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FATAL FIRE IN A TOLEDO ELEVATOR

**Terrible Results of a Dust
Explosion.**

TEN PERSONS WERE KILLED

**Burned Alive—Fifteen Others Seriously
Injured—Several Others Were
Blown Out of Windows by the
Shock of the Explosion.**

TOLEDO, O., Sep. 20.—Ten cremated and fifteen injured is the record of the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo. The spontaneous combustion of dust in the grain elevator owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co., at 9 o'clock, caused this terrible destruction of life, and none of those taken out after the fire started were far enough from death's door to give any information as to the details.

William J. Parks, the superintendent, after being blown through a window of the lower story, was conscious for a moment, and said that about 8:30 a terrible explosion occurred on the south side of the elevator, and that he thought there were about twenty men at work on the seven floors of the great building at the time.

Besides those regularly employed at the elevator, the three children of Mr. Parks were visiting him at the time. One of these may recover from his burns but Grace, a 17-year-old girl, is burned almost beyond recognition, and Harold, the third child, has not been found, being either blown to atoms or cremated alive.

All over Toledo houses were shaken by the explosion, as by an earthquake, and windows were shaken for blocks around. Very soon afterward flames burst from all sides of the elevator. It was but a few minutes until the fire department of the city began the work of rescue, which was rendered difficult by the terrific heat of the fire. The river cut off the escape on one side, and there the flames seemed to be less fierce. The families of a dozen men who worked within rushed to the scene, and women calling for their imprisoned husbands, brothers and fathers, made a scene indescribable.

It was learned that a force of twenty men had been in the building, their purpose having been to load 80,000 bushels of grain during the night. No one of the entire number could be seen in any part of the building, and it was impossible to reach them in any way.

Wm. Parks was found first. He was twenty feet from the building, frightfully burned and his clothes almost entirely torn off. He had been hurried from his place in the main room through a window, and his agonizing cries were most pitiful.

The little daughter of Mr. Parks was sitting at the desk in the office at the time of the explosion, and was hurled out of the door. She walked down the elevation on which the building stands and fell down, to be carried away unconscious suffering from injuries from which she cannot recover.

John Smith was fatally burned. He was literally disemboweled and was taken to the hospital to die.

The missing men are doubtless all dead. No trace can be found of them, and as they were employed at the top of the elevator, their chances for escape were slight.

Mr. Paddock, a member of the firm owning the plant, said there was between five and six hundred thousand bushels of grain on storage at the time, the most of it being winter wheat. The property and grain is an entire loss and will reach \$550,000. The damage to adjoining property is \$8,000. The insurance is \$135,000 on the building and the grain loss is covered by \$258,000.

Superintendent Parks and one of the unknown men died early this morning from their injuries, making the total number of fatalities ten.

BRYAN TIRED OF THE ARMY

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 20.—A special to the Star from Jacksonville, Fla., says: Colonel William Jennings Bryan,

Third Nebraska volunteers, will shortly resign his commission in the United States army and resume the discussion of public questions. This statement is not made upon the authority of Bryan, however. When asked to express himself on the question of public interest, he said:

"You can say that I refuse to discuss any matters connected with politics, the army or myself, except that I see no reason to change my views in regard to expanding the territory of the United States. I expressed these in my Omaha speech before beginning army life."

This is all Bryan would say, except to add:

"You might also say I am not enamored of army life as to apply for a commission after the war is over."

The Third Nebraska regiment is soon to go to Cuba.

ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION

**A Man is Sure He Recognizes the Head
Found in Yellow Mill Pond.**

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 20.—The head of the victim of the Yellow Mill Pond tragedy will be kept preserved in alcohol for an indefinite period awaiting identification. The rest of the body has been buried in the town farm.

Police Superintendent Birmingham, with Detective Arnold, has gone to Mesiden to look into the disappearance of a young woman from that place.

A. D. Van Kuerin, of the staff of the governor of Connecticut, called at the morgue last night and after a long examination positively identified the severed head as that of a young woman who stopped at the same boarding-house in New Haven that he did, two years ago. This is the sixth positive identification of the victim of the murder.

GEN. MERRIAM RETURNS

**General Arrived at San Francisco From
Honolulu This Morning on the
Australia—All Reported Quiet at
the Hawaiian Capital.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The steamer Australia arrived in port early this morning from Hawaii. General Merriam, commander of the department of California, who has been in Honolulu, was one of the passengers. He was accompanied on the voyage by Lieutenants Graves and Bennett, of his staff.

Everything was quiet in Honolulu when the steamer left. The people were jubilant over annexation, and were interesting themselves in all efforts to make the government of the islands similar to that of the United States. The officers of the Australia say the Arizona, with troops for Manila, sailed on the 11th inst., and the Scandia, with troops and treasure, was to leave on Tuesday, the 13th.

BOTH PARTI- CIPANTS DEAD

**Terrible Duel on Board a Mississippi-
River Steamer.**

St. Louis, Sept. 20.—Word was received here of a desperate and fatal duel between Mate Bart Davis and Nightwatchman Baker, on board the steamer Mayflower, which left last night for Memphis. Both men are dead. For some time there had been a feud between the men, and last night they decided to settle their differences, one being armed with a knife and the other having a revolver. A desperate encounter ensued on the deck of the steamer, amidst the horrified passengers who were unable to interfere. Finally the mate, who had had been cut in numerous places succeeded in shooting his antagonist. When medical aid arrived both men were dead.

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EXPEDITION NOW MAKING PREPARATIONS

**The Number to Aggregate
Six Thousand.**

FORCE ALMOST FORMIDABLE

**Prospect that Colonel Wholley, of the
First Washington Volunteers May
Command the Expedition—Little
Prospect for Californians.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The troops just ordered to the Philippines are all anxious to depart as soon as possible, and their wishes are likely to be gratified, as General Miller, who hopes to head the expedition, is doing all he can to expedite their transportation. The numerical strength of the forces ordered to the Orient is as follows:

First Tennessee	1,280
Twentieth Kansas	1,301
Fifty-first Iowa	1,251
First Washington	1,315
Second Oregon recruits	300
Battalion Twenty-third regulars	400
Total	5,856

All of the troops named except the Washington regiment have been attached to the Philippine expeditionary force. The Washington men belonged to the department of California.

Although the Sixth and Seventh California regiments are anxious to see active service, there seems to be little prospect of their being added to the expeditionary force.

In case no general is assigned to this expedition, the command will devolve upon Colonel John H. Holley, of the first Washington volunteers. He outranks Colonel Funston by reason of prior service, in the regular army both having mustered in their commands on May 11th.

General Miller has made application by telegraph to the chief ordnance at Washington for enough Krag-Jorgensen rifles to arm the four full regiments that are going.

The Wyoming battery of light artillery will be retained here.

The Eighth California, now doing garrison duty, will probably be left undisturbed.

THEY ATE CANNED BEEF

**And One-Tenth of the People of Plain-
well, Mich., Were Poisoned.**

NILES, Mich., Sept. 20.—Nearly one-tenth of the entire population of Plainwell, a little village in Allegan county, is ill from eating canned beef at a church social. Fifty-five persons were poisoned, 20 are dangerously ill and four are expected to die, the doctors having expressed no hope of their recovery. Those in danger are Mrs. Ethel Clancy, Mrs. J. M. Travis, Mrs. John Bishop and L. W. Soule.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a supper and about 100 guests were present, all of whom had supper and partook of canned beef. So far fifty cases of poisoning have been reported, and in each case it has been learned the patients had eaten of the beef.

THE AIRY LILLIAN PLAYED POKER

Mrs. Leonard-Russell-Braham-Solomon-Perugini, Otherwise Lillian Russell, is Sued for Divorce at Jersey City by Husband Number Five, Senior Perugini.

New York, Sept. 22.—The tale of the trouble that marred the matrimonial venture of John Chatterton, who is Signor Perugini, and his wife, who is Mrs. Lillian Leonard-Russell-Braham-Solomon-Perugini and known to the public as Lillian Russell, has been begun in Jersey City.

Perugini's period of acting as the hus-

band to the prima donna was brief, tempestuous and filled with excitement. The fair Lillian, he said, was a devotee of poker. Night after night has the faithful tenor sat up waiting for Lillian to come home, but the chips rattled on, the stacks of blues changed hands, and still the wife came not.

In January of 1894, on a cold night, he and the prima donna eloped and fled to Hoboken, where they found a judge who married them. Four months went by—four, and then, when they went on the road, Perugini was deserted for the poker games.

Every night, at various hotels, he says, he protested. She said, "she would play when she wanted to, and she would sit up till morning and she would win back salaries, and Perugini could sit up and wait or not."

The woes of John Chatterton culminated in Philadelphia. It was there that Lillian left him alone and went to another hotel. They sang their love songs on the stage, and Lillian caressed him, and Perugini warbled of his beautiful dreams, though the heart of the minstrel was breaking. The season ended and Lillian left him for good.

TROOPS GUILTY OF VANDALISM

**Americans Raid and Destroy Chinese
Vegetable Gardens and Commit
Other Misdemeanors—Court of
Inquiry Ordered.**

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(Via San Francisco, Sept. 20)—American soldiers in Honolulu are causing the people of this community much worry. Acts of vandalism are becoming frequent, and General King has issued orders for a court of inquiry to investigate the alleged lawless acts committed by soldiers and assess the amount of damage. Chinese fruit-growers and vegetable gardeners have been for the most part the victims of the soldiers, many gardens having been raided and destroyed.

The Hawaiian archipelago is now the military district of Hawaii, in the department of California. An order creating this district, dated September 4, has just been promulgated by Major-General Merriam.

The Hawaiian commission has been holding daily sessions, but nothing is given out for publication. The commission will probably not leave for San Francisco before September 23. Senator Morgan is quoted as saying:

"I am inclined to think you will have only a territorial government at present. The United States will, of course, take charge of the custom-house and postal department, but in all other matters you will be your own masters. You will make your own laws, subject to approval of congress. The territory of Hawaii has a great future before it."

Senator Cullom announces that the local land law will remain in force. Dole still transacts the business of the executive. Merriam leaves for San Francisco today.

WASHINGTON REPUBLICANS

**State Convention Meets and Organ-
izes at the City of Destiny.**

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 21.—The Republican state convention met this morning and effected temporary organization, with E. P. Blake, of Jefferson county, as chairman, and E. D. Gileon, of Adams county, as secretary.

After the appointment of committees on credentials and platform, an adjournment was taken until 2 p. m.

The only incident of the session occurred in the selection of an assistant secretary. W. W. Robertson was unanimously chosen, and a member of the Lewis county delegation announced that Robertson was formerly a Democrat and had not fully identified himself with the Republican party. Robertson requested that his name be withdrawn, and that of John Ellwell, of Park county, was substituted.

The committee on permanent organization decided to recommend T. D. Fiske, of Cowlitz county, for permanent chairman of the convention.

ESTRAY.

An iron grey gelding, brand indistinct, looks like a quarter circle with a bar under it, and the animal is unbroken. Came to my place at Nansene, 17 miles south of The Dalles. The owner can have same by proving property and paying all charges.
Ed WILSON.
Sept. 1, 1mo.

CUBA MUST BE ENTIRELY FREE

**Majority of the People Op-
posed to Annexation.**

SENTIMENT IS VERY BITTER

El Provenci, a Santiago Paper, Declares That the Fruits of Victory Shall Not Be Snatched From the Grasp of the Cubans After They Have Fought and Bled for Thirty Years to Obtain Them.

New York, Sept. 22.—A Herald special from Santiago says:

El Provenci prints a bitter article on the subject of annexation. Enrique Trujillo, the editor, will say:

"The program before the war, during the war, and after peace was declared has been one of invariable and absolute independence of Cuba. Neither now, before nor after, have we been annexationists. Probably some unlucky destiny like death may be against us, but as men desire to preserve life, so we protest against the political suicide of annexation. During the preliminary contest for Cuban freedom, the first solution suggested was annexation, but this was never our ideal, only our second recourse.

"The Spaniards desire it. They cry 'annexation or nothing,' but it is the desire of the Spanish still on the island, in order to save their property, to give themselves up to strangers rather than to accept the holy idea of Cuban liberty.

We reject annexation because it is against our feelings. It is impossible for us to live in a strange atmosphere, or under domination, even although American. It is impossible to deal with a strange race and a strange language, customs and ideas.

"We have battled for thirty years for liberty. Blood has been shed in rivers to preserve our individuality. None now shall take it from us. To do it, it is necessary to cut down woods to stop the course of the rivers, to repopulate the entire country. Nothing can do it except extermination of the spirit animating.

"There is no room here for any save our own people, no history nor tradition save our own. Annexation as a realization would kill our people, our history, our tradition. We do not think the United States capable of accomplishing annexation, but if so it would be only their part. Reference to the history of Florida, Texas and Louisiana proves this. The United States are incapable of forcing annexation. The acquisition of new territory has never been their policy, but even if this new policy is inaugurated they would find Cuba irreconcilable. It is impossible to amalgamate us. The ballot-box may be bought, but true Cubans will repel with strength the idea of annexation."

PEACHED AND WAS PROMPTLY KILLED

**For Betraying the Hiding-place of the
Murderers of William Meehan, Sam
Has Been Slain in Cold Blood by
Other McClintock River Indians.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 22.—Le Barge Sam has paid the penalty for betraying the hiding place of four Indians of his tribe who murdered William Meehan early in the year. A few weeks ago his body was found at the foot of the White Horse rapids, bruised and broken by the rocks against which the current had dashed him. Le Barge Sam has suffered the consequences of the blood feud. There is, as usual, no clew to the murderers.

It was early in the year that four Indians knelt on the bank of the McClintock river and riddled the body of William Meehan with bullets and sent several through his partner, C. A. Cox. They escaped to a secure hiding place in the mountains and might have been there yet had not Le Barge Sam led the mounted police to them for \$100 a head. A few weeks ago the news came up the Yukon from Dawson that the Indians had been tried, convicted and sentenced to death. This news was

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Sam's death, sentence as soon as it reached the natives.

How he died no one will ever know. Indians selected by lot at the tribal council are believed to be responsible. In some way they got him at the head of the rapids and by force turned him over to the tender mercies of raging White Horse. His body showed traces of a struggle.

The mounted police from Tagish House have investigated the murder, for such they are positive it is, but have been unable to find evidence warranting them to make arrests. The Indians drawn to the Yukon by the arrest of the members of the tribe have gone back on the McClintock. It is feared they will undertake to avenge the wholesale hanging by murdering such whites as may fall into their hands.

THE WAR CLOUD DARKENS

**People of Argentina Preparing Them-
selves for Trouble With Chili,
Which Now is Generally Regarded
as Imminent.**

New York, Sept. 21.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says:

Some public excitement was caused here Tuesday by a demonstration of students, intended to show the government that the people are opposed to any yielding to Chilean pretensions. The police dispersed the students, however, without any casualties.

The citizens of the country are earnestly supporting the government in its opposition to Chili. Many bodies of volunteers are being organized, and their members show anxiety for military instruction which will prepare them to take the field at once in case hostilities should begin.

Negotiation on the boundry question continues in the meantime without marked incidents.

MT. VESUVIUS STILL SPOUTING

**Immense Damage Will Almost Certainly
Result if She Continues in Erup-
tion Long.**

New York, Sept. 20.—A special from Naples says:

Frightful misery and immense damage will be caused if the eruption of Mount Vesuvius continues on the alarming scale which it has reached during the last few days.

Nine new openings were counted today around the central crater, but even the extra vent does nothing toward checking the flow of lava, although there is a marked cessation in the more violent belching of fire and smoke.

MORE TROUBLE FOR SPAIN

**They Do Not End With the Dawn of
Peace—Disastrous Floods in Many
Parts of the Kingdom.**

MADRID, Sept. 21.—The southern part of Spain has been visited by terrible floods. At the village of Herrera, near Cadix, eighty persons were drowned, and a great number of cattle perished. The olive harvest is lost. This is especially true in the provinces of Seville and Grenada. There have been many deaths in other parts of the flooded country.