

DOCKSWIPE OUT

New Orleans Suffers Heavy Disaster.

LOSS IN THE MILLIONS

Wheat, Cotton and Sugar Go Up in Smoke.

GREAT ELEVATORS BURNED

At Illinois Central Wharves Ships Move Just in Time.

FIRE SPREADS VERY RAPIDLY

Despite Modern Appliances and Active Work of Firemen, Terminal Crew and Harbor Tugs the Flames Are Not Stayed.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 26.—Fire, involving millions of dollars' loss in physical property, and that strikes a serious blow at the immense export trade of New Orleans, swept the river front tonight and wiped out the great freight terminals of the Illinois Central, known as the Stuyvesant docks.

Nearly a dozen squares of modern wharves and freight sheds, two magnificent grain elevators, hundreds of loaded cars and vast quantities of freight, including 20,000 bales of cotton, were destroyed, together with a large number of small residences.

The fire was still raging fiercely at midnight, at which time it had almost reached the upper end of the Illinois Central property. It has not been determined whether there has been any loss of life.

The ocean-going shipping seems to have escaped serious damage. A number of firemen and employees of the docks were injured. Actual estimates of the losses are impossible to obtain tonight, though they may exceed \$5,000,000.

The Stuyvesant docks extend from Louisiana avenue, almost to Napoleon avenue, a distance of 13 squares. The wharves between these two points were covered with miles of track, and a steel and iron shed ran the whole distance.

Goods of All Descriptions. The grain elevators were of the most modern construction, the upper one having a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. Thousands of bales of cotton, several hundred thousand packages of sugar, great quantities of cotton-seed oil and all cakes, lumber and every conceivable variety of freight, filled the warehouses and sheds.

Improvements have been under construction for ten years past, elaborate extensions and immense investments having been made for the constitutional convention of 1895 made it possible for the road to invest permanently at this point.

AT LEVEL OF SEA

Commission's Plans for Panama Canal.

STEAM SHOVELS CUT FAST

When Plant Is Perfected Cost Will Be Greatly Reduced.

CHAGRES CAN BE CONTROLLED

Enlargement of Waterway Across the Isthmus Can Then Be Made at Any Future Date Without Delay to Shipping.

PROPOSED SEA-LEVEL CANAL.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Includes items like 'Width at bottom, feet', 'Minimum water depth, feet', 'Cost of construction, years', 'Twin tidal locks', 'Length, feet', 'Width, feet'.

ICE IS MOVING IN THE PLATTE

Four Spans of Burlington Railway Bridge at Schuyler Torn Out.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—Ice began moving in the Platte River today, and with the water high the results, it is feared, will be serious.

Sousa Writes to the Times.

Contents of Today's Paper.

The War in the Far East.

Russia.

National.

Domestic.

Pacific Coast.

Portland and Vicinity.

Notes.

River-Boats Pour Out Streams.

Ice Floating in the Kaw.

LEADER HAS QUIT

Announcement Made by Matthews Himself.

POLITICIANS ARE COY

Few Anxious to Step Into His Shoes.

EFFECT ON CITY POLITICS

What Prominent Partisans of Various Factions Have to Say of the Effect of Action of Matthews.

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Advantages to Be Obtained.

EMPLOYEES WELL CARED FOR

General Davis Advises Families Be Not Now Brought to Panama.

Control of the Chagres.

Three Small Dams Recommended.

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OLD MAN'S FOLLY

Millionaire Marries a New York Actress.

FATHER OF MANY CHILDREN

He Sent Infatuated Son Abroad Four Years Ago.

FALLS INTO A TRAP HIMSELF

Time Hung Heavy in His New York Palace Until the Quondam Steel Magnate Met the Winsome Goldie Mohr.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 26.—(Special)—

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