WILL REOPEN WIND CAVE

FAMOUS HOLE IN THE BLACK HILLS HAS BEEN CLOSED TEN YEARS

ALLOTMENTS IN SEVERALTY

Indians on Kiowa, Comanche and Wichita Reservations in Oklahoma Getting Their Individual Homesteads.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, instructed the special agent of the interior department to re-open "the wind cave" in the Black Hills of South Dakota, to inspection by the public. The cave belongs to the federal government and comprises about 1,000 acres. It was withdrawn by order of Jan. 16, 1890. No depredations of acts of trespass of any kind will be permitted upon or within the premises, no specimens will be allowed to be taken away by tourists and no fees or money considerations will be permitted to be charged or received by any one for the privilege of visiting the cave.

Wind cave is so called on account of the strong rushing current of air through the entrance. Several hundred feet below the surface a level is reached from which miles of arched avenues radiate in every direction, embracing a succession of imposing chambers. The ceilings are pendant with gems of stalacyte formation, while around the walls in iches carved out by the action of the water, are specimens of deftly wrought statuary, fragile foliage, chast columns of the most elaborate architecture and forms resembling birds and animals.

Vandalism has been responsible for much injury to the beauties of the place. The withdrawal over a year ago was designed to prevent a recurrence of this evil in the future.

INDIAN ALLOTMENTS.

The work of making the allotments in severalty to the Indians, the last prerequisite to readiness for opening to settlement the surplus lands of the Kiowa and Comanche and the Wichita reservations in Oklahoma, is progressing rapidly and is expected to be finished by the latter part of this morning.

Indian Inspector Nessler, who is rushing the alloting work, telegraphed from Oklahoma today that he had just mailed a schedule of 500 allotments and would mail 500 more next week. These will make a total of 1,200 thus far. There are to be 3,000 allotments in the Kiowa and Comanche and over 1,000 in the Wichita reservations, including those already made.

CHILE-NICARAGUAN TREATY.

The state department has received from United States Minister Merry at San Jose, Nicaragua, translations of certain parts of the recent reciprocity treaty between Chile and Nicaragua. The minister expressed the opinion that the trade between the two countries will be materially extended by the treaty.

In Chile the following articles are exempt from customs duties: Unrefined sugar of any grade and color, coffee, tobacco, unmanufactured medicinal plants and herbs, indigo, rubber, cocoa, dye woods, cabinet and building timber. In the open ports of Nicaragua, fine wines, flours, fruits and vegetables (fresh, dried or preserved, in paste, dry and pressed), potatoes and salt petre are exempt. The customs authorities and consuls of each country must certify the shipments. By the terms of the agreement, vessels of both countries shall be considered as though they were under the same flag. If either country makes a treaty of the same character with another country, excepting Venezuela, Ecuador and Central America, the present treaty is without effect if either of the countries so desires. Counting from the date of its ratification, the duration of the treaty will be five years.

SOLDIERS' HEALTH GOOD.

Surgeon Gen. Sternberg is very much gratified at the showing made in the recent report from Manila of less percentage of sick than at any time since the American troops were sent to the Philippine. He attributes the better condition to several causes, but notably to the fact that officers and men understand the importance of taking good care of themselves as to diet. Gen. Sternberg says the training and education of the surgeons in the Philippines has good results. These officers have learned how to treat tropical diseases and complaints indigenious to the islands, mores uccessfully than formerly.

The soldiers in the Philippines are to all intent and purposes regulars and officered by regular officers or volunteer officers and the men are compelled to conform closely to the restriction to diet and, etc., etc.

GAGE BUYS BONDS.

Secretary Gage is going ahead, quietly buying bonds for the account of the sinking fund, whenever offers are made to the government at what he considers a reasonable price, which is not far from 113½. The purchases thus far have amounted to $7,110,750. All this money has gone out of the treasury into the open market, but it has been in small lots. For instance, the purchase closed yesterday were for $60,000 at 113.6123, and $85,000 at 113.6150.

The curious thing is that the bankers don't seem to have waked up to the situation. They can sell profitably their four per cent bonds to the treasury at figures quoted, buy 2 per cent bonds at the market quotation, use them as a basis of circulation and make money by the transaction.

Under the new law the bank saves one half of 1 per cent a year of the tax on circulation when the new 2 per cent bonds are used. It is about an even thing to exchange this 4s at 112½ for the 2s at 106¼. The saving of the taxes on bonds deposited to secure circulation amounts to about $500 on each $100,000. About $25,000,000 in the 4 per cent bonds are now used as a basis for circulation. The full tax rate must be paid on them. They are owned by the banks, and they could be sold to the treasury at the current rate, thus permitting the purchase of 2 per cent bonds at the market price, with a consequent saving to the bankers of the country on their tax on circulation of over $125,000 every year.

The advantage of selling bonds to the treasury may become mbre apparent later, when money gets a little tighter. There is already deposited in the National banks, to the credit of the treasurer of the United States, $90,000,000 in round numbers. This can be increased considerably, of course, but possibly not without some criticism of the secretary. At the rate speculation has been going in Wall street, it will be utterly impossible for the treasury under the law to do anything like meeting the demand for money which is certain to ensue in the case of a rapid slump in prices in Wall street.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Myron Young was appointed postmaster at Ralston, Carroll county, Io.

The wife of Admiral Dewey was reported slightly better. She has been suffering of late with tonsilitis.

Charles Gullicksen, of North Dakota, has been appointed to a $660 clerkship, and Ralph H. Whitcomb, of Wisconsin, to an $840 position in the treasury department.

A number of boards have been convened by the war department for the purpose of examining enlisted men who desire to submit to competitive examination for promotion to second lieutenant. Gen. Otis is at the head of such a board at Chicago, Gen. Merriam at Denver and Col. Chambers McKibben at San Antonio.

A dispatch from Admiral Kempff to the navy department brought word that the gunboat Bennington would be detached from the Asiatic station and would sail for the United States on July 1, following the Petrel. This is a movement in the general reduction of the fleet in Asiatic waters which has been going on for some time. Both ships will come to Mare island and undergo repairs.

Not a single application has been received for the office of steamboat boiler inspector at Manila at $2,250 a year. An examination for the place will be held by the civil service commission on May 23 and announcement to this effect was made several weeks ago, but no candidates are yet in sight.

Secretary Gage, of the treasury department, has appointed an expert commission to superintend the preparation of plans for a new building for the department of agriculture. One of the experts is Cass Gilbert, of New York, late of St. Paul, the man who prepared plans for the new capitol of Minnesota.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor has designated Bernard Osnann, a Chicago business man, to act as special agent of the department to select a site for the public building at Eau Claire. Plans for the new building are nearly completed, and advertisements for contracts for erection will be sent out in a short time.

LATEST TICKS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

Government Appropriates Duties.

COLON, Colombia, May 4.—The government has issued a decree appropriating the export duties, the earnings of the Emerald mines of Muzo and Coscuez and whatever is obtainable from the Panama canal negotiations, for the redemption of the paper money of the republic.

Off by Special Train.

CINCINNATI, O., May 4.—The special train bearing Gov. Nash and about 100 other Ohio citizens, who are to journey to San Francisco to witness the launching of the battleship Ohio, left here this afternoon.

Machinists May Strike.

DENVER, Col., May 4.—The Denver Machinists' union has decided to make a demand for a nine-hour day on May 20, and if it is not granted a strike will be ordered.

Struck by Train.

DECATUR, Ill., May 4.—Mrs. Adam Stoker, in a carriage, was struck by a Wabash fast train on a crossing and instantly killed this evening.

Mayoralty Contest in Court.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 4.—The supreme court today decided a preliminary motion in the controversy over the mayoralty contest to the effect that the city council is allowed to waive Judge Hazen's order commanding them to give a certificate to Parker, the Democratic candidate. The court also decided that Hughes who holds the office of mayor, must make no appointments until the case is decided by the supreme court.

Editor Is Horsewhipped.

SIOUX CITY, Io., May 4.—Mrs. F. F. Watson, of Pierson, seven miles east of here, horsewhipped O. M. Thatcher, editor of the Pierson Enterprise, on the streets of Pierson today. The attack was due to a sensational article printed in the Eenterprise regarding her alleged relations with Rev. A. B. Cash, of the First Christian church. Mr. Cash was dismissed from his church last night.

Sentenced to Be Hanged.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 4.—Charles May, murderer of Robert Martin, a Buchanan county farmer, was sentenced today to be hanged June 26.

No Concessions for Germany.

LONDON, May 5.—The Berlin correspondent of the Sunday Special declares that the statements that Germany has secured a concession in Canton, of which it will shortly take possession, or has made a special demand upon China, are absolutely without foundation.

Mills Start Up.

SHARON, Pa., May 4.—The puddling department at the Wilkes rolling mills has resumed operations, giving employment to a large force of hands. The tin plate and wire departments of the Sharon Steel company will go into operation next Monday. Two hot mills at the tin plate plant will soon be lighted.

Raymond's Remains Identified.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., May 4.—The charred body, consisting of a portion of the trunk and head, was all that was found this afternoon of Israel Raymond, who lost his life in the Gurney refrigerator fire of April 28.

Wedding Tour Cut Short.

BUCYRUS, O., May 4.—Frank L. Bowen, proprietor of the Windsor hotel at Jacksonville, Fla., was married to a Bucyrus girl yesterday, and after the ceremony a telegram telling of the destruction of the Windsor hotel was handed to him, with the result that the wedding journey was cut short.

Chief Will Pay Indemnity.

MOMBASA, May 4.—The Jubaland expedition has occupied Ofulido. The chief has agreed to pay a fine for the murder of Mr. M. C. Jenner, British subconsul and vice consul, who was killed in November last during a night attack on his camp by professedly friendly natives.

Italy to Build Navy.

ROME, May 4.—The chamber has adopted an amendment providing for naval estimates to 1906, and appropriating 121,000,000 lire for a merchant navy.

Chicago Anarchist Arrested.

LONDON, May 5.—A dispatch from Marseilles says that Arthur Tracy, said to be a Chicago anarchist, was arrested there upon landing from a steamer from Genoa.

Haytien Exchange Rises.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 4.—Advices received here says the Haytien exchange has risen to $1.43 owing to a great scare among merchants and banks over Germany's alleged threat to retaliate on Hayti because of the refusal of the republic to grant Germany the same privileges as had been given to France.

Strikers Have Won.

TOLEDO, O., May 4.—The 700 union carpenters in Toledo have won their strike and went back to work today, receiving $2.40 for eight hours instead of $2.25 for nine hours, as was the case before the strike.

Atlanta Aids Fire Sufferers.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 4.—A train load of provisions, clothing and other articles needed by the sufferers will leave Atlanta tonight for Jacksonville. With the train will go fifteen men of Atlanta, a special committee to distribute the articles sent from this city.

Imports of Specie.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The imports of specie this week were $68,094 gold and $168,950 silver. Exports of gold and silver from this port to all countries for this week aggregated $953,177 silver bars and coin and $4,018,215 gold. The imports of dry goods and merchandise at the port of New York for this week were valued at $10,487,539.

Bryan to Speak.

OMAHA, Neb., May 4.—The speakers at the Peter Cooper club banquet Tuesday night have announced their subjects as follows: J. J. Points will respond to the toast, "The Peter Cooper Club;" W. Y. Allen will speak on "Our Relations with the Filipinos;" T. H. Tibbles will talk about the "Reform Press." Gen. Weaver's subject is "General Remarks." W. A. Poynter will tell of "The Future of the People's Independent Party," while the subject selected by W. J. Bryan is "Fusion."

Nebraska in Ohio's Class.

OMAHA, Neb., May 4.—Senator Millard has returned from Washington with an unofficial message of congratulation from President McKinley to the Nebraskans. "The president puts Nebraska in the same class as Ohio now," he said. "Nothing will be done about the federal positions until the terms of the present incumbents expire. So far as I know, no plans have been made in regard to the matter."

Mother Goes Insane.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—Mrs. Mollie Randall, wife of Freeman Randall, a farmer living twelve miles north of Edwardsville, Ill., tonight, in a fit of temporary insanity, shot and killed her two-year-old daughter and mortally wounded herself with the same weapon. The Randalls are among the most prominent people in the neighborhood.

Cloudburst in Nebraska.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., May 4.—A cloudburst here tonight formed a stream twenty rods wide. The water rushed south, washing out bridges and filling up creeks in many places ten feet deep.

Marries Convict in Jail.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 4.—Winfield J. Hunt, said to be the son of a wealthy contractor of Decatur, Ill., and Miss Clara A. Rogers, of the same city, were married in the county jail today by Justice Lochrie. Thursday Hunt, who has been known in Salt Lake as Harry Wilson, was found guilty of highway robbery.

Bloody Juvenile Fight.

EL PASO, Tex., May 4.—As the result of a pitched battle between American and Mexican small boys, Anastielo Pallen, nine years of age, is dead from the effects of a rifle ball wound, and three American lads, whose ages range from twelve to fourteen, are in jail on warrants.

Plows Destroyed by Fire.

DALLAS, Tex., May 4.—The repository of the Southern Rock Island Plow company here was destroyed by fire tonight, and the loss is estimated at $250,000, with about $150,000 insurance. The fire was caused by lightning.

Lufkin, Tex., Scorched.

LUFKIN, Tex., May 4.—Fire this afternoon swept away twenty-two business houses and their contents, entailing a loss of about $65,000, on which there is little insurance.

Big Blaze at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 4.—Orr, Hume & Co., wholesale grocers, and three other wholesale houses in Market street, are burning. Loss will be heavy.

Southern Textile Unionists Visiting.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 4.—The delegation of Southern textile union officials, who stopped over in this city yesterday, en route to the convention of the International Textile Workers, in Holyoke, Mass., departed for that city this afternoon.

New Chagrin River Docks.

COLUMBUS, O., May 4.—The Willoughby Dock company was incorporated here today with a capital stock of $60,000. The company is composed of Youngstown capitalists, who have extensive furnace properties at Willoughby. They will build extensive docks at the mouth of Chagrin river, and construct a belt railroad to get cheap ore to their furnaces. It is said that the erection of a large steel plant is also contemplated.

Fire Does $75,000 Damage.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—A six-story brick warehouse, at 116 Chestnut street occupied by Charles Webb & Co., importers of wool, was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

Strike Seems Imminent.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 4.—The discharge of six machinists at the McKees Rocks plant of the Pressed Steel Car company today will result in a strike at that plant Monday unless the company recedes from its position and reinstates the discharged men.

Ohio Democratic Convention.

CLEVELAND, O., May 4.—The Democratic state committee in secret conference at Columbus today decided to hold the state convention of that party in Cleveland between July 15 and Aug. 5.

Veteran Educationalist Dead.

ROANOKE, Va., May 4.—Charles L. Cocke, president of Hollins institute, one of the most widely known colleges for women in the South, died here today, aged eighty-one. Mr. Cocke had been president of Hollis since 1855.

Old Engineer Killed.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 4.—Engineer E. V. Coggins, one of the oldest engineers on the Santa Fe road, was killed today. He leaned out of his cab window today while his train No. 6 was passing Plymouth and a mail crane struck him upon the head, crushing in his skull.

Launched From New Yards.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—The first launching at the New York Shipbuilding company's yards, on the Delaware river below Camden, took place this afternoon, when the steamer M. S Dollar, built for the Robert Dollar company, of San Francisco, was launched.

Two Millions Subscribed.

CLEVELAND, O., May 4.—Two million dollars of stock in the Miami & Erie Canal Transportation company was subscribed in half an hour by Cleveland capitalists today. The company will equip the canal between Toledo and Cincinnati with trolleys

Comet Seen at Melbourne.

MELBOURNE, May 4.—The new comet is visible here.

AFTERNOON NEWS CONDENSED.

Albany, N. Y.—Gov. Odell has signed the anti-scalping bill.

Albany, N. Y.—Gov. Odell has signed the bill appropriating $400,000 for the purchase of the Palisades.

Cape Town—Another comet was observed at 6 o'clock p. m. It was traveling in a northwesterly direction.

Chicago—Rev. C. J. Fowler, of Massachusetts, was chosen permanent president of the national holiness assembly.

Kenova, W. Va.—Henderson Grimmett, a wealthy farmer of Logan, was fired on from ambush and mortally wounded.

Topeka, Kan.—Capt. F. C. Charlesworth, assistant adjutant general, died in this city. He was a veteran of the Civil war, and was a captain in the Twenty-second Kansas regiment, during the war with Spain.

Des Moines, Io.—Mrs. George Rankin killed her thirteen-year-old daughter with a hatchet at their home in Highland Park. The deed is supposed to have been committed in an insane frenzy, brought on by protracted illness.

London—Dorothy, dowager marchioness of Ailesbury, who, as Dollie Tester of the Gaiety theater, married the late Marquis of Ailesbury, was married again March 29, at Shanghai, to a Scotchman named Webster.

Berlin—The reichstag passed the third reading of the bill providing for the support of persons incapacitated by war and the survivors of those killed, and providing compensation in the case of those acting in a military capacity for injuries.

Ashland, Me.—The mill of the Ashland Manufacturing company, the most modern and one of the largest saw mills in Maine, was burned last night, and a large quantity of lumber also was destroyed. The loss is estimated at more than $200,000.

Denver, Col.—John C. Henry, one of the foremost electrical experts in this country, died at his home in this city. Mr. Henry was born in Woodstock, Ontario, fifty-three years ago. He perfected many inventions in connection with the overhead trolley system.

Chicago—Business Agent D. W. Rodrick, of the Chicago lodge, International Association Machinists, said that he will make no effort to have a further conference with officials of the Illinois Central company over the wage question and other alleged grievances.

Boston—All the linemen in the employ of the electric light and power companies of Boston and immediate vicinity, with the exception of the twenty-eight men in the emergency department of the elevated and the police and fire alarm systems of the city, struck today.

Vienna—Emperor Francis Joseph has written autograph letters to Count Goluchowski, president of the imperial council; Dr. von Koeber, the Austrian premier, and President Koloman de Szell, of the Hungarian cabinet, summoning the delegations to meet May 20.

Philadelphia—A side wall of the five-story brick office building at Broad and Market streets, in the center of the city, collapsed. The structure contained about twenty tenants, but it is believed all escaped, having received sufficient warning by the cracking ceiling and walls.

Copenhagen—Max Stahl, president of the American Association of Brewers, has presented Dr. Christian Hansen, of the Carlsberg library, with a congratulatory address from the American brewers and an invitation to be the guest of the brewers of the United States this summer.

London—The war office has received the following report from Lord Kitchener, under date of Pretoria, May 3: "Ten Boers have been killed, three wounded, thirteen have surrendered and 280,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition, 100 wagons and 2,070 horses have been captured since last report."

Scranton, Pa.—More than 1,000 employes of the car shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad at this place, went on strike in support of the men at the Dover, N. J., shops, who are on strike for the reinstatement of two of their number who were discharged because of activity in forming a union.

London—Richard Redhead, who wrote the tune to which "Rock of Ages" is usually sung, is dead. For years he was known as the champion of Gregorian music. He had been organist of St. Mary's church, Paddington, since 1864, set several well known hymns to music and composed various pieces.

Monceau Les Mines, France—The miners' strike is apparently over. Work will be resumed Monday. Those miners who have been dismissed have consented to seek work elsewhere. The collapse of the strike is due to the outcome of the referendum, when only 30,000 miners favored a general stoppage of work.

Chicago—According to reports received here, vessels in the big ice jam in the River St. Clair are in great peril. Thirty vessels, at least, are imprisoned in the ice. Steam is kept up constantly, owing to the fear that when the break comes it may pile the fleet up in a confused mass as the ice sweeps the boats down the current.

New York—The Merchants' association of this city has telegraphed to Gov. Bloxham and the mayor of Jacksonville, expressing sympathy with the people of Jacksonville in their distress, and asking for a statement of immediate necessities. The association will form a committee to receive subscriptions for the relief of the destitute.

Unionville, Mo.—The west-bound passenger train No. 11 on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, ran into a drove of cattle today half a mile west of here. Engineer Blake was instantly killed and his fireman slightly injured. Two sleepers and a combination buffet car rolled down a steep embankment, but none of the passengers was injured.

London—President Bernard M. Baker, of the Atlantic Transport company, sails for New York on the Minneapolis. His visit to the United States will only be a short one, for he expects to be back in London by the beginning of June, when he will meet J. Pierpont Morgan to finish up the details of the Leyland-Atlantic transport deal, in which no new developments appear to have occurred.

Tacoma, Wash.—The Yakima Indian tribe is excited over the murder of Chief Tenawashi, the oldest medicine man of that tribe. He was killed at his home on the Yakima reservation, being shot in the back with a rifle as evidenced by two bullet holes. The Indian agent and police believe that he was murdered because he failed to cure several cases of smallpox.

London—There are further indications that the coal owners and merchants are wavering in regard to the advisability of urging the miners to close the pits. The divisions among the men, too, are becoming more marked. The Derbyshire Miners' association, the membership of which is 30,000, unanimously passed a resolution against the export tax on coal, but by a small majority decided not to stop work.

Lansing, Mich.—Gov. Bliss signed the Detroit "Ripper" bills, which abolish the police and park commissions of that city, establishing one-man boards in their stead, and give to the aldermen the appointing power. A third "Ripper" bill, which the governor also signed, legislates the present superintendent of public works out of office and gives the aldermen power to appoint his successor.

Shamokin, Pa.—Secretary Heitlein, of district No. 9, of the United Mine Workers, received word that the Mahonoy city local of 1,100 men was ready to march by next Monday to Harrisburg to insist on the passage by the legislature of certain anthracite labor bills which the miners claim are being held up in committees of the legislature. The work of mobilizing the men from the districts will begin on Monday.

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The Tapestry Brussels—All the best makers are represented—a choice selection in a variety of over 50 patterns to choose from; suitable for any part of the house. A splendid line of the genuine satisfaction-giving kinds,

China and Japanese Mattings—Especially attractive are they this year. Fresh, clean, latest weaves, including American-made grass and fiber mattings. Some are plain, some in carpet designs, some flower figured, others small fancy checks, squares and stripes, but the most vital point is that they are strong, durable and low priced.

Smyrna Rugs—Some of the most notable offerings of these famous rugs ever made in St. Paul. The designs are rich, mostly Oriental, and the colors are beautiful. Sizes to fit most any room. An extra heavy one, 7 feet 6 inches by 10 feet 6 inches; a cheap rug for $25.00. This week, only..... **$16.00**

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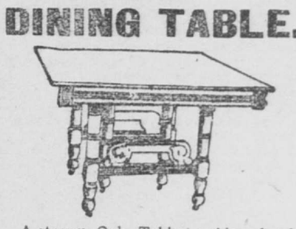

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GIBBONS GOES TO ROME

AMERICAN CARDINAL WILL VISIT THE POPE.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 4.—Cardinal Gibbons will leave Baltimore for New York, accompanied by the Rev. William A. Fletcher, on Thursday next, the day after the Martinelli ceremonies at the cathedral. On the following Saturday, May 11, he will sail for Europe on the steamship Trave, of the North German Lloyd Mediterranean express service. A number of other ecclesiastics will sail on the same steamship with the cardinal including Bishop Heslin, of Natchez, Miss. His eminence will be away three or four months. This will be the cardinal's fifth visit to Europe, his first having been when he was vicar apostolic of North Carolina. He went then to attend the famous Vatican council and was the youngest bishop there.

While he is away Cardinal Gibbons will make his "ad limina" visit to Rome and pay his homage to the sovereign pontiff. Later he will make a short tour of interesting places and go to England, where he will visit Cardinal Vaughn.

NEED NOT GO UNKISSED.

Many a Ruby Lip Willing to Save Prof. Crook.

CHICAGO, May 4.—The tip of Prof. Algia R. Crook's Vandyke beard peers at the visitor above a heap of envelopes. A pathway of envelopes stretches to the door. His feet are ankle deep in envelopes—envelopes of all shades and sizes; envelopes of every hue and texture; envelopes which emit every perfume from the faint suggestive breathings of Cologne to extract of alligator, otherwise known as patchouli. He is the most enveloped man in the West.

All this because he told the world that his lips were virgin of love's kisses.

The writers of the letters which these envelopes contain want to marry him. They want him right away. They will come after him if he says so. They are willing to pay the preacher. They will take the boat trip to St. Joseph; they will elope to Waukegan; they will hire a special train and whisk him to New York; they will charter a steamer and wed him in old St. Paul's, London.

HE COMES HIGH.

They will unite with him secretly; they will give him a blowout so huge and fierce that the social historian of the future will dismiss the Marlborough-Vanderbilt function with a paragraph. He comes high, but they must have him.

Many of the envelopes hold photographs. All styles of feminine beauty are represented; every degree of petticoated ugliness stares from the cardboards. The tall, the short, the fat, the thin, the rounded, the angular, the dark, the blonde, the juvenescent, the senescent, young girls with pouting lips and half-closed luring eyes; old girls with bas-relief elbows and startling teeth—all tell him that to nestle upon his bosom and share the splendors of his fame would be as grateful to them as the shadow of a great rock in a weary country.

This convulsive wish to take him away from all other women is due, of course, to the fact that the American newspapers have made him eligible to stand as a togated statue in the Hall of Fame. But the professor is rather inclined to think it due to the repeated publication of his likeness. The professor is paying the penalties of celebrity. He knows the agonies undergone by John Coughlin, the Count Johannes, Richard Le Gallienne and other towering figures of the concert, the stage and the lecture plaform.

If he maintains his present gait, ahead of him yawns the living tomb of the paranoiac. There are evidences that he is weakening. When seen this morning, his hands rested upon the pile of missives, only ten of which had been opened, and with black luster eyes he stared at the doorway.

TRIED TO STEAL HIS CHILD.

Daniel Russell Had Narrow Escape From Rough Treatment by a Mob.

ERIE, Pa., May 4.—Daniel Russell, of Cleveland, made an attempt to steal his own child in the street in Erie today, and precipitated a riot in which over 150 people took part. They forcibly took the child away from him, and he was hurried to the police station. Just after the child was born, eleven years ago, it was placed in charge of Russell's sister, Mrs. James Mahaney, of this city. This morning the child was sent to market. Coming back a man grabbed at her arm. She ran and caught a car. Russell chased the car four blocks and caught it. The little one escaped from him, and he followed in Fifth street for three blocks, when he again caught her. A crowd of men and women interfered, and only the arrival of the police saved him from injury. Bertha Russell is back at her home, and the case will be fought in the courts.

Shortest and Quickest.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis route to Omaha only twelve hours. Leave St. Paul, 9:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. New equipment.

DESOLATION REIGNS IN JACKSONVILLE

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY THE DESTROYING FLAMES

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of water and went to extinguish the fire.

"But the fire by this time had gained considerable headway. The hose was quickly brought into play, but the fire got away from the men and the alarm had to be sent in.

"There is no fire in the building, the factory being worked with electricity, and it is two months since the boilers were in use. Every effort that could be made to put the fire out was made, but the strong wind and the dryness of everything was too much for the men at the factory, and when the department reached the scene the pine buildings and the flying shingles made it impossible to control the fire."

Chairman of the County Commissioners Board Porcher L'Engle said today:

"A bill will be introduced in the legislature at once to bond Duval for perhaps $200,000 to rebuild the court house and the county jail. I understand that a bill for the issuance of $500,000 city bonds will be at once introduced. Of this $300,000 will be used to take up judgment debts of the city and the remainder to rebuild the city buildings."

The prisoners in the county jail, thirty-five in number, including many for serious offenses, some capital, were marched to Riverside under heavy guard before the fire reached them. This morning the prisoners were taken by the sheriff to Green Cove Springs, Fernandina and St. Augustine.

RICH AND POOR SUFFER ALIKE.

The couty records were placed in the vaults in the court building. Their condition will not be known until the vault cools. The disaster has effectually obliterated the dividing line between the rich and poor and a common catastrophe has made all akin. Beautiful women, wealthy yesterday, penniless today, sat on the curbing beside the beggar, sharing alike the pitiless fate that befell them both. Tonight the sidewalks are thronged with homeless people. The wharves are crowded with sleepers and every available craft in the harbor has been made into a temporary hotel.

Religious services will be held tomorrow in the open air. Not a city church remains standing.

Fire Chief Haney is improved tonight and it is thought he will entirely recover. The children of Dr. P. H. Dean, reported as burned or missing this morning, have been found alive. Dr. Dean's injuries are slight.

President Barnett of the National bank of Jacksonville, is not seriously hurt. There were many prostrations from heat during the day.

GLOWING EMBERS.

Jacksonville is in total darkness tonight save for the red reflection that burns in the sky in the western portion of the city, marking the vast fields of glowing embers that now and then are fanned into flame.

At 6 o'clock the first trolley car was operated since noon yesterday. Later in the evening semi-schedules were maintained in the western end of Bay street and on the Riverside line. At 7 o'clock additional state troops reached the city to relieve the soldiers who had been on duty for more than twenty-four hours.

Crowds are leaving the city on outgoing trains, yet the multitude of homeless people on the streets does not appear decreased. The night scenes are picturesque and pitiful. About the city cordons of soldiers and policemen have been placed and at each corner a soldier stands. Amid the great excitement the day has passed and tonight the city is very quiet and little disorder has been reported.

At a citizens' committee meeting this afternoon a resolution was adopted prohibiting the running of excursion trains into the city. The request had been made by several places for special trains to Jacksonville, but the committee notified the railroads that if the trains were run the excursionists would not be allowed to leave the trains.

The negroes, though hungry and terror-stricken, have so far shown no disposition to give trouble, and at 9 o'clock the entire city is reported quiet. The debris on the eastern end of Bay street is burning briskly, but there is no danger of the flame being spread by sparks unless the wind should become very high.

The Times Union and Citizen announces tonight the receipt of nearly $2,000 contributed to the relief fund from cities throughout the United States.

MANY LIVES LOST.

A sailboat that was at the boatyard was made use of by Alfred Ball, a member of the Jacksonville rifles, who lives in Springfield, a suburb, at Third and Main street. Mr. Ball says:

"There certainly were many lives lost at that point. The shrieks and cries for help that came to my ears during the first moments of the four hours that I was in the river were heartrending and awful. I was utterly helpless to aid. I am positive at least five persons were drowned at that place.

"I got in a sailboat at Gardner's yard at 5 o'clock. There were about fifteen persons abroad, two negroes among the number. When we got into the boat every avenue of escape was cut off. We got a line to the steamer Edith and she pulled up at the dock.

"A moment later the line parted. Two batteaux were drifting alongside and eight persons tried to get into them. In the panic both boats capsized. I saw several go down and drown. Several of those who got out of the sailboat were swept under the wharf at the foot of Market street and I think all must have perished. I got to the wharf and for four hours held to the piling. When I was rescued I was badly burned about the head. I felt a body float against my legs and tried to lift it to the surface, but failed.

"Undoubtedly there were many lives lost at the foot of Market street."

Arthur Cummer, of the Cummer Lumber company, told the following:

"We heard shrieks and calls for help as we steamed from the wharf. We heard a number of persons were in peril on the wharf and made for the pier again. A sailboat was cornered in the docks. Young Coxsetter, of St. Augustine, swam to the steamer Edith and we gave him a line. The line either parted or was burned. In the same instant both steamer and boat were enveloped in deep smoke. We got a glimpse of the sailboat drifting inshore and then disappeared in the flames. As the Edith steamed towards mid-channel to escape we heard agonizing cries for help. There is no doubt but that all in the boat suffered a frightful fate."

The officers and crew of the Edith report that they saved sixty persons who had jumped into the river to escape the flames.

SOME OF THE LOSSES.

Following is a partial list of the estimated valuations of property lost:

Cleveland Manufacturing company, $25,000; Commercial bank, $50,000; First National bank, $15,000; Hubbard's block, $75,000; Industrial Saving and Trust company, $50,000; Windsor hotel and annex, $55,000; St. James hotel, $40,000; Hotel Placide, $25,000; Mohawk block, $50,000; Gardner building, $200,000; Kohn, Furchgott (new), $75,000; Seminole club, $15,000; Elks' club, $20,000; opera house, $10,000; Herkimer block, $25,000; Palmetto block, $50,000; H. and W. R. Drew, $15,000; Hotel Richelieu, $5,000; Ely block, $18,000; United States hotel, $40,000; Albermarle house, $5,000; Christie, Grover & Co., drugs, $100,000; McMurray, livery stable, $50,000; New York Steam Laundry, $18,000; R. D. Knight & Co., $20,000; A. B. Campbell company, $50,000; Hefley Bros., drugs, $10,000; Cable Piano company, $5,000; S. H. Kress & Co., $10,000; Auditorium Skating company, $30,000; C. C. Better, drugs, $18,000; police station, $8,000; Greenleaf & Crosby, $150,000; Merchants' National bank, $10,000; Florida Hardware company, $5,000; East Florida Printing company, $20,000; St. John's hotel, $5,000; Smith building, $28,000; Barton block, $8,000; St. Mary's orphanage, $10,000; Church of Immaculate Conception and parsonage, convent, $11,000; Irkman institute, colored, $10,000; First Baptist church, $10,000; St. John's Episcopal church, $50,000; McIntyre Memorial, Methodist, $35,000; W. S. Ware, residence, $20,000; Senator Taliaferro's home, $10,000; J. R. Parrott, residence, $20,000; Mr. Pollock, residence, $15,000; Col. H. B. Isbec, residence, 10,000; Judge W. B. residence, $5,000; A. W. Cockrell, residence, $15,000; First Christian church, $5,000; Trinity Methodist church, $15,000; Synagogue, $12,000; Bethel Baptist church, colored, $25,000; Ebenezer Methodist church, colored, $10,000; Lutheran church, $5,000; county court house, $60,000; county clerk's office, $10,000; city building, $110,000; Metropolis office, $20,000; Cohen Bros., store, $35,000; Dr. L. Engle, drugs, $30,000; Sanderson & Case, $20,000; county jail, $30,000; Tim Murphy's shop, $35,000; Merrill-Stevens' shops, $70,000; John G. Christopher's store, $20,00; Fleming Law building, $50,000; Bisbee Law building, $40,000; Emery building, $150,000; Board of Trade building, $30,000; Stanton, Duval and High schools, $50,000; Reed block, $75,000; Clark's furniture store, $30,000; McConnihe's building, $50,000; William Eyrnes, $50,000; Mrs. Ochus, $20,000; William Bava, $50,000; Odd Fellows' hall, $10,000; Muller building, $35,000; Bristol building, $50,000; William Boatwick, $40,000; J. P. Porter, dwelling, $40,000.

APPEAL FOR AID.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The following telegram officially reporting the Jacksonville fire and appealing for help was received today at the postoffice department:

"Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—Postmaster General, Washington: Three-fourths of the residence and business portion of the city proper destroyed by the great fire yesterday. The postoffice was in much danger at one time, but was uninjured. Great suffering will ensue and assistance should be sent to the city, as thousands are homeless and without means of support.

—"Dennis Egan, Postmaster."