

LOSSES BY THE HUMBLE OIL FIRE.

It Is Believed That at Least a Dozen Men and Fifty Mules Were Incinerated.

Humble, Texas, July 25.—The fire at this place has spent its fury. It was confined to the tanks of the Texas Company, consuming all the oil, about 2,500,000 barrels, that they contained. The last of the tanks caught fire about noon yesterday, and by midnight last night most of the oil in the other tanks had burned out, leaving them empty and relieving the tension of the situation, and causing all anxiety as to the tanks of the Sun and Guffey Companies to abate. At that time it was believed that the fire would burn itself out by today noon.

The remains of four men were discovered in the wake of the fire yesterday afternoon. It can not be ascertained to a certainty how many men perished, but it is believed that fully twelve succumbed to the flames. The carcasses of more than fifty mules were found, but this does not represent the number that are missing. It is known, however, that many of the mules were ridden away by negroes in their mad flight from the scene.

The total loss of property is estimated to be about \$600,000, figuring the price of oil at 25 cents per barrel, together with the loss of the pumping plant and the new roof, costing \$11,000, which had been placed over the tank which was struck by lightning and which was the first to be consumed.

There was no insurance, a statement to this effect having been made yesterday by one of the officials of the company. The Texas Company owned

SECRETARY WILSON ILL.

Strain Under Which He Has Been Laboring Was Too Much.

Washington, July 25.—Secretary Wilson is in a state of collapse, brought about by the strain under which he has been laboring since the disclosures of wrongdoing and bad management in the Department of Agriculture and especially the Bureau of Statistics. He went away last Friday to get some rest, feeling almost prostrated. On his return he had a vomiting spell. The Secretary is confined to his apartments.

There is a demand in Southern newspapers for an explanation from those who last winter rushed to the defense of the Secretary of Agriculture when Representative Livingston of Georgia introduced his resolution calling on the department to state on what information reports are based. Mr. Livingston pressed his resolution, but not only did the Republicans come to the aid of the department, but several Democrats.

"I have nothing to say about that," said Livingston yesterday. "All I have to say is that at that time I would have had more support from the South had the Southern people known as much as I did. I will say that I was here when the Secret Service investigation was going on in order to see that nothing was neglected, and am here to see that the inquiry goes to the bottom. I am sure Mr. Beach is going to the bottom."

Cleveland, the Unshaved.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.: Graver Cleveland, intent on appearing at the Lamont home, came face to face with an awkward situation yesterday. The local barber close their shops on Monday, and the ex-President, after a search which aroused his anger, was compelled to go unshaved.

Woodall Killed.

Houston, Texas: Last night Jennie Woodall, colored, was stabbed and killed, and Lulu Ladlow, also colored, had a warrant sworn out for murder, but the police have so far been unable to arrest her. It arose from old trouble.

May Renew Strike.

Chicago: At a mass meeting of employees held yesterday afternoon at which representatives of over 200 business houses were present it was unanimously decided that no more of the teamsters who have been on strike will be reinstated until all forces involved have called off the strike.

Gen. J. M. Lee Will Report.

Washington, D. C.: Gen. Jesse M. Lee, commanding the Department of Texas, has been ordered to investigate and report upon the advisability of removing the United States troops from the forts below New Orleans on account of the yellow fever.

Triplets.

Cuero, Texas: The wife of Mr. J. J. Smith, day foreman at the cotton factory, gave birth to triplets last evening, a boy and two girls. One of the girls died soon after birth.

Rangers Remain at Hearne.

Hearne, Texas: Capt. Hughes, with two of his Texas rangers, are still in Hearne, and will likely stay here for several days yet, though everything has settled down to a normal state and business is being transacted as before.

San Antonio, Texas: Mrs. Clara Hicks

Walls died in this city last night. She was the wife of C. McAl. Walls of Shreveport and sister of Senator Marshall Hicks of San Antonio and S. B. Hicks of Shreveport.

LOUISIANA NEWS.

NO PANIC THERE.

New Orleans People Undisturbed by Presence of Yellow Fever.

New Orleans, La.: In the outside world paid as little attention to yellow fever in New Orleans as the general run of the population here, there would be no more attention paid to it than on the appearance of a few sporadic cases of any other malignant disease which pass unnoticed. This was illustrated Saturday, when the Louisville and Nashville railroad, which handles the summer traffic to the Gulf coast resorts, had to put on extra trains to accommodate the people who were returning to New Orleans because of the state embargo placed by the Mississippi authorities against New Orleans. One of the Atlanta baseball players, First Baseman Bob Stafford of North Carolina, got scared and jumped the team Friday night, but before leaving he made a better that there would not be over 500 people at Sunday's game. The crowd numbered 6,000, as large as any Sunday crowd of the season.

The only development of the situation was the perfecting of plans to establish detention camps on the various railroads so that those who find it necessary to go to the quarantined territory may after five days secure certificates which will admit them to the quarantined states. These camps will be under the direction of Surgeon J. T. White of the United States Marine Hospital Service, to whom Surgeon General Wyman has assigned several assistants. Surgeon Gutierrez of the Marine Hospital Service arrived here Sunday and was in consultation with Dr. White and the local authorities. All authorities seem agreed on the mosquito theory, and every effort is being made toward the extermination of the pest.

Governor Blanchard also attended the conference. He has placed the state's funds at the disposal of the health board to suppress the fever.

Says Cold Weather Killed the Pest.

Baton Rouge, La.: Wilmont Newell, state entomologist, will address the Shreveport, La. chapter of the Crop Pest Commission, spent Friday in Baton Rouge in consultation with officials. Mr. Newell said the crop situation in Louisiana, so far as the boll weevil is concerned, is good. Since his last visit to the city the weevil has been found in the parishes of Sabine, Vernon and De Soto, but up to the present the damage to the cotton crop by the insect has been small. Mr. Newell said:

"The weevil has not made its appearance in any of the sections in which it operated last year, and I believe that it was entirely exterminated in those parts during the extreme cold weather last winter.

"We have found the weevil this year in western Sabine, Vernon and De Soto parishes, but the damage done up to the present has been limited. Those farmers who have followed the commission's suggestions and planted an early cotton crop, and not tried to cultivate more land than they could handle, will do practically a swell thing this season as any other. Those farmers who have not tried the intense cultivation methods, and have not planted their cotton early, are suffering from the weevil.

The charter of the Baton Rouge Realty Company, limited, was filed on Friday with the clerk and recorder of the parish. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, but the company is authorized to commence business when \$25,000 has been paid. The following are the directors and officers: Joseph Gottlieb, president; H. L. Puckett, vice president; Ben R. Mayer, secretary and treasurer; Sol Wexler and Charles Godchaux of New Orleans.

River Packets Labeled.

Monroe, La.: Sull in the admiralty branch of the Federal Court was brought Friday by M. D. Swayze, labeling the steamers Leo, Burges Rex and L. H. S. The vessels were seized by United States Marshal O'Neal. The libellant claims he furnished to L. H. Swayze \$700 to pay expenses of raising the boats, and later became surety for \$266 for the cost of repairing the machinery.

Charter of the Central Savings Bank and Trust Company was filed on Friday with the clerk of the court. The capital of the new concern was fixed at \$100,000, and has all been subscribed.

Powell Mill Plant Burned.

Lake Charles, La.: The fine saw mill on the river front owned by J. C. Powell, together with all the machinery, the planer and part of the lumber in the yards, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon. Fire broke out in a dry kiln, and while seventy employees were fighting the flames there, sparks from the slab pit were blown into the sawmill under the mill. The entire structure burst into flames and burned so rapidly that the workmen were not able to save their own wearing apparel.

To View High School Building.

Donaldsonville, La.: The joint committee of the police jury, town council and school board, which has in charge the arrangements for the erection of the modern high school building, has received an invitation from Mr. Hull, a contractor of Memphis, Tenn. to go to Alexandria at his expense and examine the courthouse and high school buildings erected by him. The invitation was accepted.

Jennings, La.: A party of prominent

ricemen from Cuero, Sacramento and Jennings has returned from a trip to the Mermentau locks and dam, where the ricemen had gone for the purpose of investigating the conditions of the dam, it having been currently reported that the dam was holding back the Mermentau river from flowing into the gulf, and thereby flooding pasture and other lands on both sides of the river for several miles above the dam. The ricemen state that they found that the water is not as high in the Grand Chenier country within six inches as in 1902.

Burning of Waste Oil.

Plaquemine, La.: Fuel oil caused from leakage and waste from the barges that bring oil up Bayou Plaquemine and which was spread over the bayou for quite a distance, caught fire Thursday night from some unknown cause and burned for a long time, causing alarm and anxiety to the citizens of this place. No damage was done. The authorities are taking the proper steps to prevent waste oil from setting up the blaze.

Lieutenant Colonel Sears of the

United States engineer corps, visited Plaquemine Friday for the purpose of inspecting the work on the locks.

CUTS INTO THE STOMACH.

Modern Surgeons Able to Accomplish What Was Deemed Impossible.

Modern surgery's great achievements have been in the abdominal region. For a generation ago fear of blood-poisoning kept the surgeon out of this territory. Here disease entrenched itself and hid the surgeon defiance. But now the surgeon intrepidly enters disease's former stronghold, routs it, and in doing so performs life-saving feats with the organs that seem absolute miracles to the unlooking world.

Take the stomach. If it is too large the surgeon enfold a portion of the wall and sutures (stitches) the edges; if a part of it is diseased, say with cancer, he cuts it out, sutures the edges, and if necessary, cuts a new opening for the head of the small intestine and sutures it into place; if the esophagus is obstructed so that food can not be taken naturally a tube is inserted through the abdominal wall into the stomach, and when the man is hungry he merely drops a premeasured meal into the tube; or, in case a cancerous area is so large as to demand such a severe operation, the surgeon may remove the entire stomach and suture the esophagus to the duodenum.

Contrast this last operation with the working principle of the '70s, that to enter the stomach is death, and you see how far surgery has traveled in a generation. This last operation is, of course, rarely performed even now, but there are to-day a few stomachless persons in the world (one returned to work within two months after the operation), attending to their regular duties, taking a special diet, and apparently just as happy as if their stomachs were not in jars on laboratory shelves.—Leslie's Magazine.

Mr. Noble's Promise Given.

In the early stages of his ministry, the Rev. Mr. Noble preached for some time in a village in Maine. One day a committee called upon him to settle with him for his services, and after stammering a while signified to him that his further services were not desired.

"What does this mean, gentlemen?" asked the parson.

"Why," replied the spokesman, with some hesitation, "the people have got the impression that you are inclining to universal salvation."

"Gentlemen," answered Mr. Noble, "I never preached that doctrine; but if I ever should, I promise to make the people of this town an exception."

The Golden Day.

Some golden day and glorious you and I will do the great things we have planned to do.

And men will turn as we are passing by, and whisper to their friends, and people who will be with us.

With patronizing phrases greet us now. Will boast when either of us condenses them.

To give them spoken greetings or to bow, Distinguishing them 'er their envious friends.

Some golden day and glorious we will The sweet rewards of greatness and Which comes in fair companionship with fame.

And they for whom we now must stand aside Will, fawning, take their hats off to us.

And we will sneer down at them where they stand.

At least when we are snubbed by other men We vow it shall be thus—but that is all.

—S. E. Kiser.

Figuring Out 100 Sons-in-Law.

A few years ago, in the town of Littleton, N. H., lived a man named Ben Flake, who was the typical New Englander. One day a visitor at his house asked him if he had a large family.

"No," he replied, "I have only three girls, but I have 100 sons-in-law."

"How is that?" asked the stranger, astonished.

"Well, stranger, it is this way. My oldest girl married a pretty good sort of a man. He counts one. The other two girls married good for nothing men. They are nothing but ciphers. As I had two ciphers make 100, you've got it."

A honeymoon is the calm before the storm.

The June bride now occupies the center of the stage.

He who wears a long face doesn't necessarily live the longest.

You can drive a boy to school, but you cannot make him learn.

Any fool can write poetry, but it takes a wise guy to swap it for ready money.

Many a man works his friends so that he may be in a position to play the races.

Men who talk much usually say but little, and bore everybody except themselves.

Nothing worries a pessimist more than the noise made by people who shout for joy.

Boarding house beefsteaks are the only satisfactory substitutes for leather yet discovered.

In marriage one and one make one; in divorce one from one leave two.

When a young man asks for the hand of an heiress he means the one in which she carries her purse.

Occasionally a bachelor kisses a baby girl because he hasn't the nerve to tackle one nearer his own size.

In later years it usually gives a married man a headache every time he hears another man whistling the wedding march.—Chicago News.

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