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AUDITORIUM IN RUINS

Convention Hall at Kansas City Completely Destroyed by Fire This Afternoon.

Public School Building, Fine Church Edifice and Many Residences Also Burned.

Total Loss Nearly Half a Million—The Hall Will Be Rebuilt

Kansas City, April 4.—Convention Hall, the mammoth and superb auditorium in which the democratic convention was to have been held July 4, was burned to the ground in less than half an hour by a fire that started in the building at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The fire jumped two ways, attacking half a block of three-story residences in the rear of the hall on Twelfth street and across Central street, where it first caught the Second Presbyterian church, one of the finest edifices in the city, and then the Lathrop public school, which was partially destroyed by a tornado in 1888.

The children at Lathrop school were just returning to their rooms after the dinner hour when the fire started, and as far as known all escaped to places of safety. The loss at 1:50 is estimated at \$550,000, apportioned as follows: Convention Hall, \$225,000.

The hall was well insured and will be rebuilt immediately in time for the national democratic convention. Fifteen minutes after the hall was known to be doomed, members of the Commercial Club, thru whose efforts the structure was built, began soliciting funds to begin rebuilding, which, it is stated, will be started as soon as the ruins can be cleared away. The foundation remains intact.

CUBAN SLAVE DANCES TO END.

Havana Negroes Petition That No More Permits Be Issued for Them.

Havana, April 4.—Many prominent negroes in Havana have signed a petition to Senor Estrada Mora, acting mayor, against further permits for "tangos," or characteristic dances, in which the dancers wear keties and tin leglets.

The petitioners contend that these performances are a survival of slavery and a degrading spectacle. Senor Mora will grant the request.

At a meeting of the municipality of Havana acting Mayor Mora proposed the cancellation of the concessions illegally granted by the former municipality to the cattle dealers, resulting in the practical closing of the Havana slaughter house to the public. The resolution was adopted, and it will be presented to Gen. Ludlow for final action.

During a local theater there was a display of the American, Spanish and Cuban flags. The last two were cheered, but the American flag was hissed. The discussion asserts that the hissing was done by Spaniards.

OFFICERS ARE BLAMED.

London Press Reproaches Officers of the Army for Carelessness.

London, April 4.—The Times editorial leader says: "Lord Roberts promises further details of his mishap of Saturday, but while his latest messages bear ample testimony of the never-failing gallantry of all ranks, it gives no hint of why those ordinary recognized precautions were omitted, without which the most splendid courage is vain."

"Men resisting modern rifle fire at 100 yards and officers serving guns after the men are shot down is magnificent, but if the officers had seen that the scouting was what it ought to be in broken ground and within the sound of the enemy's artillery, both they and their men might have exhibited their courage to better purpose."

"Our special correspondent at Cape Town, who is not in the habit of making rash assertions, tells us that apparently not a man was ahead of the convoy with orders to look out, but the escort trotted obediently behind and only discovered something was wrong after half the convoy was already captured."

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THE WAR NEWS.

No Further Reports of Fighting—French at Bloemfontein.

London, April 4.—A further list of casualties sustained by the British forces at Kooru Spruit, March 31, has been received. It shows 1,000 killed, making a total thus far of thirty-two. No other news was given out at the war office. A dispatch from Bloemfontein printed here says French's cavalry has returned to Bloemfontein; also Colville's division, and that everything is quiet there.

Gatere Alarmed.

Springfontein, Orange Free State, Tuesday, April 4.—Owing to information that the Boers are hovering in the neighborhood of the railroad running from this place to Bloemfontein, Gatere is preparing to take vigorous measures to cope with any attempt to cut off Roberts' line of communication at that point.

BISHOP FOWLER VERY ILL.

His Condition is Serious, the Result of a Relapse.

Buffalo, April 4.—Bishop Fowler, of the Methodist Episcopal church, is seriously ill. He was obliged to take to his bed ten days ago. He improved for awhile, but a relapse developed and his condition is now quite serious. The bishop's condition showed improvement today, and his physicians entertain strong hopes of his recovery.

BIG RAILROAD DEAL.

An Incorporation Fee of \$40,000 Paid to Illinois Secretary of State.

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—The secretary of state today licensed to incorporate the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, principal offices at Chicago, with a capital stock of \$40,000,000. This is a reorganization of the Chicago & Alton by the Harriman syndicate. The fee paid the secretary of state was \$40,000, the largest ever paid into the office.

QUEEN IN IRELAND

Her Majesty Disembarks and is Greeted by Huge Good Natured Crowds—The Ride to Dublin.

Dublin, April 4.—Queen Victoria landed in Ireland this morning for the first time in thirty-nine years. Disembarkation from the royal yacht was accomplished at 11:20. The commander of the forces in Ireland, the duke of Connaught, Lord Lieut. Earl Cadogan and their staffs greeted her majesty and the ride from Kingston to Dublin was commenced in splendid weather and before huge good natured crowds.

Simple But Stately Reception Accorded Her Majesty.

Dublin, April 4.—The queen's reception at Kingston last night was simple but stately. The royal yacht was preceded by a Trinity House tender in the evening. The vessel was dressed and manned as the yacht itself, and from the Galathea and the Australia, and outside the harbor the channel fleet lay at anchor, with two flag ships and most of the powerful battleships of the British navy, dressed in rainbow style, in honor of her arrival.

Brilliant lines of variegated color flared across the murky sky, heavily banked with clouds, and as the yacht approached the narrow entrance of the harbor there were vivid tongues of flames, as one war ship after another fired the royal salute of twenty-one guns. Every vessel was dressed and from one deck to another the refrain of the national anthem was taken up to the accompaniment of massed bands.

The queen had come to Ireland not as a tricky politician, uncertain of the welcome which she would receive, but as the proud monarch of the seas, with a mighty fleet to pay homage to her.

THE HOUSE.

Hawaiian Code Bill Taken Up Again Today—Porto Rico Bill Referred.

Washington, April 4.—Without preliminary business the house today resumed consideration of the Hawaiian code bill, which was reported by the committee on territories, was the first speaker. While McDowell was speaking the clerk of the senate appeared and announced the passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill, with sundry amendments in which concurrence was demonstrated by the announcement made. The bill was immediately referred, under the rule, to the committee on ways and means.

Commissioner Wright on Expansion.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—Gen. Luke P. Wright, of the Philippine commission, was tendered a farewell banquet by 200 distinguished men at the Peabody hotel. After thanking his friends for the sentiments expressed, Wright spoke on the subject of expansion, and reviewed the purchase of Louisiana and the taking in of Florida, Texas, California and Alaska. Gen. Wright continued: "We may assume, therefore, if there is any force in the doctrine of practical construction, that the power to expand is inherent and inalienable. In short, that whatever additional territory the people of the United States think they need and can rightfully acquire, they may constitutionally take. In each instance the question is one of expediency and not of power, to be determined upon the consideration of all the attendant ad-

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NOTICE BY THE NEWS OF TODAY

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people. The admiral's object in turning over these previous notices is to have them placed where they are accessible to the public, as visitors to Washington often make requests to the admiral to be allowed to see them and this constant application puts him to inconvenience. The collection is valued at \$100,000.

A BAD WRECK.

Report That Eighteen People Were Injured Near Silver City, Ia.—No Particulars.

Omaha, Neb., April 4.—A report is current that a passenger train on the Omaha & St. Louis road was wrecked near Silver City, Iowa, and eighteen people are more or less injured. There are no particulars.

CRUSADE AGAINST VICE.

Webster City Police Start Out to Break Up Gambling Dens.

Special to Times-Republican. Webster City, March 4.—The movement which was started by the Webster City police force to rid the town of its gambling rooms and other dens of vice is being waged very vigorously. Monday night Policeman Ash forced an entrance to rooms occupied by LaBarr, where he found three men. The men were placed under arrest and fined \$10 each and costs. Mrs. LaBarr was then taken into custody on the charge of maintaining an immoral resort. At her trial a fine of \$100 was imposed, but