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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

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### TERSE TICS FROM THE WIRES

An interesting collection of items from the two hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

Fifteen hundred Boers surrendered to General Brabant.

Half the town of Frances, Wash., was destroyed by fire.

San Francisco's Chinatown will be released from quarantine June 23.

France talks of joining Russia and Germany to restore order in China.

Boers have evacuated Laing's Nek, and Buller is encamped on Joubert's farm.

San Francisco Chinese have won another case against the board of health of that city.

The steamer China arrived at San Francisco from the Orient with 556 Chinese merchants.

Mrs. George H. Baker, widow of the poet and ex-minister to Russia, is dead at her home in Philadelphia.

Poetmaster Graham, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was convicted of unlawful cohabitation and fined \$250.

Americans at Chin Kiang are in need of protection, as a large number of Boers have halted at that place.

Russian authority says the present trouble in China will be put down, but a terrible upheaval will come later.

Mme. Augusta Lehmann, once a singer of international reputation, is dead at Santa Cruz, Cal., aged 80 years.

The president has issued a proclamation formally announcing the establishment of reciprocity agreement with Portugal.

A score of passengers were injured, some severely, by the derailing of a train on the Great Northern, near Summit, Mont.

General Otis says the Filipinos are quick and anxious to learn and suggests that an educational system be adopted in the islands.

General MacArthur reports the capture of Rhison, near Mexico, and Carreony at Acala, both important, the latter a very important leader of the guerrillas in Pingasinan province, Luzon.

The Yaqui Indians are causing trouble for the Mexicans. They occupy the impassable Bacacete mountains, a range 60 miles in length, and it requires the utmost vigilance on the part of General Torres' 8,000 troops to hold them in check.

The United States navy will build warships aggregating over \$100,000,000 in cost as soon as the builders are prepared to undertake the great programme, which calls for 11 armored ships and three highly improved Olympia type of cruisers.

Four persons were killed in a trolley-car accident at Providence, R. I.

The Republican convention held at Philadelphia will seat 16,000 people.

Boers have torn up 24 miles of railroad between Pretoria and Kromstadt.

Boers captured a British battalion of 600 men at Roovald, severing Roberts' line of communication.

Philippine rebels aim to follow the tactics of the Cuban rebels during the war of the latter against Spain.

The steamer City of Seattle, which arrived at Seattle from Alaska, brought 220 Klondikers and \$500,000 in gold.

Senator Clark was given a great ovation at Butte, Mont. He made a speech denouncing his enemies as perjurers.

Documents seized in the Philippines indicate that in a rebel plot for an uprising in Manila, women were to take important part.

Chinese minister in London says it is a lie that the powers should believe the empress dowager is aiding the Boers' movement.

May shipments of coal from Seattle to San Francisco by water amounted to 20,000 tons, or half of the total amount of coal received at that port during May.

As a result of a week's scouting in the Philippines, more than 200 insurgents were killed and 160 captured, while 140 rifles, with ammunition and stores were seized.

Two five-story brick buildings, owned by Geo. E. Ketchum, on West avenue, New York, containing 125,000 bushels of grain, were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$140,000.

In the preliminary examination of L. L. Cook, charged with the murder of James Collins at Arlington, Or., a physician testified that Collins could easily have been saved.

It is estimated that during the past month various railroad corporations have placed orders for 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of Washington fir, mainly in bridge timbers, dock studs and ties.

The bubonic plague has entirely disappeared from Honolulu.

Harry Kimball Shaw, of Pittsburgh, Pa., gave a dinner at Paris to 85 persons that cost \$8,000.

Ex-Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, has announced his candidacy for re-election to the senate.

The shortage in Cuban revenues occasioned by the defalcations disclosed will be reimbursed by the general defalcation bill.

## LATER NEWS.

A second-class naval station will be established at San Diego, Cal.

Churches and residences of foreigners in Tien Tsin have been burned.

An extra session of congress may be convened owing to the Chinese war.

China will have a heavy bill of damages to pay for the Boxer outrages when order is again restored.

Fire destroyed the Home for the Friendless children at Leadville, Colo., causing the death of four of the inmates.

Francis of Orleans, Prince of Joinville, son of the late Louis Philippe, king of the French, is dead of pneumonia, aged 82 years.

Three persons were killed and 18 seriously injured by a collision between an express train and a train filled with race-goers near London, England.

G. P. Rummelin, a well-known merchant of Portland, Or., was murdered in New York city, presumably for the purpose of robbery. His throat was cut from ear to ear.

A native rising has occurred in the Gambia colony, West Africa, and two British commissioners and six members of the police have been killed at Sannikandi, on the south bank of the river, by Mandingos. The party had gone to Sannikandi to settle a question of local administration, when the Mandingos suddenly attacked and murdered them.

The Mexican government, following the example set by Texas, has quarantined against San Francisco, and until notice to the contrary is given, all persons who have been in San Francisco within a period of 15 days will not be allowed to pass the border until they have remained in quarantine for a sufficient length of time to make up the 15 days. The Mexican quarantine relates to passengers only. The border authorities have the matter in hand.

Journal special from towns in Southwest Nebraska tell of violent rain and wind storms with some hail. At Syracuse, 5 1/2 inches of rain has fallen in 24 hours. Damage to crops is heavy. The Little Nebraska valley is one vast lake, and many families have been compelled to abandon their homes. Freight trains on the Burlington have been abandoned. Weeping Water creek, at Weeping Water, Cass county, is the highest known for 10 years, and Missouri Pacific trains are delayed.

Abbe Mareux, the astronomer, has discovered and sketched through the big telescope in the optical palace of the exposition, at Paris, a remarkable spot on the sun, forming a part of an extensive group, and having a diameter of nearly 40 kilometers. This spot, he says, will remain for seven days, and become visible to the naked eye. He predicts the appearance of other spots in July, August and September, inferring that the heat during these months will be very great.

British marines killed and wounded 40 Boers.

Roberts' line of communication is again open.

General Grant reports the capture of San Miguel, a rebel stronghold.

The summer residence of the British minister at Peking has been burned.

Seven persons were drowned by the upsetting of a boat on Lake Bennett, Alaska.

Four people were killed by the destruction of a large coopeage plant in Brooklyn.

Robert's forces had a hard battle with General Botha, but did not defeat the Boer leader.

Pennsylvanians will push the candidacy of former governor Pattison for the vice-presidency.

The money appropriated by congress for use at the mouth of the Columbia will be used at once.

Two persons were drowned at South Bend, Ind., by the capsizing of a boat on the river, at that place.

Methuen and Kitchener, in an engagement with Dewet's troops, scattered the Boers in all directions.

Terry McGovern, champion light-weight of the world, knocked out Tom White in three rounds at New York City.

New York capitalists have secured concessions from the government of Honduras to build a railroad in that country.

Wood workers of Chicago threaten to go out on July 1, unless their wages are increased. The strike will involve 8,000 workmen.

Two city detectives of Kansas City undertook to stop a street fight between a crowd of negro men and women and as a result a man and a woman were killed.

News has been received in New York of the murder of Dr. Edna G. Terry, in charge of the station of the Methodist Episcopal Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Tung Hua, China.

Thomas Lewis, a miner of Tucson, Ariz., has been arrested on a charge of setting fire to the Catalina forests, where 5,000,000 feet of timber were destroyed. A miner who was with Lewis claims that Lewis became incensed because the pine needles hurt his feet and set fire to them, causing the most disastrous forest fire ever known in the Southwest.

Kansas has 300 flour mills, with a capacity of 10,000,000 barrels a year.

The proposed ocean cable between Copenhagen to Iceland will be 404 miles long and cost about \$850,000.

Many Americans who went to Paris with the expectation of making expenses by working are penniless.

The census office is to handle the statistics of the 75,000,000 people of this country with intricate electric machines.

## ESCAPE OF BOTHA

British Must Reckon With a Formidable Force.

### TRANSVAAL NOT YET PACIFIED

Buller's Advance Delayed by the Lack of Supplies—Rundie in a Skirmish at Ficksburg.

London, June 16.—That Commandant General Louis Botha should have been able to stand for two days against Lord Roberts and then retreat without losing any guns or having any of his men captured, is taken to mean that he has a force which the British must still reckon as formidable when acting defensively. The pacification of the whole of the Transvaal, especially the wide spaces far from the railways, is looked upon as a business requiring months, rather than weeks. Meanwhile, everything goes well for the British arms.

A Boer bulletin issued June 12, at Machadoorp said:

"Both wings of the federal forces touched the advancing army at 1 A. M. yesterday, east of Pretoria. Fighting continued until dark. The enemy, though in overwhelming numbers, were checked along a line of 35 miles, and the burghers succeeded in driving back their right wing five miles. Two burghers were killed and 10 wounded."

Another Machadoorp announcement is that the first regiment of General Buller's force attacked Almond's Nek and was "annihilated," but as the British were in overwhelming force, the burghers were compelled to abandon the Nek.

A dispatch from Lourenco Marques, dated yesterday, says:

"President Kruger is holding out his gold and issuing paper notes from a press in his executive car. The Boer government's coin in stock is exhausted, and the officials are now paying out plain gold discs un stamped. Some who have declined to accept notes have taken their salaries in gold bars. The Boer government is still paying out much gold that way."

"Two steamers arrived at Lourenco Marques yesterday, bringing several thousand tons of supplies consigned to Portuguese merchants, but destined for the Boers. One hundred Americans, Frenchmen, Germans and Hollanders, have arrived there by various steamers on route for the Transvaal. Mr. Crowe, the British consul-general, has large stock of clothing for the British prisoners, but he will not forward these until he gets assurances that the Boers will not take them for their own use."

General Buller will be unable to advance further until he gets supplies. Nearly every farmhouse his troops passed flew a white flag. The British took nothing without paying for it, and a brisk business was done in milk, eggs, bread and chickens by the thirty housewives, who were pleased to get so much English money. One woman, whose husband and two sons have been fighting, said: "You British are unlike our people. They took my horses in exchange for sheep and mealies, and made me make butter, which they never paid for. I am sending to have my men come home at once." Usually the first question a Boer woman puts is, "Will my husband be shot if he is captured?" One young man was pulled from under a bed, and he went on his knees begging the British patrol not to shoot him.

General Rundie had a sharp skirmish at Ficksburg, June 12. The Boers had been aggressive along the whole Ficksburg-Senekela line, and menaced Ficksburg in force. The British outpost retired to the village. General Rundie held the attention of the Boers in front with two guns, while yeomanry were sent around to their rear and drove them off with a loss to the British of three wounded. Two patrols were also wounded.

**Why a Launching Stopped.**

Vancouver, B. C., June 15.—The launching of the freight steamer Champion from the marine ways on False Creek was prevented through a peculiar circumstance. At high tide the skid on which the vessel was to run was greased with tallow. When the steamer was pushed off, however, she only ran toward the water a distance of about her own length, and there she stopped. The sun had so heated the skid that when the tallow was put on it immediately melted and soaked away in the wood. The result was that the tops of the skid were sticky and not slippery. A cold-storage device was arranged for today, so that the steamer will float out tonight.

**Costa Rican Finances.**

New Orleans, June 16.—News was received here today that President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, had sent to congress a decree making legal the circulation in that country of the money of the United States; also the gold coin of England, France and Germany. As a consequence, the value of Costa Rican money improved here today 110 points, from 380 to 230 discount. The Costa Rican congress is now engaged in forming a national banking law which will conform to the new gold-basis system.

**Nanaimo Brewery Burned.**

Nanaimo, B. C., June 15.—Fire completely destroyed the plant of the Empire brewery, in this city, today. The brewery was owned by Peter Weigle, and was valued at \$13,000, and was uninsured.

**Boers Surrendered.**

Venterspoort, June 13.—Two hundred and fifty Boers have surrendered to General Hunter, and the remainder in this district have promised to give up their arms.

## POLICE WERE WITHDRAWN.

St. Louis Street Cars Now Run Unmolested—All Quiet.

St. Louis, June 16.—The predictions that yesterday witnessed the beginning of the end of the great street railway strike were corroborated today when the police department withdrew its officers from all the cars and powerhouses of the St. Louis Transit Company and returned them to their regular beats. The Transit Company continues to augment its force of non-union men and its transportation facilities at a rate that promises to see the system in full swing before many more days have passed.

Much interest is being shown by the general public in the coroner's inquest at present in progress over the bodies of strikers and a citizen killed last Sunday by members of the sheriff's posse today's hearing does not deny that Deputy Sheriff Marsh shot Frederick Bohne, the citizen in question, but the witnesses disagreed as to the deputy's provocation for shooting. There was testimony from about 85 witnesses, consuming three hours, after which the jury returned a verdict of homicide. A sensational feature of the inquest was the conflicting statements made by witnesses as to whether Police Lieutenant Stack ordered the deputy sheriff to fire on the crowd. Several of the deputies testified that he ordered the posse guard to shoot, while Stack declared he did all in his power to prevent the deputies from firing.

The disappearance of Deputy Sheriff Marsh was a startling development at the inquest. It is believed that Marsh has left the city. No further search will be made for him probably, unless friends of the dead man seek to prosecute him, the verdict of the coroner's jury being practically an exoneration.

**Charged With Conspiracy.**

San Francisco, June 15.—Ernest Emmerich, chief clerk in the quartermaster's department, U. S. A., has been arrested, charged with conspiring with J. W. Bartholomew, also under arrest, to defraud the government by approving bills for supplies that were never furnished. He was released on \$3,000 bonds. On his person was found a note made payable to him from the American Box Factory, which has been paid considerable money for supplies that it is claimed were never delivered to the government. Bartholomew is the secretary of the concern. The boxes were used in packing guns and ammunition for shipment.

**Eight Miners Killed.**

Canmore, Alberta, June 16.—A terrible gas explosion occurred in Canmore coal mine yesterday afternoon, resulting in the instant death of eight men and the injury of several others. The cause of the explosion is supposed to have been the carelessness of one of the miners in opening his safety lamp in violation of the rules, and in a portion of the mine where to do so was dangerous in the extreme. This miner is believed to be one of the unidentified victims.

**A Wedding in June.**

Astoria, Or., June 16.—Governor T. T. Geer, Oregon's chief executive, and Miss Isabelle Turlinger, were married in Astoria this afternoon, under circumstances as happy and surroundings as pleasant as could be desired. The weather did not promise well, but resulted in a beautiful sunset as the bridal party started away on their special car, amid a shower of rice. The ceremony was performed at the First Presbyterian church, by Rev. Henry Marquette, pastor of the church.

**The Ashantee Rebellion.**

London, June 16.—The Daily Express has the following dispatch from Freetown, dated yesterday: "There has been another fight on the line of communication of the Kumasie relief expedition. There are 10,000 Ashantees surrounding Kumasie, and 5,000 facing the relief force. The leaders of the rebellion include Ashantua, Queen of Ofesun."

**Feasting a Murderer.**

London, June 16.—A Shanghai dispatch, dated yesterday, says: "A Chinese steamer, laden with arms and ammunition, cleared from Shanghai today, bound for Tien Tsin. A notorious murderer, who was delivered by the municipality of Shanghai to the Chinese authorities, is being slowly stoned to death in a cage. Thousands of spectators watch his agonies daily."

**Thirty Miles From Peking.**

Berlin, June 16.—The Berlin papers have a dispatch from Tien Tsin saying that the international force has arrived within 30 miles of Peking, but that the distance remaining must be traveled on foot, as the railway is completely destroyed. This, the dispatch says, will require three days.

**Six Million Destitute.**

Simla, India, June 16.—Over 6,000,000 persons are now receiving relief. There was an increase in Bombay of 3,200,000 last week, owing to the return of destitute people who deserted the works on account of the cholera scare. The prospects of a fair monsoon are somewhat improved.

**Bishop Wilmer Dead.**

Mobile, Ala., June 16.—Right Rev. Richard Hooker Wilmer, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Alabama, died here this morning, aged 84 years.

**Five Miners Killed.**

Biwabik, Minn., June 16.—A terrible accident occurred today at the Biwabik mine, three miles from here, in which five men were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite.

**Druggists and Hotelmen Excluded.**

St. Paul, June 16.—The grand lodge of Odd Fellows today voted to exclude druggists and hotel-keepers from the order in this state. William McGregor, of Minneapolis, was elected grand warder.

## PRISONERS IN PEKIN

Members of the Foreign Legations in Trouble.

### SLOW MARCH OF RELIEF COLUMN

One Hundred Thousand Chinese Troops Guarding the City's Gates—Foreigners May Setae Taken.

London, June 18.—This is the situation in China as it appears to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, writing last evening:

"It is really a state of veiled war. The members of the foreign legations in Peking are virtually prisoners, and the Chinese troops are only restrained from attacking them by fear of the legation guards. Meanwhile, the ministers are altogether unable to communicate with the commanders of the relief column, which is making an enforced and isolated halt between Tien Tsin and Peking. The walls of the capital are guarded by 100,000 imperial troops. The gates are heavily defended with modern guns. General Tung, acting under orders from the empress dowager, says that no more foreign troops shall enter the sacred city."

"Monday the ministers sent a demand to the Tzung Li Yamen that the gates be opened, declaring that otherwise the foreign troops would enter forcibly. To this no reply was given. A second message was unanswered, or had not been answered when the latest news left Peking. Sir Claude MacDonald's latest message says that the legations are capable of sustaining an effective defense unless attacked in force."

Russia, this correspondent asserts, notwithstanding assurances to the contrary, sides with China. Some of the foreign troops are already reported to be in the environs of Peking, and the attitude of the Chinese troops is increasingly menacing.

**ROUTED BY FUNSTON'S MEN.**

Neuva Eoija Insurgents Scattered—One American Killed.

Manila, June 18.—Upon information furnished by Major Wheeler to the effect that General Lacuna intended to attack Papaya, province of Neuva Eoija. General Funston, with staff officers, Captain Koehler and troop G, of the Fourth cavalry, and half a company of the Thirty-fourth infantry, repaired to Papaya. General Lacuna was found with 200 men occupying a position on a ridge seven miles south of the town. General Funston attacked vigorously, 60 Americans charging the enemy under a hot fire. The insurgents fled.

On their attempting to make a stand later, Captain Koehler, with a detachment of troops, charged and scattered them. The pursuit over the rough country lasted until midnight. Twenty-two of the insurgents were killed. One American was killed and one wounded.

An important capture of Filipino insurgents was reported to the war department this morning by General MacArthur, in the following cablegram:

"General Macabulos, with eight officers, and 142 rifles, surrendered to Colonel Liscup, of the Ninth infantry, at Tarlac, this morning. Macabulos is the most important insurgent leader in Tarlac and Pangasinan."

**Philippine Soldiers Returning.**

Washington, June 18.—Adjutant-General Corbin received a cable message from General MacArthur from Manila today saying that the transport Hancock sailed today with the returning battalion of the Eighteenth infantry. This battalion is composed entirely of men whose term of enlistment is about to expire, and is being brought home for the purpose of being reorganized.

**Quarantine Dissolved.**

San Francisco, June 18.—In the United States circuit court, Judge Morrow rendered a decision in the case of Jew Ho against the board of health of this city, dissolving the general quarantine of Chinatown, enforced by the board of health, owing to the alleged existence of plague in this city. Judge Morrow held that the quarantine was discriminating in its character.

Regarding the existence of the plague, Judge Morrow stated that he was not qualified to pass judicially on the question, owing to the conflicting testimony of physicians, but that if it came within his power to decide in the matter, he would declare that plague does not, nor has not, existed.

At a meeting of the board of health this afternoon the quarantine was declared dissolved.

**A New York Mystery.**

New York, June 18.—The body of a man with the throat cut from ear to ear was discovered today in the upper bay. An autopsy showed that the cut had been inflicted before the body entered the water. In his pockets were an account book with the inscription on the outside, "Ladd & Tilton, Portland, Or." There was also a billhead of G. P. Rummelin, of Portland, Or.; a business card of M. F. Phillips, representing E. W. Bedell, 93 Bleeker street, New York, and a visiting card of J. D. Williams, 263 Wickoff street, Brooklyn.

**To Explore Greenland Coast.**

Copenhagen, June 16.—The Norwegian steamer Antarctic, with the Danish East Greenland exploration, commanded by Lieutenant Amburp, sailed this morning to explore the coast between Cape Brewster and Aggai island.

Havana, June 18.—Yellow fever has broken out at Quemados, eight miles from Havana, where United States troops are stationed. Thus far there have been four cases, three of which proved fatal.

## IS IT MALARIA OR ALUM?

[Popular Science Monthly.]

Langour, loss of appetite, indigestion and often feverishness are the common symptoms of a physiological condition termed "malaria." All these symptoms may be and frequently are the effect of the use of alum baking powders in food making. There is no question about the poisonous effect of alum upon the system. It obstructs digestion, prostrates the nerves, coagulates and devitalizes the blood. All this has been made clear, thanks to physicians, boards of health, and food commissions. So "highly injurious to the health of the community" does the eminent head of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Barker, consider the alum baking powder, that he says "their sale should be prohibited by law."

Under these circumstances it is worth the while of every housewife to employ the very little care that is necessary to keep so dangerous an element from the food of her family.

A pure cream of tartar baking powder, which is the only kind that should be used, ought to cost about forty-five to fifty cents a pound. Therefore, if you are paying much less something is wrong; if you are paying twenty-five cents or less per pound, the powder is certainly made from alum. Always bear these simple facts in mind when purchasing baking powder.

**TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH.**

Three Days of Festivity Have Been Arranged for in Portland.

Portland, June 15.—The Fourth of July will be celebrated in Portland this year as it never has been before. Three days of festivity have been arranged for, with special programmes for every day. The committee which has the matter in charge is composed of enterprising business men, among them being Gen. Owen Summers, Julius L. Meier and Dan McAllen. They have succeeded in securing a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in the state, so that everyone will be enabled to come to Portland and help celebrate.

Among the unique features which have been arranged is a grand illuminated parade at night, which will take the place of the usual fireworks. Volleys of rockets and mines will be discharged as the parade moves along through the streets, and in the procession will be many brilliant fire floats and squads of torch bearers. The best of music has been provided, and visitors to the city will find no lack of opportunity to find entertainment while giving vent to their patriotism.

**BEATEN BY REPORTER.**

How a Newspaper Man Retaliated for Insults From a Candidate.

A good story, and one with a moral, is related by a well-known Southern writer, says the New York Mail and Express.

"No great statesman with good hard horse sense ever went out of his way to offend a newspaper man," he says.

"Some years ago there was a very hot campaign in Georgia for a big office. "In a distant city lived a candidate who was confident of election. He was proud and haughty, and thought only of himself."

"A young newspaper man was detailed by the managing editor to accompany the statesman and report his speeches."

"Now comes the funny part of the story. The statesman ignored his companion—left him to take care of himself—introduced him to nobody—treated him without any consideration."

"Once when they were riding in a buggy through the country they stopped at a spring. The statesman cooled a bottle of wine in the spring and drank it all, without offering the journalist a drop."

"Then he helped himself to a cigar from the valise, and resumed his seat in the buggy."

"Drive on!" he said.

"The newspaper man hated and despised the cold-blooded politician, but he had his work to do."

"He reported the speeches and campaign incidents, but in a quiet way he knifed the statesman. The big man read the reports, and was conscious that something was lacking, but he could not tell what."

"The newspaper man simply stuck to the facts and damned the candidate with faint praise. He left out the element of enthusiasm. He was dull, and deliberately so."

"The candidate was defeated, and he never knew how much the newspaper man had to do with it."

"Of course he did not dream that his own conduct had injured him. No mean man ever makes the discovery that he is mean."

**Opportunity of Trouble.**

The tests of life are to make, not break us. Trouble may demolish a man's business, but build up his character. The blow at the outward man may be the greatest blessing to the inner man. If God, then, puts us or prunes anything hard in our lives, be sure that the real peril, the real trouble, is what we shall lose if we flinch or rebel.—S. S. Thales.

Sixty workmen on the Delaware & Western coal trestle at Orwego, N. Y., struck for higher pay.

**Prospectively Hard to Bear.**

There is one hard thing to bear in this world, and that is prosperity. The fact that we do not feel it as a burden does not affect the truth that it is hard to carry it and yet stand upright. To be honest, generous, considerate, fair, magnanimous, in "prosperity"—all that is not easy. Yet this is what it means to stand upright. Under worldly prosperity one is in great danger of getting spiritually stoop-shouldered and weak-kneed. Pray for the prospectively—S. S. Times.

**Des Moines Auditorium Burned.**

Des Moines, June 19.—The Des Moines auditorium, used for a convention hall, which was constructed a year ago at a cost of \$50,000, was destroyed by fire today. It was insured for \$25,000. It was occupied by the Commercial Exchange and the T. W. P. Chase Amusement Company, the latter holding a lease and conducting a vaudeville show. All the seats, effects and scenery were burned, making a total loss, as now estimated, of \$40,000, with \$27,000 insurance.

## THE ALPHA LANDED

Had No Trouble Getting to Cape Nome May 25.

### DID NOT TOUCH AT ST. MICHAEL

Brought Back Four Passengers, With a Quarter of a Million—Claims Richer Than Reported.

Vancouver, B. C., June 19.—That the gold fields of Cape Nome are richer and more productive than has yet been represented, is the story brought down by the steamer Alpha, which arrived from the North tonight. From a single claim, worked by 20 men in the employ of Jack Brady, \$15,000 was taken out in one week and the same claim panned out \$56,000 within a month. As an earnest of Cape Nome's golden productivity, the Alpha brought down \$250,000 in gold dust. There were five passengers on board, and the dust belonged to four of them, in the following amounts: