

KNOX ON BEEF TRUST

Attorney General Directs Injunction Suit Filed in Federal Circuit Court.

STEPS TO RESTRAIN THE COMBINATION

Bases His Action Upon the Result of the Recent Inquiry by Department.

ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR BILLS IN EQUITY

Says from Investigation Trust Clearly Appears in Restraint of Trade.

DIRECTS CHICAGO OFFICIAL TO DRAW BILL

Contemplated Action Will Be Brought Under Attorney General's Charge in North District Circuit Court of Illinois.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Attorney General Knox today made the following statement regarding the so-called beef trust:

"On April 4 this department directed W. A. Day, esq., of Washington to examine into, as far as practicable, the public charges to the effect that a combination of the large meat dealers had been effected contrary to the provisions of the laws of the United States. This preliminary examination resulted in instructions to Mr. Day and Mr. Bates, United States attorney at Chicago, on April 7, to prosecute simultaneously, in Chicago and the east, all more particular inquiries into the allegations and proofs alleged to exist in support thereof. From their reports I am satisfied that sufficient evidence is in hand upon which bills in equity for an injunction can be framed to restrain the combination mentioned from further proceeding under their arrangements which clearly appear to be in restraint of trade. I have, therefore, in compliance with the law, which provides: 'It shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of the United States in their respective districts under the direction of the attorney general to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain violations of the act,' directed the district attorney at Chicago to prepare a bill for an injunction against the corporation and persons who are parties to the combination mentioned to be filed in the United States circuit court for the north district of Illinois."

FAVORS THE IRRIGATION BILL

Hot Winds from Arid Region Now Menace to the Bordering States.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—William H. Chadwick, chairman of the transportation committee of the Board of Trade of Chicago, has written a letter to Representative Newlands of Nevada, the author of the pending irrigation bill, presenting new reasons why this measure should be passed.

Mr. Chadwick holds that the states lying south of the Colorado river are suffering from a result of the burning heat coming from the arid quarters. He says:

"In behalf of many interests which will suggest themselves to you from my official position I call your attention to the fact that the argument in favor of the bill now in the house of the districts which compose the 'arid lands' is by reason of the fact that heat produced through the eastward movement of all atmospheric air which crosses the continent and always has been a menace to all that great agricultural country lying to the east and northeast of the section in question, notably Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Colorado. The tremendous losses experienced within the past twelve months by farmers, the live stock raisers, the miners, and the stock raisers are fresh in our minds. A veritable calamity."

The great loss entailed through the partial failure of the corn crop and enforced substitution of a larger quantity of other grain to supply the deficiency thereby caused with wheat, rye, oats, etc., resulted in a curtailment of the export trade to an extent as to be not only extraordinary, but in some instances, as with corn, sensational.

The effects in the eastern or consuming states are notable inasmuch as a large part of the union has been unaffected by the conditions produced by the scorching blight which, originating in the west, has devastated the crops over a large and important part of the country.

NEW PORTUGUESE MINISTER

Succeeds Santos-Thyrso, Removed for Sending Premature Cable of President McKinley's Death.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Senor Taveira, the Portuguese charge, has informed the State department of the arrival in Washington of Visconde de Alito, the newly appointed Portuguese minister, who replaces Santos-Thyrso. The new minister is expected to appear at the State department tomorrow.

Private correspondence makes it clear that the former minister was a victim of misunderstanding which cost him his post. It was always an official mystery as to why he left Washington so suddenly without a word of his purpose. It was rumored that his disappearance was connected in some manner with the death of the late President McKinley.

It is now learned that the minister was told at the White House when the late president was nearing his end that his death had actually occurred, a result of a misread telegram. The minister hastened to inform his government by cable. Mr. McKinley did not die until a day or two later and the minister's departure for foreign affairs had meanwhile unwittingly carried a premature report, for which Santos-Thyrso paid the penalty in losing his position.

SENATOR IN POLICE COURT

Clark of Montana Accused of Automobiling Faster Than Law Permits.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—When Senator Clark of Montana arrived at the senate annex today in his automobile he was interviewed by two bicycle policemen. They ascertained that he had been exceeding the speed limit of twelve miles an hour. The senator declared that he had not been going more than ten miles an hour.

The officials requested that the chauffeur appear at the police court tomorrow morning and the senator announced that he would do so.

He also added that he did not intend to violate any regulations, but he did not intend to be subjected to unnecessary annoyances and would fight the case to the end.

MAY CANCEL THE SUBSIDY

British Admiralty to Investigate Legal Standing of New Ship Contracts.

LONDON, April 24.—In the House of Commons today the secretary of the admiralty, Hugh O. Arnold-Forster, replying to a question asked the admiralty was considering the whole matter of the subsidies with the view of defining the position of the admiralty in the event of any arising, such as the suggested combination.

When the present form of agreement was settled upon no trade combination was contemplated, but the admiralty had appointed a committee to consider and report upon the purpose and form of the future subsidy agreements. The admiralty in the meanwhile had made arrangements with the White Star line which included the possibility of any of their armed cruisers or merchant steamers being transferred to a foreign flag without the consent of the admiralty during the unexpired portion of the admiralty agreements.

Important legal points were involved, including the question of whether in the event of war there was anything to prevent these companies from substituting a foreign for the British flag and whether the admiralty has the means of enforcing its rights of pre-emption or hire in such case, or if by allowing the subsidies the companies could claim that right of pre-emption ceased. All such points would be carefully considered and the additional admiralty's rights would be ascertained.

It was said this afternoon that the present uncertain position of the Cunard and other steamship companies standing out from the Atlantic combine was to some extent due to the action of the admiralty, as outlined by Mr. Arnold-Forster in the House of Commons today.

TOWER ON HIS WAY HOME

United States Ambassador to Russia Enroute Denies Alleged Cruelties of Cossacks.

LONDON, April 24.—Charlesmarie Tower, the United States ambassador to Russia, has arrived in London on his way to the United States. He will sail for New York on the American steamer St. Paul May 2, and will go direct to Washington to see President Roosevelt, and will return to St. Petersburg after a short stay in Philadelphia.

Mr. Tower said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"I cannot discuss the reports of disturbances under the charge of military officers. However, you can say that the reports in England are generally much exaggerated. The charges of which I believe have done much to explain to America the true conditions in Russia. One report only says that the Cossacks upon unprotected mobs, upon whom they inflict knoutings and other hardships. How mistaken is your impression. I know from personal experience. A short time ago I accompanied an entire crowd on whom Cossacks charged. They came riding down, not very fast, with swords not drawn, and they were shouting: 'Please pass on. I saw not a single trace of brutality. One report says that the Cossacks have been police who had not the same consideration for the Cossacks as those who are always portrayed as those who have no cavalry could have handled a mob.'"

Mr. Tower will be presented to King Edward prior to his departure for America.

TROOPS FOR BOCAS DEL TORO

Three Hundred and Fifty Soldiers from Panama Reinforce the Peaceful City.

COLON, April 24.—The United States gunboat Macchia returned to Colon today from Bocas del Toro, where quiet has been restored. This city was reinforced yesterday by 350 soldiers from Panama.

PANAMA, April 24.—An American who has just arrived here from Bocas del Toro, confirms the previous reports that the ex-civil and military chief of the revolution, Bolivar Ferras, Secretary Mendosa and General Ramirez, have been made prisoners by the revolutionary commander, General Herrera, for insubordination.

WILHELMINA NOT SO WELL

High Temperature Admonishes Physicians that the Crisis is Not Yet Passed.

THE HAGUE, April 24.—The bulletin issued this morning from Castle Leo says Queen Wilhelmina had another quiet night. The patient's temperature is satisfactory, and she is taking sufficient nourishment.

A bulletin issued from Castle Leo at 3 o'clock this afternoon says:

Recurrence of high temperature this afternoon, which manifest that every case is still serious.

Mystery at the Vatican.

ROME, April 24.—There is considerable speculation at the Vatican regarding the reported United States mission to be appointed to discuss the taking over of the lands of the religious orders in the Philippines. No one here seems to know when the mission may be expected, but it is rumored that the Bishop of San Francisco, Right Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, is preparing the ground for it. There is some question regarding the character of the reception to be accorded the mission. The pope, it is said, is desirous of receiving the mission privately.

Secret Conference is Held.

BALMORAL, Transvaal, Wednesday, April 23.—Secretary of State Reitz of the Transvaal, General Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces, and other members of their party who arrived here Friday night have concluded their conferences with the burghers composing General Lucas Meyer's command. Nothing has leaked out regarding the result. Secretary Reitz returned here yesterday and proceeded to Pretzburg.

Passed to Second Reading.

COPENHAGEN, April 24.—The Landsting today passed the second reading of the majority report on the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States by a majority of 32. Twenty-eight members abstained from voting. It will be decided by the Folketing April 25.

Attempts to Enter Palace.

MADRID, April 24.—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the arrest of a Frenchman who attempted to enter the royal palace. The prisoner gave the name of Saury. Nothing but a prayer book was found in his possession. Saury was handed over to the French embassy.

Snow in New York.

VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE TRUSTS

Indiana Republican Convention Condemns Unfair Combination of Capital.

POLICY OF PRESIDENT IS APPROVED

Nominate a State Ticket Beginning with Secretary of State, Without Prolonged Contests to Break Harmony.

State. DANIEL E. STUBBS, Auditor. DAVID E. SHERRICK, Treasurer. N. C. HILL, Chief Clerk. ROBERT A. BROWN, Superintendent of Public Instruction. J. H. COYNE, Judge of Supreme Court. JOHN H. GILLET, Hammond, Judge of Appellate Court. W. D. ROBINSON, Princeton, W. H. HANLEY, Rushville, JAMES D. WILSON, Ellettsville, DANIEL W. COMSTOCK, Richmond, W. H. WILEY, Ellettsville, FRANK S. ROBY, Auburn, State Geologist. F. F. JOHNSON, Fowler, State Geologist. W. H. BLOTTCHLEY, Indianapolis, Attorney General. CHARLES W. MILLER, Gosport.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—The republican state convention adjourned tonight after nominating the above ticket. The first business was the presentation of the report of the committee on resolutions. The committee was not able to report promptly because it was unable to agree upon the platform. It was finally decided to present the platform after a lengthy debate and the plank found in the platform was adopted. The resolutions committee reported at 9:45. The report was read and unanimously adopted. It was as follows:

Declaration of Principles.

The republicans of Indiana, in convention assembled, hereby make a declaration of the following party principles:

We cordially affirm the platform adopted by the republican national convention at Philadelphia in 1890 and pledge anew our adherence to the principles there announced. The party is to be congratulated that it honors the campaign united and harmonious.

We view with pleasure the unprecedented success of the republican party in 1900 throughout the entire country, the rich fruit of republican policies and republican administration, and we cheerfully endeavor to overthrow such laws and the administration under which such results are accomplished.

We mourn the death of our great leader and patriot, General Harrison, who was a true citizen, a statesman of profound wisdom, a patriot of the most exalted type, and a true representative of the people of all the people. The country under his administration attained a degree of unparalleled prosperity and peace and prestige among the nations of the earth.

In the death of General Benjamin Harrison the nation has lost a brave soldier, a true patriot, a true statesman, and a true citizen. We mourn his death and we mourn the loss of a true citizen, a true patriot, a true statesman, and a true citizen.

We cordially endorse the able and patriotic administration of President Roosevelt, and we cheerfully support the policies and measures of his administration, and we cheerfully support the policies and measures of his administration.

We favor the establishment of absolute peace in the Philippines and the restoration of civil government therein. We insist that the United States should not be drawn into a European war, and we favor the maintenance of our neutrality.

We are opposed to all trusts or combinations of capital whose purpose or effect is to restrict business or control prices. We especially denounce those whose purpose is to increase the cost of living and the necessities of life. We favor legislation to prevent such abuses. We approve of the measures and determine to support the administration of President Roosevelt to enforce the laws against illegal combinations in restraint of trade and demand that, admitting of no compromise, the laws shall be enforced. We favor the maintenance of our neutrality.

We favor the extension of our markets through carefully supervised reciprocity arrangements with other countries wherever it can be done without interfering with home production. We favor such modifications of the tariff schedules from time to time as are required by changing conditions we insist that such changes shall be made in line with the fundamental principle of protection.

Our faith in the gold standard has been amply justified by the wonderful strides of American industry and commerce since its adoption. We are gratified that republican diplomacy has secured the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty enabling the government to proceed with the construction of a ship canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to the benefit of the United States and protection of our commerce.

We favor the most stringent national and state legislation to suppress the opium traffic. We favor the enforcement of immigration laws which shall exclude all undesirable and unproductive immigrants, whose presence endangers our citizenship or injure our wage workers.

We recognize as a continuing obligation the debt of gratitude due to the brave and noble sailors and soldiers who have saved the life of the nation and those who won glory for its flag in Mexico in 1847 and with Spain, in the Philippines in 1898. We favor the recognition of the sacred obligation of the government to the disabled survivors of the veterans and the widows and helpless orphans of those who are dead.

San Francisco Will Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—The officials of the United Railroads had not up to 10 o'clock this morning submitted to the strike. The temperature is 40 degrees. Yesterday it was 78.

RAWLINS ON THE FIRING LINE

Continues His Animated Speeches on Philippine Bill, Denouncing Chaffee in Bitter Terms.

WHAT THE CATTLEMEN WANT

Some Arrangement by Which They Can Use the Public Lands.

NOT INSISTENT ON BOWERSOCK BILL

Victor Rosewater Talks Politics with President Roosevelt and Files Papers in Winnebago Case.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A delegation of cattle growers of Nebraska, representing an ownership of upward of 500,000 head of cattle west of the 100th meridian, are in Washington for the purpose of securing legislation looking to the leasing of the public domain for cattle growing purposes. The delegation, which is decidedly republican in character, is made up of Bartlett Richards of Ellsworth, vice president of the American Cattle Growers' association; A. M. Modiett of Rushville, vice president of the Nebraska Stockgrowers' association; Charles F. Coffey of Chadron, demagogue; and a number of other men. E. C. Harris, a banker of Chadron; Dan Hill of Gordon and William Ferton of Valentine. Tonight this delegation of cattle growers held a conference with the senators and representatives from Nebraska, all of whom were present with the exception of the republican senator, who outlined their desires. They want legislation enacted which will enable them to secure the right to graze upon the public domain, which they have heretofore used for like purposes without the payment of any rental whatever.

They do not ask the privilege of grazing cattle on the public domain without the payment of some charge. Said Mr. Richards, who is acting as spokesman of the delegation. "We are willing to give the government an equitable return for the privileges granted, but in doing so we want congress to give us a status which will permit something like stability for our enterprise."

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Asked if the cattle growers favor the Bowersock bill, Mr. Richards replied: "We are not here for the purpose of advocating the Bowersock bill, or any other measure pending before congress. The object of the delegation in coming to Washington at this time is to present the facts concerning the cattle business of Nebraska as they exist."

"We intend to go before committees of the senate and house to ask that legislation be enacted which will result in leasing of the public domain for the purpose of grazing cattle on the public domain, and which will secure an equitable adjustment of our rights without infringing in any way whatever upon the rights of the federal government. If this can be done through the medium of the Millard-Bowersock bill, we favor that measure. If it can be accomplished through some other bill, then we stand ready to give that our undivided support. It is for congress to say what the limitations should be. The delegation will appear before the senate subcommittee on public lands, sections of the public domain in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Montana in the morning. On Saturday they will be accorded a hearing before the house committee on public lands, of which Major Lacey of Iowa is chairman."

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Mr. Rosewater also delivered to Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Tonner before his departure some supplementary proof in the methods of the west and the dishonest deals by speculators in Indian lands and the scandalous moral conditions on the Winnebago reservation in Thurston county, Nebraska.

ACCEPT SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Members Agree on Revised Oleomargarine Bill and Send It to Conference.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The house today sent the oleomargarine bill to conference after agreeing to the senate amendments to the measure. The amendments suggested by the agricultural committee. The opponents of the measure offered a number of amendments, the principal one of which was designed to place renovated butter on the same footing with oleomargarine, but they were overwhelmingly voted down.

The latter part of the day was devoted to the agricultural bill. Mr. Wadsworth of New York, in charge of the bill, made a brief preliminary statement of the bill, which he explained carried \$5,158,570, an increase of \$276,150 over the current law. The largest increase was those for the weather bureau and the bureau of plant industry, each about \$100,000.

Mr. Fox of Mississippi, availing himself of the latitude allowed in general debate, discussed the question of restricted suffrage in the south with special reference to the constitution of his own state, which he defended. He argued that Mississippi had done the wise and patriotic thing and deserved the commendation of the country. If it had incurred the penalty of reduced representation in congress, he said Mississippi would "take its medicine" before it would surrender its civilization.

SOAKING RAINS IN KANSAS

Welcome Precipitation at Emporia, Fort Scott, Chanute and Independence.

KANSAS CITY, April 24.—Good soaking rains are falling today at Emporia, Fort Scott, Chanute and Independence, Kan., with prospects that they will continue all day.

Showers and light rains were reported to have fallen last night at other Kansas points.

FIVE MORE BODIES FOUND

Remains of City of Pittsburgh Victims Recovered in River and One Identified.

CAIRO, Ill., April 24.—Five more bodies were found in the river a short distance below the wreck of the steamer City of Pittsburgh today. One was identified as that of Patrick Burke of Owensboro, Ky. The other four were those of negroes.

ROBBERS BLOW RAILROAD SAFE

Citizens Aroused by the Explosion and Thieves Flew Without Getting Much Booty.

HARVARD, Neb., April 23.—(Special Telegram.)—About 12:45 robbers broke into the Northwestern depot and dynamited the safe. Two explosions were heard. The alarm was immediately given by ringing the fire bell. A large number of people gathered. The robbers fled without securing much of value.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Showers; Cooler West, Warmer East Portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	47	1 p. m.	68
6 a. m.	46	2 p. m.	71
7 a. m.	48	3 p. m.	71
8 a. m.	50	4 p. m.	72
9 a. m.	53	5 p. m.	71
10 a. m.	56	6 p. m.	69
11 a. m.	60	7 p. m.	66
12 m.	64	8 p. m.	64
		9 p. m.	59

NO ATTEMPT TO RESUME

Paterson Dye Houses Remain Closed and There is No Further Disorder.

PATERSON, N. J., April 24.—The operators of silk dye houses made no general attempt to resume business this morning and no disorder occurred in any of the strike districts. Many of the striking helpers appeared in the vicinity of the shops which they quitted to enforce their demand for higher wages, but they made no demonstration of any kind.

The largest crowd gathered about the hall at Riverside used by the strikers, where a meeting had been called for 10 o'clock. They stood about the hall, but the situation was orderly. The police reserves assembled at 6 o'clock and were placed in position to be quickly available for any service that might be required. Reports given out at police headquarters were that the strikers were entirely orderly and that no further trouble was anticipated.

The employers have not yet clearly indicated their position toward the strikers. It was expected that they would meet during the day for further discussion and also that they would discuss the demands with shop committees representing the strikers. At the works of the Wiedman Silk Dyeing and Finishing company it was stated that forty men were at work and that some of them had come in and resumed their places despite threats that they would be killed if they did so. Strikers were watching the plant and there was some fear that there might be another clash there. The police have been cautioned to exercise the greatest care and to use their revolvers only when there is a grave danger of personal injury or to protect others from serious attacks.

Only a limited portion of the contents were saved. The occupants of the office lost most of their belongings.

STOCKTON LAID TO REST

Remains of Eminent Author Viewed in Philadelphia by Hundreds of Admirers and Associates.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—The funeral of Frank R. Stockton, the humorist, lecturer and author, who died in Washington last Sunday, took place today from the home of his sister in this city. Services were held in St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal church.

Hundreds who had known and loved Mr. Stockton in life viewed the body and for several hours a sorrowful procession composed of men of letters, learned judges, managers and business men passed around the bier.

Among the honorary pall bearers were: Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), Bushra E. C. Steadman, the poet; James Meade Dodge, secretary of the Gambia by South Dakota, Dietrich and Gibson of Montana in the morning. On Saturday they will be accorded a hearing before the house committee on public lands, of which Major Lacey of Iowa is chairman.

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EXPLOSION DESTROYS BOAT

Three Members of Crew Missing and Probably Dead and One Fatally Hurt.

NEW YORK, April 24.—While lying in Newton creek, near the Manhattan avenue bridge, in Greenpoint, the tugboat Thomas Percival was destroyed by an explosion early today.

Three of the crew, an engineer and two firemen, are reported missing. Francis Moran, a watchman, was found in the debris. He was fatally hurt. Another man, unidentified, was taken from the wreckage later.

All the glass in the windows of the American Ice company's mill near by was shattered and all the electric lights in that part of the city were extinguished. The cause of the explosion is not known.

POTATOES HIGH IN CHICAGO

Supply Scarce and Price One Dollar a Bushel at Wholesale.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Prices of potatoes here jumped to \$1 a bushel in the wholesale market yesterday. There has been an advance of 13 cents since Saturday last, and the present price is the highest since last August, when the product sold at \$1.25.

The crop of old potatoes has been nearly used up and supplies in all markets are unusually small. New Cuban seed is \$10 a barrel yesterday. The new crop is just starting to market from Louisiana.

CLOWRY ELECTED PRESIDENT

Becomes Head of American District Telegraph Company, Succeeding T. L. Eckert.

NEW YORK, April 24.—At the meeting of the American District Telegraph company today Colonel R. C. Clowry was elected president to succeed General T. L. Eckert, resigned, and R. B. Brooks, general manager. Colonel Clowry was elected a director of the Missouri immediately after the quarterly dividend on 1 per cent was declared. The last one was 14 per cent.

MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

Bad Accidents Occur at Sunnyside and Mitchell Mines, Colorado.

LOUISVILLE, Colo., April 24.—One killed, one badly burned and several injured is the result of an explosion of gas at the Sunnyside coal mine, three miles from here.

HITS RED OAK HARD

Fire Consumes All the Buildings on One Side of the Public Square.

LOSS OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND

Half of the Total Amount Falls Upon the Insurance Companies.

POOR WATER SUPPLY HINDERS FIREMEN

Sudden Change of the Wind Carries Flames to Row of Wooden Buildings.

PLANS ALREADY MAKING TO REBUILD

Council Bluffs Fire Department Asked to Assist, but Were Notified They Were Not Needed Before Reaching Destination.

RED OAK, Ia., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The most disastrous fire in the history of Red Oak swept the entire block composing the south side of the square this morning, causing a loss of \$200,000, with insurance of \$125,000. The fire originated in the rear of the basement of the banking house of H. C. Houghton, presumably in a quantity of tobacco stored there by a cigar manufacturer who occupied quarters in the building.

It was discovered at 3:15 by the night watchman for the Murphy Calendar company, who turned in an alarm. Owing to the valve in the ten-inch main being only partially open the water pressure was insufficient for the department to make progress against the flames, and in a short time the entire building was ablaze. The wind, which was from the west, first originated in the southeast and the fire jumped across the street to Jenkins & Davis' livery barn at the rear of the block of business buildings. The entire rear of the block being covered with wooden buildings soon caught and communicated the flames to the rear of the business buildings, all of which were burned.

Only a limited portion of the contents were saved. The occupants of the office lost most of their belongings.

The Council Bluffs fire department was telegraphed for assistance and responded with a steam engine under Chief Tompkins. Before they reached Red Oak they were notified that their services were not needed, and returned.

Following are the principal losers, with the insurance carried:

Buildings.	Loss.	Insurance.
Houghton bank block.....	\$250,000	\$200,000
J. H. Nasareus.....	4,000	2,000
R. W. Beeson, lawyer.....	1,000	500
H. W. Otis.....	7,000	2,000
Maloney & Son, building and	20,000	20,000
carriage.....	6,000	6,000
Mrs. H. C. Shank.....	4,000	2,000
Hattie estate, F. W. D. Co.....	10,000	8,000
S. Kahn.....	10,000	8,000
W. C. Leckart.....	1,500	200

Other losers were: McIntyre Commission Company; Dr. Vincent; Hanna & Son, real estate; Gideon Blackstone, Justice of the Peace; Red Oak Advertising company; Howard & Platt, real estate; Friseman & Larson, barber shop; Dr. G. M. Byrland; Mrs