

EATEN BY FLAMES

Large Part of Arkansas Hot Springs Burned.

THREE ARE FOUND IN RUINS

Fire Breaks Out in Early Morning, and Fanned by High Wind Devours Buildings Covering One Square Mile.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 25.—Fire swept the southern portion of this city early today, causing losses variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, and three deaths. Three charred corpses were found in the ruins, but the identity of the victims has not been established. One of the bodies is supposed to be that of a female guest of the Grand Central Hotel. The fire started at 2:30 this morning and in five hours burned over an area of one square mile. Black after black of business houses, hotels and other buildings was swept away. The fire-swept area includes every house on Chapel street, all of Market street from Central street west; Orange street to Grand avenue, and a portion of Oak street. Among the buildings destroyed are the Grand Central Hotel, the Leo House, Moody Hotel, Plaza Hotel, Columbia Hotel, the County Court-house, jail, First Methodist Church, the Jewish Synagogue and 25 residences and stores.

Water Supply Falls, Wind Rages.

The firemen and police worked valiantly, but their efforts could not check the flames, and, to add to their difficulty, the water pressure gave out at 5 o'clock. Bucket brigades were then formed, citizens and visitors alike volunteering their services. Many lodging-houses and cheap restaurants were directly in the path of the fire, and the occupants were hurriedly apprised of their danger. Many in their anxiety jumped from windows and sustained severe bruises and shocks.

At daybreak the wind increased in force. The fire swept along Central avenue south, eating up building after building. On the west side of Central avenue a strip of woods covering about ten acres arrested the progress of the fire to the west. The Park Hotel, through a favorable shift in the wind, escaped destruction.

Three Unknown Dead Found.

At 3 o'clock the fire had practically burned itself out, and the work of rescuing was begun. In the ruins of the Grand Central Hotel a charred female body was found. She remains cold and is not identified, and as the hotel registers and other records were burned, the name may never be known. In a lodging-house two unknown male corpses were discovered.

Mayor Belding issued a proclamation, calling upon the citizens to open their houses to the destitute, and the appeal was responded to on every side. The large hotels took in hundreds who had lost their belongings, and fed hundreds more. A mass meeting called by the Mayor met this evening, and Mayor Belding asked for contributions to assist the destitute this evening, and generous donations were made. Many turkeys subscribed liberally to the fund. Mayor Belding said at the meeting that in his opinion the city can take care of the situation without an appeal for outside aid. Tonight all the destitute are being cared for.

Names of Burned Buildings.

Among the places destroyed are the residence of H. Williams, the Williams hardware store, the Tennessee stables, Valley hotels and the residence of Dr. F. Saunders, Central avenue west; the Blumenstiel block, Gus Berlin's store, Spear Dry Goods Company, Evans hardware store, the Laughman block of buildings, residences of John O'Brien, Fred Sammons, Thomas Golden, F. Parker, Mrs. Laughlin, Mrs. Connelly, J. O. Bear, Judge Fosage, M. Simler, J. Marks, W. E. Wearinger West, restaurant, Hotel, Alhambra Hotel, Alhambra Bathhouse, Palmira Hotel, residences of Mrs. Lookey and S. A. Cammons, and on Central street the house of Dr. F. Saunders, D. S. Ryan, Dr. Leonard Ellis, Mrs. Marks, Joseph Marzua, Mrs. Kulin, Mrs. Clements, F. Ashley Wood, James Partridge and other buildings on Oak street were consumed.

Two Thousand Homeless.

More than 2000 people are homeless. Fortunately the cold weather has passed and Springlike temperature prevails. The streets are filled with the homeless taken from stores in the threatened districts. The Spring season always attracts a large number of visitors to this resort. The city has been filling up with visitors for several weeks, and it is estimated that fully 20,000 of these sojourners are here. The three large hotels, the Arlington, the Eastman and the Park, were not damaged by the fire.

Irrigate the Klamath Basin.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The United States irrigation committee met here today and took steps to incorporate the Klamath Basin Water-Users Association with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. This will probably be increased to \$3,000,000 in the near future.

Cracks Skull by Fall.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—James H. Buchanan, aged 62, met death by falling from the second-story window of his lodging-house to the sidewalk, a distance of 40 feet. His neck was broken and skull fractured. The deceased has left a wife and two children residing at Seattle, Wash.

Dallas Wins by High Score.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Dallas College defeated Willamette University this morning at basketball. The score was 25 to 5. Shaw and Teas played best for Dallas, and Judd and Nelson for Willamette. It was a clean game all through.

Grand Ronde Farm Sold.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—A S. K. Bond, who purchased the 240-acre farm west of Summerville from J. F. Westover, paying \$12,000, or \$250 per acre. It is considered one of the first-class farms in the Grand Ronde.

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Old people and those who have weak lungs cannot be too careful in guarding against this disease. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and can be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. A great many who had every reason to fear pneumonia have warder it off by the prompt use of this remedy. The following is an instance of this sort: "Too much cannot be said in favor of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and especially for colds and influenza. I know that it cured my daughter, Laura, of a severe cold, and it believe saved her life when she was threatened with pneumonia."—W. D. Wilson, Logan, New York. Sold by all druggists.

ARE AFTER STOSSSEL'S SCALP

RUSSIAN PAPERS ATTACK HIM, AND NO OVACTION AWAITS HIM.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—

On the eve of General Stossel's departure a section of the press is attacking him bitterly. These papers have printed all the stories tending to show that the general is a fortune teller, and an extreme fanatic when it is capitulated, the story even alleging mistreatment of the inhabitants of the city. The majority of the papers, however, resent criticism in advance of the official investigation as being unjust and unwarranted.

COUSCHANG NOT HUNGRY FOR FIGHT.

SUICHWANG, Feb. 25.—Scouts report that the Russian raiders originally started from Sufang and consisted of four squadrons of Cossacks, commanded by a Colonel. They lost one officer and a number of men in the engagement at Hung-

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hutu. The Russians seemed disheartened and anxious to avoid a fight. The speaker closed with the quotation: "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

Rear-Admiral Charles H. Davis, United States, said concerning the decision: "The conclusions seem to me to be equitable. They are formulated in a manner to satisfy the legitimate desire of the two parties, and mark an important step in the pacific solution of international conflicts."

Admiral Baron von Spain, in behalf of the Admirals, thanked Admiral Fournier for his courtesy and France for her generous hospitality, and requested Admiral Fournier to express the commissioners' sense of gratitude to President Loubet and Foreign Minister Delcasse. The sitting lasted half an hour.

JOHN BULL WEARS BIG SMILE.

Findings Held to Sustain His Contentment Throughout.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Foreign Office received the findings of the North Sea Commission with apparent equanimity, but declined to give out any official expression of opinion thereon. An official said to the Associated Press: "The finding of the Commission is final. We, therefore, must be satisfied and it would be in bad taste for us to express dissatisfaction."

The Associated Press understands, unofficially, however, that the Foreign Office is well pleased with the findings.

The findings were received in London with every sign of gratification, which was all the more marked because of the premature reports that the decision of the Admirals had been of anti-British character. The whole report is regarded here as discrediting the Russian case; even the phrase that the firing was not unduly prolonged, which seems to afford a certain justification for opening the firing, is at the same time taken as implying that the Russians continued to fire after they had discovered their mistake.

The definite finding of the Admirals that no torpedo boats were at the scene of the incident gives considerable satisfaction, and it is pointed out that the British contentions were further upheld in the finding that the trawler Crane and Aurora were the boats the Russians mistook for torpedo boats.

Diverse Views of Paris Papers.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—The Figaro, commenting this morning on the decision of the North Sea commission, congratulates the commissioners on the impartial verdict which the honor of both nations is justified.

The Temps criticizes the report as illogical. It recognizes that the task was delicate and complicated by a lack of precedent. The fact that it stopped two nations from going to war, however, is a sufficient cause for appreciation of arbitration.

Drink Health of Two Presidents.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—At a dinner given tonight at the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs to the members of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea affair, Admiral Fournier proposed a toast to President Roosevelt, and Admiral Baron von Spain, the Austrian commissioner, proposed President Loubet's health.

Bad News Not Known in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25 (A. M.).—The report of the findings of the International Commission on the North Sea is not generally known in St. Petersburg last night, but after the previous illusory reports it is bound to be received with great dissatisfaction.

Councilman's Election Doubtful.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—A question of the legality of the election of D. H. Cox to succeed the late John F. Brewer, as Councilman has been presented at the meeting which chose him last night. The Council has seven members and the city charter requires a five-sevenths vote to fill a vacancy. City Attorney Blandford so instructed the Council, but other attorneys present held that the Council was a quorum and that five-sevenths of a quorum could fill a vacancy.

Bullet Ends Long Suffering.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 25.—Gilbert Harts died tonight at his home in Sumner after a bullet into his brain in Sumner instant death. He was about 30 years of age and the son of Captain Harris, a well-to-do farmer and cheese manufacturer of this section. He had been a long sufferer from heart trouble and was subject to fits.

UNREST THROUGHOUT RUSSIA.

Caucasia Calls for Republic and Strikes Clog Wheels of Industry.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—The reports today from both Poland and the Caucasus are very disquieting. Owing to the lack of direct communication with many places in the Caucasus verification of the countless rumors about is impossible, but it is positively known that almost a reign of terror exists in the territory between the Caspian and Black Seas. Private vengeance has gutted the streets of Baku, Batoum and Tiflis with dead Americans and Mussulmans. The reports, however, of the capture of the Russian garrisons and of the firing of the Black Sea fleet on Poti, etc., are not confirmed.

AWAITS THE CZAR'S ANSWER

FINNISH DIET REFUSES TO ACT UNLESS HE SUBMITS LAWS.

HELSINKI, Finland, Feb. 25.—The work of the Finnish Diet is at a standstill, while awaiting the reply of Emperor Nicholas to the petition for the submission of measures for the Russification of Finland for the Diet's approval. The Emperor's only response till now has been to order the Senate to report on the petition.

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POLICE FAIL TO TRACE PLOT AGAINST GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.—The police are now fully satisfied that there existed a plot of considerable proportions against the late Grand Duke Sergius, but they are baffled in tracing it out. There have been many arrests of persons believed to know something of the plot, but they have been fruitless, and only against the assassin has there really tangible evidence.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25 (A. M.).—According to an apparently well-grounded report, Minister of Finance Kokovoff will soon leave the Emperor's Cabinet and be succeeded by M. Boucicoff, a former assistant to President of the Council Witte, and a strong supporter of that statesman. There are various reports concerning the proceedings of the Council of Minis-

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NEW ARRIVALS

- Novelties in Men's Spring Suits
Novelties in Men's Brewer Hats
Novelties in Misses' Spring Coats
Novelties in Misses' Spring Dresses
Made Right--Fit Right
Priced Right

TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED

SUFFERINGS OF BELATED PASSENGERS IN POLAND. Leaving Their Train, They Fall Into Robbers' Hands and Are Mal-treated--Car Men Strike.

VENDETTA BETWEEN RACES

Mussulmans and Armenians Have Campaign of Assassination. TIFLIS CAUCASUS, Feb. 25.—Details of the recent street fighting at Baku show that 25 persons were killed or wounded February 20, and that on the following day the racial bitterness between the Mussulmans and Armenians reached a climax. Street murders were incessant and firing lasted all day long.

Turks Are Among the slain.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 25.—Advices from Batoum say the Prefect of Police and several leading merchants of that city have been assassinated and that numbers of Ottoman subjects have been murdered by Georgian strikers.

CENSOR SUSPENDS THE RUSS

Government's Reply to Question as to Its Existence. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25 (A. M.).—Street sales of the Russ have been suspended on account of an article in its issue of Friday reciting conditions in Russia, and asking whether they indicate the existence of a government.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty. Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

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WAR WITH US UNTHINKABLE

BEBEL CONDEMNES PROPOSED INCREASE OF GERMAN NAVY. BERLIN, Feb. 25.—In the Reichstag today during the discussion of the naval appropriations, Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, said that if Germany accepted the Naval League's guidance she would, it was estimated, spend \$75,000,000 in additions to the fleet. Germany, he added, had better aim at the future of her people and amelioration of social conditions rather than waste the proceeds of 1900 on useless armaments.

Mrs. Duke's Partner Must Go to Texas

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Judge Chetlain today refused to free Charles F. Taylor, indicted with Mrs. Alice Webb-Duke, by the grand jury of Kosciusko County, Texas, on a charge of obtaining \$2000 under false pretenses. The case came before Judge Chetlain on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Taylor's attorney through representations that the indictment was faulty. As a result, apparently, Taylor will face trial in Texas.

Deaf Mutes Defeat Indians.

CHEMAMA, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The Chemama third basketball team met the Deaf Mute School team this afternoon and were defeated by a score of 40 to 31. The playing of both teams was loose, and there was an apparent lack of team work on both sides.

Third Squadron in English Channel.

DOVER, England, Feb. 25.—The third Russian squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, passed here today, heading westward.

Bishops Must Defend Their Rights.

ROME, Feb. 25.—The pope this evening extending and trains for Rome and Florence are delayed. A meeting of the Chamber of Deputies will be held Sunday, with a view of coping with the situation.

Italian Railroad Strike Grows.

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Sir Henry Irving Improving.

WOLVERHAMPTON, England, Feb. 25.—Sir Henry Irving passed a good night, the bulletin of his physician says, and his condition today is markedly improved.

Siege Guns Fire All Day.

MUKDEN, Feb. 25.—An action in the center opened at 8:30 this morning with siege guns. The firing of field guns continued throughout the day.

Seattle Wants Unit Rule.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The King County Republican Committee today adopted resolutions urging the members of the Legislature from this county to observe the unit rule. The resolutions are broad enough to indicate the committee's position that King County should be united both in convention and Legislature, but the resolution is obviously directed at those members of the

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"77" Cures Colds and GRIP Grip in the Air. This epidemic of Influenza, or Grip, or Cold, or Pleurisy, is due to sudden change of temperature, to the melting snow or slush in the streets, to the eager and nipping air, to carelessness in changing underclothing or outer clothing, any of which may prepare the way to a Winter's sickness. Why not protect yourself by carrying a vial of Dr. Humphrey's "Seventy-seven." It will knock out the Grip, break up a Cold and surely prevent an attack of Pneumonia. At Druggists, 25 cents, or mailed. Humphrey's Homeo. Medicine Co., cor. William and John Streets, New York.

Try one drop of Schilling's Best lemon extract in half-a-glass of water. Try how many drops of some other extract it takes to flavor as much. At your grocer's, necessarily.