

# Journal

LAST EDITION.

FRIDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, JUNE 15, 1900.

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TWO CENTS.

## TEN LIVES LOST.

### Tenement House Fire Customary Results.

### Gained Great Headway While Inmates Were Asleep.

### MANY HEROIC DEEDS.

### Policemen Rescue Tenants at Risk of Their Lives.

### A Mother Sacrifices Her Life For Her Children.

New York, June 15.—Ten lives were lost and six people were badly injured during a fire which almost totally destroyed the old five-story tenement, 34 Jackson street, early today. The following is a list of the casualties:

**DEAD.**  
LOUIS MARION, 40 years old.  
ALBERT MARION, 14.  
ELBIE MARION, 6.  
EMMA MARION, 3.  
W. M. COTTER, 40.  
KATIE COTTER, his wife.  
MAMIE COTTER, 11.  
JACOB COTTER, 12.  
KATE COTTER, 13.  
JOHN COTTER, 5.

**INJURED.**  
Mary Marion, wife of Louis, 26.  
Mable Marion, 17.  
Frank Marion, 15.  
Margaret Marion, 9.  
George Cotter, 4 months.  
Patrick Burns, 23.

The body of Mrs. Kate Cotter may prove to be that of Mrs. Mary Marion, wife of Louis.

The fire appears to have started in the rear of the hallway on the second floor. It had gained great headway before the people in the house were awakened to their peril.

The Cotter family lived on the fourth floor. Cotter was a laborer, and in addition to the children who lost their lives he had a son, age 4 months old.

The Marion family lived on the top floor. Patrick Burns appears to have been the first person in the house who was apprised of the fire. He was awakened by smoke that seeped into the room.

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## ALL IN THE DARK.

### Telegraph Line to Peking Has Been Cut Again.

### Last News From Capital Was Dated June 12.

### ALL WAS QUIET THEN.

### Views of Powers on the Situation Not Harmonious.

### France and Russia Urge That Powers Take Charge.

### Others Favor Restoration of the Emperor.

Paris, June 15.—At a cabinet council today, the minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse announced that the telegraph line to Peking had again been cut. The latest dispatch from the French minister there, he said, was dated the evening of June 12, and said the Chinese government had informed him it would not oppose the foreign detachments entering Peking.

The French consul at Tien Tsin, M. Delcasse announced, had telegraphed that all was quiet within the French consular district, which was guarded by French and Russian troops. Finally, M. Delcasse said, a swift, first class cruiser had been ordered to proceed to Taku to reinforce the French naval division at that place.

**PARTITION MAPPED OUT.**  
London, June 15.—A special dispatch from Shanghai dated today says: A report has reached here that the British, American and Japanese negotiators in Peking favor the restoration of Emperor Kwang Zuhut, but that the French and Russian ministers insist upon the power taking charge of the situation. The report further stated that the respective divisions of the country have already been assigned. The belief is that the British will give the British share of the Yang Tse Kiang, an indication of Great Britain's disclaimer of the "sphere theory."

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## EVANS LEFT OUT.

### Pension Commissioner's Delegates Are Turned Down.

### National Committee Decides by Unanimous Vote.

### TENNESSEE CONTEST.

### In Favor of the Brownlow List of Delegates.

### J. Ellen Foster Is Already on the Ground.

Philadelphia, June 15.—The national committee has decided in favor of Brownlow's delegation in the Tennessee contest by a unanimous vote.

The committee was not called together until 11 o'clock today. Mr. Foster again taking the chair. The contest over the delegation from Tennessee was immediately taken up. R. S. Sharp, chairman of the state executive committee, being recognized to speak for the contestants bearing the name of Pension Commissioner Evans.

Mr. Sharp contended on behalf of the Evans contestants that they were pre-ventor from participating in the state convention which chose delegates, and that the whole trouble originated in the state committee which issued the call. He claimed that Mr. Foster had designated a date for holding county conventions, stating that where conventions had not been regularly held delegates should be elected on the day named.

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## ONE OF SIX.

### Ernest Clevenger Pays Penalty of His Crime.

St. Louis, Mo., June 15.—On May 8, 1900, the state supreme court sentenced six murderers to be hanged on June 15. They were John A. Holloway, Osage county; Ernest Clevenger, Clay county; Robert Cushman, Clinton county; Jack Bradford, Fannin county; David Miller, Holt county, and Sam Waters, New Madrid county.

Of this number, David Miller's sentence was recently commuted to fifty years in the penitentiary. Robert Cushman has been granted a stay of execution until June 25, and Jack Bradford was respite until August 14.

**EXECUTION OF CLEVELINGER.**  
Monday, June 15.—Ernest E. Clevenger was hanged here at 5 o'clock this morning in the county court house yard. The execution was witnessed by about fifty men. Clevenger met death fearlessly and walked upon the scaffold unshakingly.

He was taken from his cell to the county collector's office, where his spiritual advisers prayed and talked with him. He made peace with God and was ready to die. He ate a hearty breakfast and calmly smoked a cigar. The death warrant was read to him and he made peace with God and was ready to die.

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## DEWEY OWNS UP.

### Confesses That He Was a Victim of Political Strikers.

### They Urged Him to Become a Candidate For Presidency.

### AND HE CONSENTED.

### Willing to Run If the People Wanted Him.

### Thanks God That They Do Not Appear to Want Him.

### Wouldn't Have Second Place If Offered It.

New York, June 15.—The Herald's Washington correspondent sends a report of an interview with Admiral Dewey, in which he is reported as confessing that his presidential prospects are not good. He said: "Sometimes ago, the leaders, or those whom we have always regarded as the leaders, asked me if I would allow my name to be used in connection with the presidency."

"After thinking this proposition over several weeks, I said, 'yes, and accordingly announce that if the people wanted me to serve in that capacity I would gladly do so."

"But I thank God that they do not appear to want me."

"In these days the people do not select the president. The choice is now made by a few political leaders who put their heads together and fix up their candidates before the national convention receiving the next highest number of votes to the successful man to receive nomination for the presidency and that meant success to the presidency if the party continued in power."

"This led the admiral to the question of whether or not he was seriously considered for vice president. He said some of his very best friends had urged him to make a formal announcement that he would not accept second place on the ticket with Mr. Bryan. This he had declined to do on the ground that the nomination has not been rendered him."

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## PLATT UNCERTAIN.

### New York Republican Leader at Sea on Vice-Presidential Candidate.

New York, June 15.—"If we knew who is to be the Republican candidate for vice president there would be little use in holding the convention, for the renomination of President McKinley is certain," said Senator Platt last night.

The senator declared that he had not pretended to guess the name of the vice presidential candidate. He flatly contradicted a report that he had a conference with Senator Allison of Iowa and Cornelius N. Bliss on Wednesday evening. "I did not talk with Senator Allison and I did not see Mr. Bliss," he said. "And there was no talk about offering the nomination to Mr. Bliss."

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## BOMB ON TRACK.

### Attempt to Blow Up a Mail Car in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., June 15.—As far as outward appearances go there is very little evidence to indicate that a strange explosion on the lines of the St. Louis Transit, with the exception of guards and deputy sheriffs at the numerous car sheds and power houses of the company, everything has a peaceful appearance. Cars on all the divisions are apparently running with as much regularity and as free from interference as before the strike.

The only trouble of a serious nature experienced last night was the attempt to blow up a mail car in the vicinity of Broadway and North Market street. An explosion caused by the car striking a bomb on the track aroused the entire neighborhood from slumber. George Schlessler, aged 21, was arrested by special police officers who said they saw him place the explosive on the track.

The explosion was the result of a strike which, directly, has cost the taxpayers of St. Louis more than a quarter of a million dollars. The explosion mentioned is the cost of protection alone and does not take into account the heavy loss sustained by the merchants and citizens generally as well as the suffering by the Transit company and its striking employees.

At 10 o'clock the striking employees of the Transit company were assembling from all parts of the city to attend the meeting at the West End collection called by their leaders to act on a proposition looking on a termination of the strike. It is understood that the negotiations which resulted in calling of today's meeting have been quietly conducted by a member of the executive committee.

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