis is charged with passing

BILL IS PASSED BY SLIM MARGIN.

Apportionment Is Triumphant in Illinois.

ONLY TWO VOTES TO SPARE.

Result Announced Amid a Scene of Unparalleled Disorder.

Democrats Clamber to the Tops of Desks, and Create an Indescribable Disturbance-A Score of Men Unite in Shouting and Jeering-Two Roll Calls Necessary-Deciding Ballot is Cast Amid Tremendous Excitement-Senatorial Campaign Opens in Ohio, With Kurtz Leading the Anti-Hanna Forces.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.-Amid scenes of riotous disorder and intense excitement the house today passed the Republican senatorial apportionment bill of a vote of 79 yeas to 54 nays. There were but two votes to spare. It was a hair-breadth escape for the Republican managers.

Representative Patrick Mooney, of Chicago, saved the bill for the Republican organization. He furnished the seventy-seventh vote necessary to pass the measure, and when he ended a speech with the words, "I vote yes," State Treasurer Henry Hertz, a Republican leader, who stood at his side, trembling with anxiety and excitement, flung his arms about Mooney's neck and hugged him as though he was a long-lost son returned from the Klondike.

Representatives Funk and Scroggin then voted for the bill, making 79 in all. It was a dramatic end of the apportionment fight in the house. The Democrats shouted and jeered and did their best to make so much noise that business could not be transacted. A score of their loud-tongued men mounted their desks and started a hubbub, that was maintained until two calls of the roll were read. Everybody was drawn to the scene, and the floor of the representatives' hall was crowded with excited men, whom neither the speaker's gavel nor the sergeant-at-arms could control.

Today's events secure the success of the apportionment, as the senate is certain to pass the bill the first week in January. The bill provides for a reapportionment of the state. According to the Democrats the reapportionment is a gerrymander. The Republicans assert that the changes simply check the outrages alleged to have

THREE ARRIVALS FROM DAWSON.

Fifteen More Will Be Here in Ten Days.

STARTED OUT NOVEMBER 1

Reported Death of Freeman, Formerly a Street Car Conductor.

His Boat, Swept Beneath the Ice of the Lewis, Comes Out Eighteen Miles Below-D. P. Quinlan, Who Left for Klondike Last July, Returns Possessor of Two Claims-The Food Situation Relieved by an Exodus From Dawson to Fort Yukon-Steamer City of Seattle Completes Record-Breaking Trip.

Three miners from Dawson were aboard the steamer City of Seattle, which arrived here last night at 10:30 o'clock from Dyea and Skaguay, Alaska, completing a record-breaking voyage from this port of ten days. They are D. P. Quinlan, formerly a conductor on the Madison street car line in this city; J. N. Denny, of Roslyn, and W. S. Gardner, of Wiscousin. They left Dawson November 1. With them at that time was Bert Swanberg, of San Francisco, who laid over at Skaguay. Within ten days a party of fifteen, which was to leave later, was expected to reach the city. Quinlan left his position on the Madison street line last July and reached Dawson in September. He was one of the crowd which rushed to the Klondike and succeeded in securing a claim in the famous district. He has another claim on Quartz creek. At Juneau he was offered \$10,000 for either of his claims, though they have not yet been developed sufficiently to show their worth. Quinlan had with him about \$1,000 in gold dust. He intends to return, leaving here January 25.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED AT LAST.

Finally Decree Came Four Years After Death of One of the Parties.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-The Illinois supreme court has handed down a decision in the Orchardson-Merrick marriage annulment case, affirming the decree of nullification granted by the lower court, and giving the property to the relatives of Mrs. Merrick. The case is unique in that the marriage is set aside after one of the contracting parties has been dead almost four years.

In 1883 Charles Orchardson, an artist and at one time Socialist candidate for mayor against the late Carter Harrison, was married to Mrs. Merrick, of Quincy, Ill. Mrs. Merrick, who was over 80 years old, was the possessor of property worth something like \$100,000. Orchardson, who was 69 years old, met Mrs. Merrick at a spiritualistic seance in Quincy, conducted by Vera Ava, known better as Odella Duss Debar, and with her help, it is alleged, prevailed upon the aged Mrs. Merrick to marry him and make a will leaving her property to him. Mrs. Merrick died within a year.

Shortly after her death, Mrs. Merrick's relatives brought suit to have the marriage annulled, some time ago brought quo warranto proceedings against the company, explaining that it was intended to oust them from business. The case will be called to trial next month.

MUTUAL LIFE WITHDRAWS.

Another Insurance Company Decides Not to Do Business in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 23.-Eugene Ware, an attorney for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, tonight notified Attorney General Boyle that the company would cease to do business in the state of Kansas on December 31. The attorney general, for the superintendent of insurance, some time ago brought quo warranto proceedings against the company, explaining that it was intended to oust them from business. The case will be called to trial next month.

Hundreds Will Follow.

The four men started with sleds and 500 pounds of provisions. On the way they were able to buy 140 pounds of beef and other meat, making 640 pounds in all. At the mouth of the Pelly river they were stopped by the open water, but waited a few days and the river froze over. Though the weather was very severe, they did not suffer at all. At McCormick's the sleds and tents were discarded and the rest of the journey made on foot. Owing to the darkness the party was only able to travel between 8:20 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

A Hard Journey.

The men kept warm by keeping a fire night, one man staying up to keep the fire going while the others slept. The time was divided into two and one-half hour watches, and a blanket was hung up to break the wind. They only had one blanket each. Thirty-two miles was the best day's travel they made. The estimated distance they were being made in following sloughs and making detours through the woods around open places in the ice. They killed a lynx and several Wolverines. They saw no men in the other side of White Horse rapids. Neither the White Horse nor the canyon are frozen over. At Bennett, Tagish and the other lakes many men are living in tents. At Lake Lebarge they met two Indians and one white man going in with dispatches for Major Walsh, of the mounted police.

Twenty Degrees Below Zero.

At Dawson the mercury was 20 degrees below zero when they left. Rich strikes had been made on Henderson creek before they left, and Hunter, Bear and Sulphur creeks were looking up better every day. All the four men secured claims and intended to work them.

Marshal of the District.

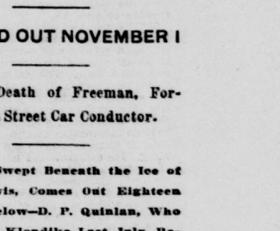
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.-A special to the Tribune from Washington says: It is practically settled that A. A. Wilson, who was appointed to his position as marshal of the District of Columbia by President Cleveland, will be succeeded as soon as congress reconvenes by Aulick Palmer, who alternates his residence between the capital and Newport, R. I. This determination on the part of the president is construed to mean a return to social functions at the White House, such as marked the administrations of Arthur and Harrison.

Their Compensation Reduced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-By direction of the secretary of the treasury the compensations of employees of the United States mint at San Francisco have been reduced in the aggregate \$4,145 per annum.

THE LATEST KLONDIKE MAP.

SHOWING LOCATION OF CREEKS IN KLONDIKE, INDIAN, BRYANT, MONTANA, MOOSE HIDE CREEK MINING DIVISIONS OF YUKON DISTRICT N.W.T.



The Above Is the Latest Map of the Gold Fields-It Is Accurately Made and Shows the Location of All Prospected Creeks.

three checks for small amounts which had been stolen from street mail boxes at Toledo, Ohio. He is said to be a member of a gang of letter box thieves who began operating in August last at Milwaukee, and who, it is said, have traveled all over the country and realized \$5,000 on checks from letter boxes.

Optium Which Pays Duty.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.-The steamship China today brought the first consignment of opium that has come into this port since last June. The importation amounted to 315 boxes, containing 11,400 pounds, upon which the duty at \$4 a pound amounts to \$128,760. The opium itself is worth as much more.

Prisoner Commits Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.-John G. Burns, who was yesterday sent to Moyamensing prison in default of \$3,000 bail, for trial on a charge of perjury, committed suicide by hanging in his cell some time during last night.

SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS.

Kurtz Commences His Warfare on Mark A. Hanna.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.-The marshaling of forces in the Ohio senatorial contest has begun. Charles Kurtz, of Columbus, has dropped all pretense of not seeking to defeat Senator Hanna and has for some time been organizing his forces. Today Senator Hanna's office among his lieutenants in different parts of the state.

COMBATUS, Dec. 23.-The State Jour-

nal this morning prints a story that the Republicans, led by Hon. Charles Kurtz, in opposition to the re-election of Senator Hanna, have promised to support free silver as the price of the defeat of Hanna.

The story, the Journal states, comes from a man who claims that Mr. Hanna will be defeated. The Journal says: "Conferences are being held in various parts of the state by Democrats, who have gathered at the direction of McLean and the free silver leaders, to plan for bringing pressure to bear upon Democratic members of the legislature to vote for Gov. Bushnell, and the argument which is used in these conferences to convince the doubtful and bring conviction to the hesitating is that Bushnell has surrendered to the Bryanite idea of finance, and will act with the free silver men in the United States senate if elected."

CADETS ARE IN TROUBLE.

Seventy-One at Annapolis Restricted to Their Quarters for Insubordination.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 23.-Seventy-one cadets of the third class are restricted to quarters for insubordination. Last Sunday when the officer in charge was in the room of the third class, a number of cadets broke into loud yells in rebellion against the strict rules.

The affair reached a crisis when the cadets held a class meeting Monday night in order to inform the superintendent who were the guilty parties. No one would tell the culprit. Then the class communicated to Capt. Cooper that at their meeting they could not discover who had done the yelling. This was all Capt. Cooper, the superintendent, was waiting for, before he took heroic steps. He issued an order that because the cadets of the third class maintained an insubordinate spirit by the culprit, he would be guilty of the disrespectful conduct while the officer in charge was in quarters, they would be restricted to quarters, this order to be in force on Christmas day, except from the hours of 8 o'clock in the morning to 9:30 at night.

Another Dawson Party.

There arrived in Skaguay on Tuesday evening, December 14, direct from Dawson, John Lindsay, whose home is at Oymyok, Wash. Lindsay arrived at Dawson October 15 and left that town on November 2, in company with Frank Ballaine, Tom Story and Robert Glynn. Lindsay

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