

# AN ISLAND ABLAZE

### Settlement on Lake Michigan Swept by a Destructive Fire.

### HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE FEARED.

### Strong Probability That All the Inhabitants Have Perished.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—An Inter-Ocean special from Marinette, Wis., referring to the Beaver island fire, says: The probability is that 100 residents of Beaver island, located in Green bay at the entrance of the Straits of Mackinaw, have been burned to death in the forest fires which have desolated the entire island during the last few days.

Captain Young of the steamer Cuba, who arrived here during the day, reports that Beaver island is afire. Wednesday night the island was enveloped in flames which could be seen by passing vessels for many miles out into Lake Michigan. The inhabitants, who are employed in fishing and lumbering, number about 100. The island is 50 miles away from the mainland and it is not believed that aid could have been secured in time to save life and property.

Beaver island is the largest in the group of islands near the straits of Mackinaw, and on this island many years ago James J. Strang, the Mormon prophet, attempted to establish a Mormon kingdom, which failed upon his death. His body is buried on the island. Fishing is the principal industry there. Few vessels stop at the island, but vessels bound through the straits frequently pass in sight of it.

### SMALL BUSH FIRES.

A High Wind Would Be a Signal for Great Destruction.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Aug. 5.—Small bush fires are burning all through the heavily wooded part of the upper peninsula. So far little damage has been done, except in Delta and Schoolcraft counties, but the exceedingly dry weather favors the spread of the fires and high winds would be a signal for a sweep of flames through the forests in many different places. In addition to the danger to standing timber, some 250,000,000 feet of logs cut last winter could not be driven down the streams to the mills this spring and are in considerable danger unless rain falls at once. The Diamond Match company alone has 80,000,000 feet of logs hung up on the Ontonagon river.

### In Marinette County, Wis.

PESHIGO, Wis., Aug. 5.—Forest fires have again made their appearance in Marinette county. At present they are confined to the territory lying between Ellis Junction and Marinette.

### CONTRADICTS LAMOREAUX.

Survey of Mineral Lands in Montana is Satisfactory.

SALT LAKE, U. T., Aug. 5.—A special to The Herald from Butte, Mont., says: Thomas G. Morrill, president of the state board of land commissioners, has made a statement in reply to the Associated Press report from Washington as to the cost and alleged dissatisfaction with the examination and classification of mineral lands within the Northern Pacific land grant by the government commissioners. He declares the statement of Commissioner Lamoreaux is a gross misrepresentation. Instead of costing the government 25 cents per acre for classification the actual expense so far has been 1-15 cents per acre, and the work has been eminently satisfactory to the people.

### ABOUT ALUMINUM.

Production in the United States Last Year Was 250,000 Pounds.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The forthcoming review of the geologic survey of the mineral resources of the country will show that the production of aluminum in the United States in 1894 was 250,000 pounds. The deposits were valued at \$1,110. Bauxite, which is an oxide of aluminum, has been found in sufficient quantities to be commercially valuable in only three localities in the United States. These are in Arizona, New Mexico, and the Coosa valley of Georgia and Alabama. A minimum, the review will say, has now found the position in the arts predicted for it, and the demand is increasing. Its metallurgical use has proved more valuable than was expected.

### Silver Originations Made.

DENVER, Aug. 5.—The conference between the representatives of the three principal silver organizations in this state, which have been in progress here for several days, agreed upon consolidation upon a non-partisan basis. The new body will be known as the Colorado Silver League and includes the Democratic Union, Republican, the Colorado State League, Populist, and the Colorado delegation to the Memphis convention representing the Democratic party.

### Arraigned Altgeld and Adjourned.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 5.—The special session of the Illinois legislature called by Governor Altgeld, adjourned without having enacted hardly any of the numerous statutes desired by him, except an arbitration bill. The house adopted resolutions caustically arraigning the governor as insincere.

### Four Tramps Killed.

MASSILON, O., Aug. 5.—A westbound freight train on the Fort Wayne road broke in two at 4 a. m., the rear and forward sections coming together again with great force, and causing a bad wreck. Four tramps were killed outright and six others dangerously injured.

### RAILROAD NEWS.

Work has been begun upon the Missouri link of the Missouri Pacific at Sedalia.

The rumor that the Pennsylvania and Burlington railways will consolidate is denied.

Western freight traffic officials are considering the advisability of reducing the minimum weight of car loads.

It is reported that the Burlington is trying to establish an independent line between Des Moines and Kansas City.

It is proposed to build an electric line from Lebanon, Mo., to a connection with the Missouri Pacific at Bagnell, a distance of 35 miles.

There is talk of calling a special session of the Montana legislature to defeat the possible consolidation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

Trunk line presidents are again in session, wrestling with traffic problems. It is proposed to establish a permanent commission in which the ratemaking power shall be vested absolutely.

### UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

Forty persons were poisoned in Iowa by eating poisoned meat.

Fire destroyed 10 buildings including the bank at Melrose, Ia.

Four children of a family at Bristol, Tenn., were burned to death.

Forest fires threaten the Soo Line's property at Gladstone, Mich.

The Y. M. C. A. building at Washington was almost entirely destroyed by fire.

A flood destroyed a great part of Silver City, N. M. No lives are reported lost.

The sinking of the earth at Burex, Bohemia, has rendered 2,500 people homeless.

The lugger Zenith was burned off Baltimore, Ireland. Nine persons were drowned.

A train bearing returning pilgrims, was wrecked near St. Brienc, France, and 12 people were killed.

John Brokaw, while training for a bicycle race at Wheeling, W. Va., collideded with a trolley car and was killed.

News has been received at Washington that the colony of American negroes in Mexico are starving and in need of immediate aid.

### CRIMINAL NEWS.

Kansas City is flooded with counterfeit money.

Joseph A. Bean was hanged for murder at Washington.

Ex-Treasurer Woodruff of Arkansas has been released on bond.

Henry Rolin, living near Manchester, Ia., killed his brother and himself.

A Lake Shore train was held up near Stryker, O. The robbers got \$150.

Two deputy sheriffs were held up and robbed southeast of Perry, O. T.

Secretary Cunningham of the Kansas City race track was robbed of \$1,000.

Albert Surprise was lynched at Backhorn Island, N. Y., for an assault on a little girl.

Robert Coombs, 13 years old, was held for trial in London for the murder of his mother.

Rosario Gardono, the seventh victim of the Italian Mafia murderers, died at New Orleans.

Philip Nicholas, who murdered two men by drowning them, was hanged at Richmond, Va.

John R. Martin, a Kansas City election judge, indicted for alleged fraud, has surrendered.

William F. Fredericks, who murdered a bank cashier, was hanged at San Quentin, Cal.

Five Arkansas convicts made a break for liberty and one was killed and another wounded.

John H. Brady, who robbed the Oregon express and killed Sheriff Bogard, has been captured.

I. L. Connors of Assumption, Ill., says that he knows enough about Holmes to hang him.

Almost an entire skeleton of a child was found in the Holmes house in Chicago; also part of a woman's skeleton.

Dr. Benjamin S. Mackey, a physician in the United States navy, on waiting orders, committed suicide at Philadelphia.

Two were placed on a railroad track near St. Joseph, Mo. A passenger train stopped within a few feet of them.

Twin City insurance companies are said to have been victimized by graveyard insurance operators in North Carolina.

Cherokee Bill shot and killed Jail Guard Larry Keating at the federal jail in Fort Smith, Ark., and may be lynched.

# QUINLANS PEACH.

### Partial Confession Made by the Alleged Accessories of Holmes.

### KNEW OF HIS MANY CRIMES.

### Murder of the Conner Women and Pitzel Practically Admitted.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—The police have at last obtained a partial confession from Pat Quinlan, the janitor of Holmes' Castle, and have, they believe, positive evidence that Benjamin F. Pitzel was murdered in this city by Holmes and the corpse sent to Philadelphia.

The confession was wormed out of the Quinlans by means of a tip given the local officers by Detective Geyer of Philadelphia, who arrived in this city during the day. The exact nature of the story told by the Quinlans the police will not reveal, and, in fact, Chief Badenoch and Inspector Fitzpatrick have both denied that Quinlan or his wife made any confession at all. Notwithstanding the denial of the police, however, it is positively known that Quinlan

### Made and Signed a Confession.

Later it was learned that the confession covered all the details of the murder of Pitzel, with the exception of the actual place in which the crime was committed. The confession was obtained from the Quinlans only after the hardest kind of work, and at the price of a promise of immunity from punishment for all part the Quinlans may have borne in the murder of Pitzel or other crimes committed by Holmes.

Mrs. Pat Quinlan knew of the disappearance of Mrs. Julia L. Conner in Holmes' Castle and saw the body of the woman after she was dead. She further knew and has admitted that Pearl Conner

Disappeared in the Castle after her return from the Quinlan farm at Lake Michigan. Chief Badenoch took Mrs. Quinlan and her husband to the Castle, with Inspector Fitzpatrick and Detectives Fitzpatrick and Morton. The object of this trip was more for the purpose of letting Quinlan and his wife meet than any other. They were closeted together alone for an hour in the room in which the Julia Conner carpet lies and the chair belonging to the murdered woman stands. What took place between them no one knows, but Chief Badenoch and the detectives are nearer the solution of the Holmes mystery than they ever were before. They now have positive proof that Mrs. Conner and her daughter Julia, or Cora Quinlan, were murdered in the building while the mother was in his employ. Further, Quinlan and his wife

Have Proved to the Police that Mrs. Connor was so well aware of the schemes which Holmes was operating that it became necessary for Holmes to put the woman out of the way.

Pat Quinlan and his wife have admitted partially that a business in receiving and disposing of dead bodies stolen from country graveyards was carried on in the Castle under the direction of Holmes. The graveyards of the western portion of Michigan—Grand Haven, Holland, St. Joseph and other places—were despoiled of bodies. Those were brought to the Castle and chemically treated and then disposed of to medical colleges. The coffins were remade by Holmes, Quinlan and Pitzel and disposed of to undertakers at a fair profit.

Clothing of Mrs. Connor. CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Several articles of clothing found at the Holmes "castle" were identified as having belonged to Mrs. Connor. The identification was by the missing woman's husband, who was taken to the Sixty-third street home by Chief of Police Badenoch and Inspector Fitzpatrick.

### TAYLOR BROTHERS CONVICTED.

Found Guilty of the Murder of the Meeks Family at Carrollton, Mo.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 5.—The jury in the case against the Taylor brothers for the murder of the Meeks family found the defendants guilty of murder in the first degree. It took but one ballot to decide that the brothers were guilty of the heinous crime charged against them and that the penalty for the butchery of Meeks, his wife and two children on the night of May 10 last, should be set at the limit. Sentence was deferred for the present.

### Bishop Howe Dead.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 5.—Bishop Hare of Sioux Falls, S. D., who has been a guest at the Nicollet for several days, received a dispatch from the East conveying the intelligence that his father-in-law, Bishop Howe, of the Central Pennsylvania diocese of the Episcopal church, had just died at his old home at Bristol, E. I. Bishop Howe was 88 years old, and was one of the oldest clergymen in the church.

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