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\$4,000 FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS.

Gin and Cotton Burned--Planters Commence Grinding--Colored Girl Dies from Burns--Bayou Goula Murder.

Sugar Planters Commence Grinding.
The sugar planters in the vicinity of Patterson have commenced grinding and report a satisfactory yield. The drouth is unbroken, and rain is needed badly.

Gov. Foster has been ill.
Gov. Foster returned to Baton Rouge Saturday morning after spending a week at his home in St. Mary parish. He states that he has been quite unwell for several days.

Young Allen Meets With an Accident.
Ogle Allen, a young man from New Orleans, while out hunting with a crowd of boys at Tangipahoa, met with a serious accident by shooting himself through both hands, a portion of the lead entering the face. He was taken to the hospital Saturday evening.

Gin and Cotton Burned.
The ginhouse on Duckpond plantation, the property of Mr. Robert Worrell one mile below St. Joseph, La., containing about 200 bales of cotton, was destroyed by fire at 12 o'clock Saturday. Insurance on the building \$1,000 and no insurance on the cotton.

Killed by a Flying Timber.
Harry Gliffe, a white man who was employed as edger at the sawmill of the Forest Hill Lumber Company, at Forest Hill, was struck in the face by a piece of flying timber about six inches long, about 1 o'clock Friday, and killed. The piece of timber entered the eye and penetrated the brain. He only lived about an hour and a half after being hit. He was a Canadian by birth and was about 27 years old.

The Bayou Goula Murder.
An application for a preliminary hearing in the case of Angelo Baccaro, charged with the murder of Mrs. Tel-esphore Landry, in Bayou Goula, Iber-ville parish, has been made, and an order fixing Friday, October 30th, as a day for the said hearing, signed by Judge E. B. Talbot, Messrs. Chandler Luzenberg, of New Orleans, and C. K. Schwing, of the local bar, are representing the accused.

Colored Girl Dies from Her Burns.
Sunday evening about 7 o'clock Ernestine Riley, colored, at Clinton, tried to light a coal oil lamp from a fireplace. She dropped the lamp and broke it, and the oil from the lamp caught fire and set fire to the girl's clothing. She left the house and ran some distance to a small bayou, jumped into it and put out the flames. But all of her clothing was burned from her and she was so badly scorched that she died.

A \$4,000 Fire.
In New Orleans at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night an alarm of fire was sent in from the New Orleans Bee for a fire that originated through some unknown cause in the ironing room on the second floor of the four-story brick annex in the rear of the four-story building Nos. 336, 338 and 340 Chartres street, owned by Bienville and Conti streets, owned by D. Mercier's Sons, and occupied by Max Frankel as a pants factory. The annex, valued at \$2,000, was destroyed. The stock in the ironing room was damaged to the amount of \$1,000, which is covered by a policy in the Navra agency. The main building was not damaged. About 10 o'clock the wall fell on the unoccupied house No. 330 Chartres street, owned by Jos. Brandner, and damaged it to the extent of \$1,500. The building No. 328 Chartres street, also owned by Mr. Brandner, and occupied by August Muller as a saddle factory, was damaged about \$200.

Ran Him Down.
After chasing for two months, all the way from Chicago to New York and back again, W. A. Pinkerton and Superintendent Thomas A. Vallius, of the Chicago Pinkerton agency Thursday arrested in New Orleans James E. Bassett, trusted employe and book-keeper of the Swift Packing Company of Chicago, on the charge of having embezzled \$6,000 from his employer. Bassett's capture is considered a star play, a case that has taxed the ingenuity of the best detectives. It was during September that the bookkeeper suddenly disappeared. Suspicion was aroused, and the Swift Company found to their surprise that Bassett was a defaulter to the extent of \$40,000. He was insured with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, and this company had signed his bond. James E. Bassett was a Denver, Colo., coal

merchant before going to Chicago. Going to the latter city he found employment with the Swift Packing Company, about the same time becoming infatuated with a woman of high life. He lived beyond his means, and it is said that when the cashier would turn in cash to him for deposit in the bank, Bassett would pocket the cash and enter it up as a deposit. When arrested he had \$400 and two diamond rings, and a promissory note for \$100 in his pocket. The Pinkerton men left for Chicago Thursday night with their prisoner. Sheriff Lucas has a Sharp Skirmish.

A serious affray occurred Monday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock on the river opposite Kleinston near the Louisiana shore, the participants being Sheriff C. H. Lucas and posse, of Madison parish, and James Shea and James Dundas, the latter of Delta, the former living near Kleinston on the Mississippi side. Ten or a dozen--some say more--shots were fired in the encounter, which resulted in Dundas being wounded in the side, a flesh wound as reported, and in the capture of both men, who were taken to jail at Tallulah. Shea and Dundas have been running, it is reported, a skiff ferry between Vicksburg and the Louisiana shore, without paying a privilege tax for the same. An officer who came to arrest them a day or two since is reported to have been baffled by their display of weapons, accompanied by a degree of defiance which induced Sheriff Lucas to come for them himself, Monday, bringing a posse of three or four men with him. Some of these were on the steam ferry boat, with the sheriff, and some near the margin of the river when the arrest was again attempted. Shea and Dundas were in their skiff at the time and when hailed are said to have fired on the sheriff, who luckily was not injured. The fire was promptly returned by the posse, which was armed with Winchester and shot-guns, and Dundas was wounded. They then surrendered to the officers.

LATEST LOUISIANA NEWS.

Suicide of Frank Hymel.
Word reached Thibodaux, Monday morning that Frank Hymel, a son of the venerable, Dransin Hymen, near Labadenville, shot himself to death on his bed Sunday afternoon. Deceased was about twenty-seven years of age and much esteemed by his friends.

Levee Letting.
In the office of the State engineers, in New Orleans, Tuesday, bids were opened on two Red river levees, with the following result: Cut-off Bayou to Ashton levee, situated about four miles below Alexandria, and containing about 10,000 cubic yards, was let to Jordan Bros. at 7 cents a cubic yard. The Overton levee, situated about twenty-eight miles below Alexandria, including about 75,000 cubic yards, was let to M. L. Linnan at 8.73 cents a cubic yard. Chief State Engineer Major Richardson and Assistant State Engineer Sidney Lewis left for Buras levee district Tuesday night.

Hunter Wrestles With Mosquitoes.
Messrs. George Flasch and Reno J. Montz, of Thibodaux, went hunting Sunday in the woods in the rear of the Leighton plantation, about two miles above Thibodaux. In the hunt they became separated. Flasch returned home Sunday night, but Montz failed to make his appearance. Monday morning his horse was found hitched where he had left him when he started into the forest. A number of friends left to search for the lost man and succeeded in finding him, after he had passed the night in company with the mosquitoes, who left their marks upon him.

Fight Between Detectives and Thieves.
A pitched battle took place early Friday morning between a squad of railroad detectives and freight car thieves at Collinwood, a suburb, of Cleveland, O. A fusillade of shots were exchanged and Michael Ryan, one of the thieves, was fatally shot. The officers had watched the gang break open a car and enter. They then surrounded the car and demanded that the men inside surrender. This the robbers refused to do and began shooting, which was promptly responded to by a volley from the officers. The robbers, with the exception of Ryan, finally jumped from the car and ran. It is believed several of their number were wounded. Ryan, who was shot through the abdomen, was taken to the general hospital, where it is said he cannot recover.

Demanded His Release.
The Marquis of Salisbury has demanded the immediate release of Sun-Yath-Sen, the Chinese physician said to be a British subject, who was, according to the statement of his friends, kidnapped while passing the Chinese legation in London, and who is held a prisoner in the legation on the charge of having been engaged in a conspiracy to overthrow the Manchu dynasty.

A Texas Merchant Assignment.
W. B. Buckner, general merchant, at Athens, Texas, has assigned, naming W. Y. Aycock as assignee. Preferences foot up \$16,000. Assets are not given.

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