

MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE DESTROYS GRAIN WHARVES

PORT COSTA DOCKS SWEEP BY FIERCE FIRE

HUNDREDS OF TONS OF CEREAL AND HOPS CONSUMED

Several Cars Laden with Lumber and a Large Grader Also Destroyed by Flames—Origin Unknown

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Two thousand feet of the Nevada grain docks, located at Port Costa on the bay thirty miles from San Francisco, where for twenty-five years all the grain from California for foreign ports has been loaded, were destroyed by fire this evening.

The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000. Besides at the docks 900 tons of grain, 100 tons of hops, several cars laden with wheat and lumber, and the "grader," the large structure where the grain was graded for shipment, were burned.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The first alarm was given about 5 o'clock, and within forty-five minutes the two immense docks, a large warehouse, the big "grader" and the dock and warehouse offices were a mass of flames, while great clouds of black smoke rolled over Carquinez straits.

An ineffectual effort was made by the steamer Apache, playing live streams on the fire, to prevent the spreading of the flames before they had communicated to the second dock.

Engines Kept Busy Every engine in the railroad yards was soon scurrying back and forth, hauling cars out of the path of the fire.

All but five, loaded with grain and lumber, were saved.

For a time the big plant of the Associated Pipe Line company, with thousands of gallons of oil stored in its tanks, was in imminent danger, and only the most strenuous efforts saved it.

So intense became the heat that the rails of the Southern Pacific company's main line, which runs close to the docks at this point, were twisted and warped, and five passenger trains, including the Owl, the Fresno local and Los Angeles passenger were held for several hours before they could pass.

The docks were owned by the Nevada Warehouse and Dock company of San Francisco, and were built in 1887.

For a quarter of a century ships have loaded millions of bushels of California wheat and other grain for the markets of the world at these docks.

FINDS BODY OF MAN IN CANYON

No Marks on Body, Which is That Apparently of a Mountaineer, to Indicate Murder or Suicide

SIERRA MADRE, May 31.—The body of an unidentified man lying at the foot of a precipice in the big Santa Anita canyon, three and one-half miles east of this city, was found this afternoon by Victor Hill, 15 years old, living at Sierra Madre.

The man apparently had been dead for nearly a week, and on this account no attempt was made at identification other than a hasty examination by Constable S. G. Lehmer, following which Coroner Calvin Hartwell was notified.

The man lay face downward at the foot of the cliff leaving but little doubt that the fall over the precipice had caused his death, although Constable Lehmer's hasty examination showed no marks on the body, which was dressed in a black suit of clothes, a negligee shirt and heavy mountain-climbing shoes, and who had been apparently a mountaineer.

The man apparently was about 50 years old, partially bald, with light hair. No further description could be given by the constable.

The spot where the body was found is at an isolated place near a precipitous fall in the stream, and persons traversing the edge of the gorge would not be likely to see the body unless clambering down over the rocks. A number of boys in the neighborhood frequently have passed along the brink of the canyon during the last week, but it was a chance expedition of Hill's in climbing over the rocks, flanking the falls and down to the bottom of the ravine that led to the revelation of the body late yesterday afternoon.

Constable Lehmer's hasty examination of the body tonight gave no grounds on which to base a theory as to the cause of the man's death, other than he had fallen accidentally over the precipice in clambering over the falls.

"I have no reason to doubt the death was purely accidental," said the constable this evening, "as it would not be at all unlikely for a man to fall over the cliff in making this detour, which frequently is made by boys in going up and down the bed of the stream."

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTSELF FATALLY

A Mexican, Juan Sogeros, 10 years of age, was yesterday instantly killed by the discharge of a shotgun with which he had been shooting rabbits near Oceanside.

The shot entered the front of the body at the right side and came out below the shoulder. The boy, who was 14 years old, was accompanied by his younger brother.

The older boy, who was carrying the gun at the time, dropped it accidentally.

The parents in this city were notified and will go to Oceanside to bring the body to Los Angeles.

Several other accidents have occurred in this city recently, including the death of a young boy who was struck by a car while playing in the street.

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NOISY BOX SUPPOSED TO BE BOMB PROVES MERELY A FROG CAGE

NEW YORK, May 31.—A strange noise issuing from a small box which a stranger had requested him to keep temporarily led Antonio Sarinella, a prosperous shoe dealer at Belleville, N. J., to suspect the package to contain a dynamite bomb, especially as he had received threatening letters.

The police were summoned and after the box had been doused in water it was opened.

It contained nothing but a two-pound bullfrog, from which the alarming noises had emanated.

UNDERTOW FATAL TO BATHER AT REDONDO

MAN CARRIED FAR TO SEA AND DROWNED

Body Remains on Top of Water and Witnesses Believe Swimmer is Floating—Fisherman Becomes Alarmed

(Special to The Herald.) REDONDO BEACH, May 31.—Swimming in the surf tonight near what is called an hour after a swimmer employed at the Huntington power house, was carried swiftly by the undertow far out into the water and disappeared. His body did not sink and could be seen from the shore. It was thought at first the man was floating and no attention was given to him.

Half an hour after Holmes was carried beyond his depth a fisherman became alarmed at the sight of the inoperative body so far from shore and thought to investigate. Holmes had been dead half an hour.

The fisherman brought the body to shore. Friends carried it to the home where Holmes' wife, father and mother received it.

The dead man was 39 years old. He had lived in Redondo Beach many years and was esteemed highly.

Killed by Pitched Ball DETROIT, May 31.—Alfred Vollmer, 17 years old, while playing today in a baseball game between teams representing Sunday schools, was struck over the heart by a pitched ball and killed.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Tuesday, continued warm; light north wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 98 degrees; minimum, 69 degrees.

LOCAL Bennett, real estate dealer, insists he is innocent of the murder of his wife. Little girl at Santa Ana drowned in reservoir of water pipe line. Life guards at Long Beach rescue five persons bathing in the surf.

Temperatures reached nearly to 100 degree mark and record for May is almost broken. Woman promises to furnish sheriff with new clew in Anna Polera murder mystery. Coroner will investigate death of Elmer Carlisle, 17-year-old boy, who was drowned by being thrown into pool of water.

Boy bicyclist hurts his legs by colliding with an automobile at Asot park. Police arrest Kieran on charge of abducting young sister-in-law and for improper relations with her.

Man suffering with pneumonia poisoning falls fifteen feet and is slightly hurt but cured of his ailment. Elks from Tonopah and Goldfield will come to Los Angeles 900 strong and will boost for Nevada.

Editor from Brazil pays visit to Los Angeles and heads American press. Young daughter unable to rescue mother from flames and latter is burned fatally. Consolidation committee to give out statement this week setting forth what it proposes to do for San Pedro and Wilmington if towns are annexed.

Friend of former President Lincoln, who witnessed tragic end of chief executive, tells of his assassination. Body of man, dead for a week, is found in Big Santa Anita canyon.

Man and wife of Los Angeles fall over precipice at Mt. Wilson; neither killed. Swimmer drowned at Redondo Beach, carried out to sea by heavy undertow.

COAST Fire destroys grain docks at Port Costa, near San Francisco, and does over \$1,000,000 damage. Seattle welcomes Japanese naval officers from training cruises, and latter receive visitors.

New marriage law may cause steamship company to abandon service to Orient. Woman in Stockton accidentally smothered her child to death.

Strikers in McCloud cause many to join movement by threatening violence, and later run guards away and capture storehouse of dynamite. Suspected train robbers arrested at Spokane.

Woman in Portland in Paris writes for mother in Portland that she will wed Claus Spreckels, Jr. EASTERN

Entire nation pays tribute to soldiers dead, and great shaft is dedicated by Taft at Gettysburg to regulars who fell in memorable battle. Harriman, on eve of departure for Europe, gives views of recent panic.

Booker T. Washington says late H. H. Rogers gave large sums to aid negro race. Conference is held in New York to discuss future welfare of negroes.

Fewer fresh eggs to be sold in Chicago as a result of cannery strike. Strike spreads in Philadelphia and situation now seems to be serious.

Socialist pedagogues at Cornell give advice to graduates. Boy creeping through keyhole in Chicago is killed by umbrella being poked into his eye.

Travelers' Protective Association in convention at Asheville, N. C. Congressmen's natural resources to be slogan of government.

American Zionists plan monster mass meeting in Chinese in New York warns children to flee, then dynamites laundry. Sladden and Boyle, labor leaders in Chicago, to be further prosecuted by district attorney.

Episcopal clergymen in New York visit Thomas Paine's old homestead. Baldwin continues airship flights in New York and receives gold medal.

Woman in New York forces young woman to take charge of her baby, then flees. Suspended lunatic in Gotham denounces priest at close of services, then attacks him with fists.

FOREIGN Zepplins' flight is delayed after remarkable record. More Christians reported massacred in Turkey. Former Vice President Fairbanks and wife are presented to emperor and empress of Japan who tender them dinner at Tokio.

HONORS PAID TO AGED SURVIVORS OF CIVIL STRIFE

VETERANS IN BLUE GATHER AT AUDITORIUM

PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS ALSO PAY HOMAGE

Hon. Webster Davis in Eloquent Language Offers Old Soldiers Tribute for Their Valorous Deeds in War

RARELY, if ever before, has the big auditorium which faces Central park presented a more inspiring scene than yesterday afternoon, when Grand Army veterans, Sons of Veterans and members of the Woman's Relief corps met to celebrate Memorial day.

With American flags only as decorations, the simplicity of the scene appealed rather to the patriotic impulse than to any idea of an artistic color scheme. Flags were used in such profusion that the Stars and Stripes greeted the eye no matter in which direction the gaze was directed.

Beneath these banners sat 850 patriotic men who nearly half a century ago followed the flag which now depended gracefully from the balcony and galleries, having them tented, as it were, in its graceful folds.

What gave additional inspiration to the scene were the faces of the grim, old warriors, flanked on both sides and in the rear by the Women's Relief corps, uniformed in white dresses. Responsive to every thrill as it burst forth in patriotic fervor and tumultuous applause, these old men colored to the roots of their gray hair and their eyes grew moist, as in this timid, blushing manner they acknowledged the tributes and received the medals and encomiums of a succeeding generation.

Tears Steal Down Cheeks During a speech, notable for its intense patriotism, but more so on account of its defense of the rights of the aged soldiers, which was delivered by Hon. Webster Davis, former assistant secretary of the interior, many of the veterans wept and at times there was hardly a face in the vast audience that was not lighted with the gleam of a tear as it stole its way down some furrowed or dimpled cheek, for there were young as well as old in the audience.

Poet never sang more beautifully the praises of a nation or molded into heroic lyrics the story of a great world's tragedy more eloquently than did Mr. Davis picture the services these veterans had given their country. The most eloquent and telling periods of his speech were directly due to the inspiration of the moment and do not appear in the prepared manuscript. The speaker actually got his theme from the upturned faces of the hundreds of veterans. It was a spectacle which in its far-reaching ramifications, its color and scope and tone almost beggars description.

Perhaps of all the features of Memorial day the exercises at the Auditorium exceeded in magnitude and general public attention. The more tender and dutiful service to the dead of decorating the graves with flowers, those at the Soldiers' cemetery, at the soldiers' home at Savelle and elsewhere, was performed as religiously as custom and devotion to principle have fashioned any human course.

Graves Entombed in Flowers The graves which entomb the honored dead were themselves entombed in flowers. Flags were placed on the graves by Union veterans and following them softer hands, those that rocked lullabies while the soldier's harder ones handled musket, sword and cannon scattered flowers above the sleeping heroes.

Never before has there been a more generous outpouring of devotion, love and tender care for the aged soldier, living or dead, than I have witnessed today," said a gray-haired veteran after he had emerged from the auditorium. And he expressed the unanimous opinion of all the old guard.

The veterans marched into the auditorium by posts, the Women's Relief corps followed the post to which they are attached. The veterans occupied the center seats on the first floor. The women were "deployed," as a veteran expressed it, to right and left, occupying positions in the rear. This manner of seating them presented a pretty picture.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the veterans' drum and fife corps, led by Comrade C. H. Hazelred, sounded assembly. Thomas P. Lyon, grand marshal, presented Captain Newton C. Whims, president of the day, who presided. Captain O. T. Thomas sounded the assembly bugle call and then Lucile Mayne Windsor sang "Our Starry Flag." The invocation was offered by Rev. Will A. Knight, himself a veteran. The veteran drum corps orchestra, under the leadership of Comrade G. W. Wolfe, rendered "The Vacant Chair."

Incident is Pathetic A pathetic but impressive feature of the program was when the eighth number was reached, this being assigned to Comrade F. A. Werth, who recently died. He was to have sung the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Captain Whims, referring tenderly to the comrade who had passed away, asked the audience to stand in silence a couple of minutes in honor of his memory, which they did and remained standing while Prof. J. B. Poulin sang the "Star Spangled Banner," the audience joining in the refrain.

Colonel Allensworth, a colored veteran, read Lincoln's Gettysburg speech very effectively, and was followed by a tenor solo, "Beloved Columbia," by Prof. John Haas Zinck.

After listening to the orator of the day, Mr. Davis, himself a veteran, called on to take part in the most terrible war of the nineteenth century. There have been wars of longer duration but none more terrible than that war of neighbor against neighbor, brother against brother and father against son. For four long years the echo of the pickets' rifles did not cease.

The total number of men comprising the Union forces, in army and navy, during the Civil War, aggregated 3,000,000. There were more than 100 land battles in which one side or the other lost more than 500 men. At Gettysburg alone more than 50,000 Americans

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Scenes at Memorial Exercises Held by Spanish War Veterans at Central Park



Top—Los Angeles Military Band and detachment of Seventh Infantry, N. G. C. Middle—Major D. R. Welby delivering address at monument. Bottom—Firing squad, Co. A, Seventh Regiment, ready to fire salute.

NEW MARRIAGE LAW MAY REDUCE TRAFFIC FROM ORIENT PORTS

Steamship Company Expected to Have to Abandon Service to Orient. California Also Affected is Claim

SEATTLE, May 31.—The new marriage laws of Washington, effective June 12, will reduce passenger travel from the orient to this country by way of this port and may result in some of the Seattle steamship service to the far east being abandoned.

At the present time the greater part of the passengers arriving in Seattle by steamers from Japan are the proxy wives of Japanese residents of the United States.

A proxy wife is "married" in Japan to the groom in this country, whom she has never seen, by means of his photograph.

She is then sent to the United States, and upon arriving here is met by her husband taken to her future home, after a ceremony performed in the United States.

The new law provides for affidavits by two residents as to character, age, etc., of marriage candidates.

A large part of the proxy brides coming through this port are destined for homes in California.

Snow in Colorado LEADVILLE, Colo., May 31.—Two inches of snow fell here this morning.

BOY AT KEYHOLE KILLED BY JAB FROM UMBRELLA RIB

Five-Year-Old Lad in Chicago Meets Death by Being Hit in the Eye

CHICAGO, May 31.—Peering through a keyhole, Joseph Megala, five years of age, received an injury in his right eye, from an umbrella rib in the hands of a playmate on the other side of the door, which caused his death yesterday.

The playmate was John Cernica, 11 years of age, who lived in the same house. The children were playing in the hall Saturday afternoon.

John ran into a room and closed the door. Joseph "peeped" and the other thrust the rod through as he placed his eye at the keyhole.

The eyeball was destroyed and his physicians were unable to save the child's life.

FORCES GIRL BY THREATS TO TAKE CHARGE OF BABY

NEW YORK, May 31.—Katy Scanlon, who has six little brothers and sisters at her Second avenue home, was walking in 102d street yesterday when a strange woman gave her a richly dressed young baby.

Katy protested that she did not want it as she had plenty at home. But when the woman threatened to spank her unless she obeyed Katy became frightened and ran home with the infant.

Her mother lost no time in delivering the new arrival to the police, who are seeking his mother.

RETIRING CHIEF OF POLICE REFUSES TO LEAD 'FUNERAL' LINE

Officer at San Bernardino Declines to Head Memorial Day Parade on Last Day of Service

(Special to The Herald.) SAN BERNARDINO, May 31.—"This is my last day in office and I don't intend to put it in by leading a funeral march. We would be dead ones sure."

In this manner Chief of Police Fred Secombe declined the invitation to lead the Memorial day column with a platoon of police. This was his last day in office.

W. A. Shay and the new police force, which takes charge of the department at midnight, led the Decoration day parade. The old officers were not conspicuous along the line of march.

Mr. Secombe celebrated his last day in office by turning loose this morning a miscellaneous collection of common drunks who were arrested Saturday night. In one of two instances bail was returned to those who at the time of their arrest, had enough coin to guarantee their appearance Tuesday.

At midnight Chief Secombe and his squad of officers, who have enforced the law in this city for the past two years, will step down and out and W. A. Shay, the new chief, together with his men, will take charge at the city hall. Only one member of the present force has been reappointed.

DEDICATE GREAT SHAFT ON FIELD OF GETTYSBURG

PRESIDENT TAFT ADDRESSES VAST ASSEMBLY

HEROES OF HISTORIC BATTLE HONORED BY NATION

Many Cities Observe Memorial Day with Floral Tributes, Military Parades and Fitting Ceremonies

On November 19, 1863, President Lincoln, standing on the battlefield of Gettysburg, which was then solemnly dedicated as a burying place for the remains of those who had yielded up their lives in the defence of the Union, uttered one of the most famous speeches that have ever come from the lips of man. His words resound through the spaces of time, in the ears of the generations that arrive in turn on the battlefield of life, with the three-fold and the martyr, that was his—

"Fourscore and seven years ago," he said, "our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May 31.—This was the day of early honor to the "regular" at Gettysburg. An imposing shaft of granite erected by congress to the memory of those of the regular army who fell in the three days' battle was unveiled by the president's daughter, Miss Helen H. Taft, while the president paid tribute to officers and men of the United States army, past and present.

The president put himself squarely on record as opposed to any reduction in the standing army. He told of the prejudice that often had arisen against the possible aggressions of a regular army and a professional soldiery, and of the corresponding difficulty in arousing that love and pride in the army which expressed itself today, and has frequently expressed itself in the past in behalf of the navy.

The president asserted that the services of the regular army had never been commemorated adequately by congress or the nation.

"The profession of arms always has been an honored one," he declared. "It is the pride of the regular army of the United States. Never in its history has it had a stain upon its escutcheon."

On the way to Gettysburg from Pittsburg the president's car was sidetracked at York for two hours, and during his stay he made a brief address in which he declared again his hope for the early commencement of a tariff law.

"If the tariff will only be good and send some real hot weather in June."

Four regiments of the regular army were here to participate in the exercises. There was also a personal escort to the president composed of veterans of the regular army who fought in the Gettysburg campaign.

The president was taken for a drive over the battlefields. At several points he alighted and stood on the prominences overlooking the valley below and the mountains in the far distance.

Ceremonies Simple The ceremonies of the unveiling were simple. Miss Taft pulled the silken cord that released the flags draped about the monument. In falling one of the flags caught on a bronze eagle decorating one of the inscribed tablets. A trooper gave the flag a tug, but it could not be released until a large hole had been torn in the folds in the stripes.

After the president's speech Secretary Dickinson presented the monument to the battlefield commission.

Following the unveiling the president reviewed the troops. A mounted battery of artillery which recently served in Cuba was a source of much interest.

When the review was concluded the president hurried to his train. The monument erected on the battlefield of Gettysburg to commemorate the services of the regular army of the United States in the Gettysburg campaign in 1863, which was unveiled today, is situated on Hancock avenue a little south of the "bloody angle" where Pickett's fearless men struck the Union line with such disastrous results to the invading army. The memorial is a shaft eighty-five feet high and is made of light color granite from the quarries at Mount Airy, N. C.

Size of Monument After the base of the monument is fourteen feet and a half feet square and seven feet high and is surrounded by a beautiful granite terrace forty-three and a half feet square, with a two-foot high fence or wall. Four entrances, each fourteen feet wide with three granite steps, lead to the base of the monument.

On each side of the second plinth, which is twelve and a half feet high, is an eagle cut solidly on the face of the plinth. Each eagle is four feet high and all are said to be the finest modelled eagles ever cut in granite or cast in bronze in America. Upon the second plinth rests the plain shaft, which is fifty-three feet tall.

On each side of the plinth is a large bronze panel which carry descriptions of the regular troops engaged at Gettysburg, their positions and the casualties of that fight.

Forty-two small monuments, one each for the commands in the Gettysburg campaign, which were erected at the location each organization occupied during the battle, are of granite, 24 by

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