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CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

As a result of last night's fire, little Spencer Fields is dead and his small brother Lee is in a very dangerous condition.

The facts in the sad occurrence are, as near as known, about as follows: The mother, Mrs. E. O. Fields, had, after putting the boys to bed, turned the light down and stepped across the lot to her mother's house to assist in caring for a sick brother who is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. She had been in her mother's house but a few moments when she noticed that her own home was wrapped in flames. She at once gave the alarm and by the time she reached the house Mr. Al Warren and his son-in-law, James McShane, had arrived, and though the house was then a mass of fire Mr. McShane entered the house and rescued Lee, the smaller of the two boys, but was unable to get Spencer, the older one. In a short time the house, which was a small two room affair, fell in and soon the firemen were able to secure the body of the one victim. The body was burned beyond all recognition. Dr. Richardson who is attending the smaller boy states that so far as he is able to determine at this time, the chances for his recovery are good.

Spencer, the boy who was burned to death, would have been seven years old had he lived until next October. Lee, the one who was rescued, is about seven years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at three-thirty at the undertaking parlors of Giffin & Hogan, the Rev. Gillilan officiating.

Must Stand

[By Scripps News Association] Sacramento, March 8.—Governor Pardee of California this morning vetoed the anti-compulsory vaccination bill, declaring that vaccination had freed the country from one of the greatest curses in history and must be sustained.

Walked Out

[By Scripps News Association] Portland March 8.—The men employed on the Bridge of Nations on the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds walked out this morning in sympathy with the other Union men. There are now no Colson men employed on the ground.

Dragged To Death

Cedric Ramsed, aged 12 years fell off a harnessed horse, his foot catching in the harness. The horse ran away and dragged him to death. This was on a farm near Cheney, Washington.

POLICE ADMIT DEFEAT

[By Scripps News Association] San Francisco March 8.—There seems to be no hope of clearing up the Stanford poisoning mystery. If the police found themselves in a quandary yesterday they are in even a worse plight today, and admit being utterly at sea. The finding of the chemist at Honolulu has greatly weakened the murder theory and it is evident that the case will be dropped as soon as the authorities can do so gracefully. The presence of strychnine in the bicarbonate of soda and also the evident attempt to poison Mrs. Stanford in this city it is believed will forever remain an unexplained mystery. The police practically admit today that there will be no arrests made. The authorities here now give it out as their opinion that there was a mistake in the transmission of the cablegram sent from Honolulu regarding the quantity of strychnine found in the bicarbonate of soda and they claim that it is their belief that the decimal point before the figure 662 dropped off that the message should have read 662 hundredths of a grain instead of 662 grains.

RUSSIANS RUMORED TO BE RETREATING

St Petersburg March 8.—The street is full of rumors that the day is lost and that the Russian army is in full retreat from Mukden. Public interest is at a higher pitch than at any previous period of the war. The bulletin boards are crowded to catch the latest and the extra editions of the papers are brought in sheaves. Despite the optimistic government reports the general belief in the public mind is that General Kuropatkin has been overwhelmed and will make his last stand at Tie pass and that the losses have been enormous.

DEFEAT
St Petersburg, March 8.—A Russian correspondent at the front states that the Japanese had made all arrangements to enter Mukden on the fourth of this month, and that the Chinese Government officials had been instructed to prepare a solemn reception. This correspondent further states that General Sassulich's infantry surrounded a portion of Kuroki's men and called upon them to surrender but the men refused, and they were shot down where they stood.

More Captures

[By Scripps News Association] Tokio March 8.—The Japanese warships captured two more British steamers loaded with supplies for Vladivostok, making a total to date of thirty two.

More Subpoenas

[By Scripps News Association] Chicago March 8.—Forty more subpoenas were issued this morning for witnesses for the beef trust inquiry. This makes the total number of subpoenas a little above the two hundred mark. The grand jury will convene the twentieth of the month and will probably remain in session many weeks.

Sculptor Dead

[By Scripps News Association] Paris March 8.—Julius Thomas the noted sculptor is dead.

Why Not?

The Seattle Times has been an organ of anti-republicanism ever since Colonel Alden J. Blethen brought it in 1896. Its issue of March 4 made a square flop into the republican party without any change of ownership.

"Black Pope" Dying

[By Scripps News Association] Rome March 8.—Father Martini the general of the order of Jesuits and known the world over as the "Black Pope" is dying of cancer on the liver. His attending physicians state that he can live but a few hours.

UTAH

CHURCH WRECKED

[By Scripps News Association] Salt Lake, Utah, March 8.—An acetylene gas explosion in the Latter Day Saints church at Granger, a small city south of this place, last evening caused the death of Nellie McKay, and seriously injured Ida Smith, Vevi Wallace, Hazel Murphy, Eunice McRae and twenty others. The building was completely wrecked, the walls being blown out and the floor splintered. Many people were pinned under benches and seats. Miss McKay was killed by an organ falling upon her. She was standing on the platform near the organ at the time of the explosion singing a solo. It is feared that others will die from their injuries.

Minister On Trial

[By Scripps News Association] New Brunswick N. J. March 8.—The eloping minister D. C. Cordova was arraigned this morning on two indictments filed by his wife charging him with non support and assault and battery. Miss Bowens with whom he eloped, is in jail and Cordova is endeavoring to get his wife to agree to a divorce but she refused.

Valuable Stone

The largest white sapphire ever discovered was found recently in Brazil. It weighs 1250 carats and is valued at 200,000 crowns—\$240,000 in Berlin.

Philippine Provinces In Open Insurrection

[By Scripps News Association] Washington, March 8.—Open insurrection exists in the province of Cavite and Batanga in the Philippines. Twelve hundred regulars have been hurried to the troublesome section and unless immediate improvement follows it is proposed to re establish reconcentration methods. The most horrible atrocities have been committed. The natives betraying the whereabouts of the bands of bandits are being hanged and their lips cut from their faces.

NEW YORK STRIKE

[By Scripps News Association] New York March 8.—The second day of the strike finds the situation as far as the general public is concerned some what improved.

Trains are running on the subway at five and six minute intervals, and the express and elevated roads have five thousand men ready to start train service tonight, and it is the opinion of the railway officials that they will be able to handle two-thirds of the normal traffic. From what information can be gathered the railway company will most likely refuse the Mayors offer to arbitrate the trouble. The strikers claim that they have the situation won, has become so acute that authorities have seen fit to take in thirty-five hundred extra police who will be assigned to duty this afternoon.

[By Scripps News Association] New York March 8.—The strike leaders, in a letter to the mayor today agreed to submit their grievances to a board of arbitration. The company officials held a meeting and it is generally reported that they will decline, which means that they think that they have the matter under control and that trains will be running the same as usual in a few days.

ASSISTANT POST MASTER GENERAL

[By Scripps News Association] Washington, March 8.—The President sent to the senate today the name of Frank Hitchcock, of Mass., to be assistant post master general. The senate also this afternoon confirmed all the nominations of the ambassadors named yesterday.

Western League

[By Scripps News Association] Milwaukee March 8.—The National Bowling Association officials advise now on foot for a distinctive Western Bowling league to include the cities of Butte, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

Gen Stoessel Exonerated

[By Scripps News Association] Glasgow, March 8.—The Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraph that the Russian consul of war exonerates General Stoessel for his abandonment of Port Arthur.

Unsatisfactory News

The war news this afternoon up to 3:30 at this writing is very indefinite. Everything tends to the view that the Russians are in full retreat but a careful reading of the dispatches received, show a wonderful lack of confirmation of anything positive. It is evident that the battle has been waging for nine days and in which the largest number of men engaged for centuries is still on and the carnage continues.

STATE CLOSES CASE

[By Scripps News Association] Cleveland, March 8.—At the beginning of the third day in Mrs. Chadwick's trial, the government announced that they would conclude the presentation of their evidence today.

Receiver Lyon, of the Oberlin National Bank, was recalled and stated the books of the bank showed no credit due Mrs. Chadwick at the time that the eight certified checks that figure in the indictment were drawn.

Mrs. Chadwick was heard in the case when she interrupted the district attorney when he threatened to bring in the Carnegie notes, though not mentioned "That's what we want" shouted Mrs. Chadwick. The interruption received no attention from the court and Cassie smiled over the evident sensation she created.

The defense objected to the attempt to have Lyons identify the two drafts issued by the Oberlin bank in favor of Mrs. Chadwick in 1893 amounting to \$80,000, on the ground that they were not mentioned in the indictment, at the same time announcing that the main features of this objection was that Mrs. Chadwick had nothing to do with the keeping of the books of the Oberlin bank. The court ruled that she negotiated the two drafts as well as a check for \$12,500 the same day and the latter was mentioned in the indictment, and was a part of the same transaction that Lyons testified that these drafts were drawn on New York.

The Government rested the defense and called expert accountant Doolittle and asked permission to examine the books of the Oberlin bank which was granted.

Late this afternoon the company declined to arbitrate and asked for more protection. There is very little disorder today.

Great Special Silk Sale

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| \$1.00 Values, 73c | .50 Satin, in colors .35 | |
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