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### FIRES SAVED THEM

#### ORANGE GROVES IN FLORIDA THAT WERE THREATENED WITH FROST

Thick Smoke Above, Frosts Could not Penetrate—Laborer Drew Fifteen Thousand Dollar Prize—Died From Fear of Poverty—Other News.

Orlando, Fla. Dec. 28.—Fires are burning tonight throughout the orange belt of Northern Florida to save the groves. The weather Bureau gave warning of frost on Friday, and the fires were kindled at once. In the night the temperature fell to 24 and last night it was 22. A temperature of 24 is fatal to young trees, and 18 will kill those well matured.

The fires have prevented losses that would have amounted to millions of dollars. So far it is thought that little damage has been done to the young trees. As fully 80 per cent of the fruit has been shipped the remainder will be safe, and as good judges say, juicier for a little cold.

Huge piles of pine and oak wood had been scattered throughout the groves not too near the trees. As the warning came to the growers either by wire or by the hoarse whistlings of locomotives as they sped through the country men by the thousands ran to start the fires. Soon the bright gleam was seen for hundreds of miles around.

The aim is to secure a dense smoke that will cover over the trees making a canopy that the frost cannot penetrate. In nearly every case this will protect trees from the most severe cold. In hundreds of groves small sheet iron stoves are provided. These are kept going all night. If the cold continues for days the cost to the grower is considerable. But generally two nights at a time is as long as a "freeze" lasts.

Mr Stetson, a Philadelphia millionaire, has large groves at Deland in which each tree is protected by a house built around it, with a small stove inside. Only millionaires can afford this, but Mr Stetson says his increase crop pays the expense.

Many wealthy growers have fences built around their groves, so that each tree is practically covered; others use tents. But nearly all depend upon the fires.

St Louis, Dec. 27.—Christie Cremer and his family did not have to hang up their stockings this year for their Christmas gifts.

Santa Claus paid them a premature visit on Wednesday, and left official notification that \$15,000 was coming to them as the prize drawn by the elder Cremer and his daughter Katie in a lottery.

Cremer is an egg candler in a commission house. He took the matter in his characteristic even-tempered way. He was not excited over the prospect of such a fabulous acquisition.

All the operatives in the commission house surrounded the lucky man to bestow their congratulations. Some one suggested that he "knock off" for the rest of the day a proposition that was instantly spurned with contempt.

Cremer replied that just because luck had at last found him was no sign that he should become a fool.

Poughkeepsie, Dec. 26.—Mrs Mary Shepard, of this city, was 102 years old on Christmas Day. This, to quote her own words was the saddest Christmas day she had known since her devoted son, Martin, died many years ago. Since then she has lived alone.

Mrs Shepard's sad Christmas was caused by the death of her pastor and best friend, Father Nilan, of St Peter's church, a month ago.

Mrs Shepard says she doesn't want to live to see another birthday. She told one of her friends that she was tired. "I hope that when the snow is gone I shall be taken away," said she.

Denver, Dec. 27.—The Coroner's jury, which was investigating the death of Mr and Mrs John Singer on Christmas day, returned a verdict to-day that the man adminis-

tered strychnine to his wife while he was mentally unbalanced, and killed himself by the same poison. Though he was worth \$50,000 Mr Singer feared that poverty was about to overtake him.

New York, Jan. 3.—Factories here are on the verge of closing because of shortage of coal, according to the World's Trenton, N. J. correspondent. The John A. Roeb-ling's Sons Company, employing 200 men, and the Trenton Pottery Company employing 600 men, are practically out of fuel, and unless they receive a supply in a few days will be crippled, if not compelled to close down.

Troy, Dec. 27.—Two hundred and fifty letters all addressed to Miss Nora Nelson, have been received at the Troy post-office during the past week, as the result of a letter sent West by Miss Nelson to the effect that there are so many girls in Troy that they cannot get husbands. A matrimonial club has been formed by the girls employed in the collar factories of the city to form a remedy for the situation.

The first reply to Miss Nelson's letter came from Tacoma, the writer signing his name as James Evans. He treated the matter as a joke but his statement about the scarcity of girls in the West set the Troy girls to thinking. As a result a correspondence initiated by the new club several engagements are anticipated in the near future.

The life of the collar girl is not the most pleasant imaginable. Even while work is brisk, wages have been cut to such an extent that they earn little more than enough to feed and clothe themselves. The letter written by the Tacoma man was passed from girl to girl through one of the large shops and it was but a short time before several of the girls had expressed their willingness to go West and marry, provided they could be assured of good husbands and homes. The Matrimonial Club now has over forty members. Miss Nelson says many more are willing to join, and that she is positive she can send 500 Troy girls to Tacoma or any other Western city where wives are wanted, at a week's notice.

New York, Jan. 2.—Dr W H Park bacteriologist of the Department of Health, has made several experiments to determine the value of lemon juice in destroying typhoid bacilli, regarding which much has been published recently. Several microscopical examinations of cultures of typhoid bacilli which had been subjected to the action of the lemon juice showed that, although the acid killed the micro organism, it required too much acid and too much time for the chemical action to take place to render lemon juice as an agent practicable.

Dr Park's negative opinion in regard to the efficacy of the acid as a typhoid prophylactic was corroborated, for after the bacilli had been acted upon by a five per cent solution of the acid for 30 minutes it was found that all of them had not been destroyed.

Dr. Park when questioned regarding the experiments, said: "My experiments were confirmed by the tests. It is far safer to boil the water or filter it properly than to trust to lemon juice to destroy the typhoid bacilli that may be in it. Of course, the statement that the acid would destroy any typhoid germs that might be contained in oysters by sprinkling it on the outside is ridiculous."

Point Richmond, Cal., Jan. 3.—A tank of 1000 barrels of naphtha exploded from some unknown cause today, causing a loss of \$20,000. The explosion was heard for miles, and windows for some distance were shattered. The roof of the tank was hurled some 300 feet, and the oil caught fire. The tank and contents belong to the Standard Oil Company.

Dresden, Jan. 3.—King George is evidently growing weaker. His pulse is extremely irregular and occasionally is imperceptible. The attending physicians are stimulating His Majesty with quinine. The king's heart action is feeble, and his temperature vacillates 5½ degrees in half a day, falling to 92½. His Majesty's condition has grown worse through the insistence of the patient in discharging government business.

### SCORED JOHN D

#### AND HIS GIFTS OF MILLIONS TO CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Ex-College President did it—To Hang an Elephant—Cable Finally Completed to Honolulu Message Sent—Other News.

Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—John Bascom, formerly president of the University of Wisconsin who is attending the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association, attacked John D Rockefeller and Chicago University in an address this afternoon. He said:

"No money obtained at the expense of the people, can ever be used for the good of the people. I doubt the power of any university to turn money that has been made at the expense of the community into the welfare of the community. The taint of a bad temper will cling to it like a flavor in an unclean infusion."

As this was apparently aimed at the Standard Oil Magnate, he was asked for an explanation. He said:

"Certainly I mean Chicago University and its acceptance of the gifts of John D Rockefeller. The practices of the Standard Oil Company are directly contrary to law both ethical and statutory, and being in defiance of such laws one who accepted the profits from such practices accepts a portion at least, of the responsibility whereby the money was gained."

"I never go near the divinity school of Chicago University without wanting to tell them what I think of their accepting money made by the underselling of poor men, crowding them out of business and immediately raising the price of the wares which they would not allow other men to sell."

New York, Jan. 3.—Topsy, the pet of thousands of children when, as a famous "baby elephant, she first toured this country with Adam Forepaugh's circus, 20 years ago, is to be banded at Luna Park, Coney Island. The former pet has become a man-killer, and her owners have decided that she must be destroyed. Topsy has killed four men since she went to "Muhet" a few years ago. John Whiting the only man who can control Topsy, left the employ of her owners recently, and no one can be found who will undertake to care for her. A noose of two-inch Manila rope will be employed to kill her.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—San Francisco and Honolulu are now connected by cable. The first words passed under the ocean a few moments after 11 o'clock last night. The wire worked perfectly.

The Silvertown, just before splicing the ends, some thirty miles off shore from Honolulu, telegraphed both ways for the land stations to wait till 11:10 o'clock, San Francisco time, before trying the cable. That time was desired to insure the perfect hardening of the gutta percha in the splice after the joint should be lowered overboard from the ship in about 2500 feet of water. Operators sat anxiously and eagerly about the instrument in King street, at Honolulu, and in the cable office on Market street, in San Francisco, waiting for the time limit to expire. San Francisco was watching for Honolulu to signal first. A few moments after 11 o'clock, before the time limit was up, a signal went from this end to Honolulu. That first little response from Honolulu came into the San Francisco office at exactly 11:03 o'clock. It was then exactly 8:41 o'clock in Honolulu, the time difference being two hours and 22 minutes and a few seconds.

The first message received was from Governor Dole to President Roosevelt. It was merely a formal greeting and congratulation from the people of Hawaii to the people of the United States from one chief executive to the other. The message was transmitted from the Market-street office to a wire leading directly to the executive mansion at Washington, and receipt was acknowledged at 11:25 o'clock.

When the message reached the White House President Roosevelt was asleep, and the operator refused

to awaken him.

Right after the Dole signature on the first message, came a second through from Honolulu. It was a greeting from the people of Hawaii to Clarence H. Mackay, president of the cable company, congratulating him upon the completion of the cable and expressing sorrow that John W. Mackay had not survived to see the instantaneous bond between the islands and the American continent. This message was signed by Henry E. Cooper, secretary of the territory of Hawaii.

Then came a message from the Associated Press correspondent on the Silvertown, telling of the successful laying of the cable and of the celebration of the event in Honolulu. The paper ribbon containing the record of the first experimental words between San Francisco and Honolulu was cut into little sections of a few phrases each and divided among the score of spectators who were assembled about the instruments when San Francisco and Honolulu first spoke to each other under the Pacific ocean.

The line will be open for business today.

Honolulu, Jan. 2.—By courtesy of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, the Associated Press is permitted to tender congratulations on the completion of the first section of the submarine cable that is to connect the United States with its insular possessions in the Pacific and eventually with the continent of Asia. The cable was completed at 8:40 tonight, when the two ends were brought together in Molokai channel, 35 miles from Honolulu, where the San Francisco end had been buoyed since December 26. Shortly after communication was established, the fact was announced to the crowd in waiting, and was greeted with cheers. Judge Cooper, representing Governor Dole who was absent from the island, sent a message to President Roosevelt, announcing the opening, and extending the greetings of the citizens of Hawaii.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The following is the reply of the president to the message of Secretary Cooper:

"White House, Washington, Jan. 2.—Hon. Henry E. Cooper, Secretary, Hawaii, Honolulu: The president sends to you, to Governor Dole, and the people of Hawaii, his hearty congratulations upon the opening of the cable. He believes that it will tend to make the people of Hawaii more closely knit than ever, to their fellow citizens of the mainland, and will be for the great advantage of all our people."

"GEO. B. CORTELYOY,  
for the President."

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Five masked men dynamited the safe of the First National Bank, at Abingdon, early this morning, and stole \$4,800. Two of the robbers were arrested at Quincy, on the arrival of the fast mail on the Burlington from Galesburg.

The five men held up the night-watchman in the main street of Abingdon shortly after midnight, bound and gagged him and placed him in the office of the bank, while they wrecked the vault and safe with dynamite. Having secured their booty, they gave the watchman \$40 and fled. Their escape was made in a buggy stolen from a barn in the outskirts. Their horse proved a slow traveler, and they exchanged it at a farm house near town. The thieves, it is thought, drove to Galesburg, where they boarded a Burlington express bound for Chicago. Information was wired ahead, and detectives were in waiting at Quincy when the train drew into the station. Only two of the safe blowers arrived at Quincy. They were recognized instantly, and both drew pistols when the officers rushed upon them, but they were quickly overpowered and disarmed.

Tangler, Jan. 3.—A letter from the Sultan was read in the mosque today acknowledging his recent defeat, but promising to punish the rebels soon.

Madrid, Jan. 2.—Premier Silvela today informed the King that he had received advices that Sultan of Morocco was continuing his preparation for war against the pretender and that a battle was impending.

The captain of the Spanish cruiser Infanta Isabel, at Tangier, has telegraphed the minister of marine that the sultan is still besieged in Fez.



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