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# FT. WORTH LOSES \$2,500,000 BY FIRE

Flames Swept Over City by Strong Wind.

ONE PERSON LOSES LIFE

Three Churches Among Ruined Buildings.

SANITARIUM ALSO

Starting in Barn, Fire Clears Large Aren in Southern Part of City. Texas & Pacific Railroad Is Heaviest Loser.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 3 .- Starting in a barn, presumably from a carelesstythrown eigarette, fire this afternoon de strayed property in the southern parties of Fort Worth conservatively valued at \$2,500,000, caused the death of one person, J. J. Newton, of Krum, Tex., and randered several thousand persons home-

The fire originated at Jennings avenue and Peter Smith street, in the center of nable residence district, and, fanned by a stiff wind, was beyond control within 15 minutes. Spreading to the south, it burned its way through 32 blocks and continued until it had swept through the yards of the Texas & Pacific Railroad, burning the railroad buildings and a large amount of rolling stock, where the fire practically burned itself

Churches and Railroad Suffer.

Three church buildings, the Broadway Baptist and Presbyterian and the Swedish Chapel, were among the buildings burned, as was the Presbyterian Sanitarium. The patients of the latter institution were all removed in safety.

The Texas & Pacific Railroad suffered the largest individual loss. Fourteen locomotives were reduced to twisted masses of steal and iron and several hundred boxcars, besides the roundhouse and other buildings of the road were destroyed The Texas & Pacific estimates the loss to the road at \$160,000, while the damage to the church property is estimated at \$200,000.

### Burns Till Fuel Exhausted.

In answer to appeals for aid, special trains bearing fire-fighting apparatus were dispatched from Dallas and Weatherford, Tex., but all efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail until the yards of the Texas & Pacific were crossed and the "reservation." a vacant lot of ground on the east, was On the south the Texas & Pacific depot, a stone and steel structure, proved to be a bulwark which saved the wholesale district.

The fire-swept area was patrolled tonight by armed guards to prevent lootthe owners of the burned buildings gathered what they could of their household effects and sought shelter for the night wherever it could be nd. The livestock building and auditorium at the fairgrounds provided a temporary abode for many, while others in vacant houses or accepted the hospitality of Dallas and nearby cities.

DALLAS HAS FIRE VISITATION

Flames Destroy Residences on Quarter of Square Mile.

DALLAS, Tex., April 3.-Sixty-four residences and a private sanitarium in Oak Cliff, a suburb of Dallas, were destroyed by fire today, causing a property loss of approximately \$250,000. The fire was fanned by a strong southwest wind and before it could be checked flad swept through 114 residence blocks and in the burned area, which covers more than a quarter of a mile square of teronly five buildings remain intact. All of the patients at the sanitaritim were removed from the building in

## STUDENTS STRIKE FOR SOCIALISM BLOCKS TRAFFIC

BRITISH WORKMEN AT OXFORD

Regular Union Methods Pursued, Successor Barred and New College Planned.

OXFORD, England, April 3 .- The students of Ruskin College, which was founded here in 1899 by an American, Waiter Vrooman, to provide workingmen with facilities for the study of social and economic subjects, have been on strike for a week on account of the dismissal of Dennis Hird, the principal. The students are dominated by the labor unions and the strike has been conducted on strictly union methods, the students boycotting the other lecturers and picketing the grounds against any attempt on the part of Mr. Hird's suc cessor to take charge. After a lengthy meeting today the students decided to appeal to the unions for 100,000 subscriptions of a shilling each to start a new college.

Mr. Hird was removed on the ground that he was unable to maintain discip-The students scoff at this explanation and think he was deposed be cause his teachings were considered too socialistic.

### CHILD'S BOND RECOVERED

Father Secures \$1000 Forfeited When Girl Disappeared.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 3.-(Special.)-The Rev. W. G. Moter, a Methodist minister at Newport, Wash., today recovered. the \$1000 bond that he posted for the appearance of his daughter Winifred Moter, who is now serving an interminate sentence at Walla Walla for forgery,

After being in jail for some time following her arrest, the girl was released upon bond. Upon the day her case camup in the Superior Court, she appeared court in the morning and the case was continued until 5 o'clock in the after-When the hour arrived she not there and after waiting some time the bond was declared forfeited.

It was shown that the girl, who is only 18, and twice married, had made no attempt to escape, but had appeared at the Courthouse soon after the bond was for-feited. The Rev. Mr. Moter, after the sentence of the girl, made application to money returned and the order was entered today

### LOSES MUCH COAL LAND

Northern Pacific's Title to Large Montana Tract Void.

HELENA, Mont., April 3 .- In the United States Court today Judge Hunt de-clared null and void the title of the Northern Pacific Railroad to 1200 acres of coal land in Carbon County, valued at \$2600 an acre.

The Government instituted suit to were entered upon.

### CRUISERS ON LAST RACE

Two-Thousand Mile Coal Endurance Test Starts From Newport.

NEWPORT, R. L. April 3,-With each ship's company aroused to the highest pitch of excitement in friendly rivalry, the three scout cruisers Chester, Birmingham and Salem swept out of the harbor at noon today, and at 12:45 P. M., crossed the starting line off Brentons Reef lightship for their third coal-endurance test of 2000 miles.

The cruisers encountered rough weather after getting outside.

### WESTON HURTS ANKLE

Veteran Walker Will Rest in Ohio Over Sunday on Long Walk.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 3 .- Edward Payson Weston, on his walk to the Pacific Coast, reached here Sharon, Pa., at 10:30 this morning, ap-

parently in excellent condition. Weston will spend Sunday here, leaving for Canton Monday. sprained his ankle today on his walk from Sharon

Harriman Stirs Up Government to Action.

### REFUSES STEAMER TRAFFIC

Pacific Mail Declines Shipments to New York.

SCARED BY INVESTIGATION

War Department May Take Drastle Action on Shippers' Complaints of Attempts to Divert Traffic From Isthmus.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 .- (Special.) -An investigation of the highhanded action of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in refusing shipments for New York when its Panama steamships were sailing with vacant cargo space has been made by Government officials connected with the Government-owned Panama ratiroad, and signatures have been obtained to statements from big San Francisco shippers which may result in drastic action by the Secretary of War in breaking off the hold which E. H. Harriman has sought to obtain on the Isthmus route to the exclusion of com-J. P. Williams, the local petition. agent of the Panama Rallroad, has the papers in his possession, and it is serted that they are to be sent to Washington.

### Joker in Rate Reduction.

When the Pacific Mail Steamship Company announced that it would take freight to New York by the Isthmus at a reduction that amounted in many instances to a cut of 50 per cent in the rate, the shippers were delighted. But when steamer after steamer left with vacant cargo space, while shippers seeking to avail themselves of the reduction were put off with one excuse after another, the sensation of delight gradually gave place to a conviction that the millenium had not fully come

Fearful to complain when the shipments were refused, the merchants had remained silent. While a rival line around the Horn might take their through freight, those who were shipping to the interior by rall knew that lands because of their the men who owned both the Pacific mineral character. Judge Hunt in his decision held that, though classified as non-mineral, it was well known would make the complainant wish that contained coal before they he had endured the indignity in silence.

### Excuse for Not Taking Freight.

The refusal of freight is accomplished in divers ways. One pretext that is employed is that New York freight must be loaded in the bottom of the hold, and if Mexican freight has already been stowed away hipment for New York must wait for the next steamer. In other words, where freight is offered that must be moved from interior points by rail the steamship company expresses a willingness to receive it, but when the shipper attempts to have it transported an Francisco the railroad fails to

### find empty cars for that purpose. Backs Down Upon Inquiry.

Then the company learned that an nvestigation was on foot, and in the inst week letters were sent out by Freight Traffic Manager A. M. Garland to San Francisco shippers declar-ing that the Pacific Mail was ready to receive all shipments which might be offered. Evidently the Harriman company fears that the investigation has a sting to it, for the California Fruit Canners' Association, which had been refused space on the last Panama steamer, was suddenly notified that its shipment would be accepted, and it went forward. It is known that the general facts in the situation have (Concluded on Page 2.)

PRIEST WAITS TO GIVE MODJES-KA FINAL RITES.

Distinguished Tragedienne Not Expected to Survive More Than Another Day.

SANTA ANA, Cal., April 3.-Late this evening Madame Modjeska was reported to be sinking rapidly, and her physician hardly expected her to survive anothe day. Dr. Boyd issued a bulletin at 9 o'clock saying that his patient's pulse was 88 and her respiration 26. veteran actress was still unconscious a that time.

Late this afternoon Father Steeters, of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, at Santa Ana, was summoned to the home of Mme. Modjeska to administer extrem unction in case the distinguished actress should recover consciousness. He arrived at the house soon after, and is in con stant attendance near the sick room in case his services are needed.

Mme. Modjeska has long been a suf ferer from Bright's disease, and this is now complicated by a weakening of the

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Sports.

Coast League score; Portland 2. Los Angeles 4: San Francisco 1, Oakland 9: Vernon 3. Sacramento 1. Section 1, page 11.

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Important building projects will help Sunnyside. Section 4, page 7.

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Many new houses going up at Montavilla.

Many new houses going up at Montavilla. Section 4, page 7. Indian springs will be made into Oregon Carlsbad. Section 4, page 8. Theatrical news. Section 4, page 2.

# FOR AGED ACTRESS DICTATE TERMS

Insurgents Send Ultimatum to Leaders.

THREATEN TO DEFEAT RULES

One Demand Is No Vote on Free Lumber.

NO RECIPROCITY IN COAL

Republican Opposition Claims 50 Votes-Committee Cuts Out Tea and Coffee Duties and Taxes Philippine Rice.

WASHINGTON, April 3 .- Fearing that the demands which they have made for an opportunity to vote on some of the principal schedules in the Payne Tariff bill might result in changes which they consider more disadvantageous than the provisions now in the bill, nearly 30 Republican members of the House met today and agreed upon the changes which they desired to have submitted in the form of committee amendments.

At the same time a meeting of all the members of the ways and means committee was in progress to pass upon the amendments which the subommittee of Republican members had submitted. The committee will report about 50 amendments, including those striking out the countervalling duty on coffee and the duty on tea.

### Insurgents State Demands.

Implying that they would vote against any rule to restrict amend-ments to the bill unless the changes they desired were provided for by the ways and means committee, the Republicans who met today decided to send the following petition to Chair man Payne: "To the Republican members of the

ways and means committee: "The undersigned request your committee to present the following co mittee amendments to the Payne tariff

"An amendment providing for a duty of 45 cents a ton of 24,000 pounds on coal and striking out the provisions for reciprocity. "For a duty of 25 cents a ton on iron ore.

"For a duty of ten per cent on hides. "The amendment to the lumber sched-

ule to be confined to the proviso. "A rule which will provide for the above will receive our support." Shut Out Free Lumber Proviso.

It was stated by the leaders of the movement that fully 50 signatures of Republican members would scribed to the petition by Monday. The meeting of Republicans was attended by three of the members of the ways and means committee, Fordney Michigan, Cushman of washington and Gaines of West Virginia.

A number of those who attended the neeting have contended that their desire was merely to permit the offering of amendments to the lumber, iro ore, coal and hides schedules, in order that there might be a vote on them That such a vote might result in plac-ing lumber on the free list and that the other changes sought might be defeated has become evident. It was decided, therefore, that the best way in which to bring about the desired changes was to have the rule that is to be brought in on Monday restrict amendments to those which the ways and means committee will report and have that committee include the five amendments asked for in the petition. oregon Men Among Insurgents.

Besides the three members of the committee, the following Republicans (Concluded on Page 2.)

### **EX-CONVICT FLEES** FROM REVELATION

"CHURCHMAN-BROKER" LEAVES HOME AND FAMILY.

Fearing Past Will Become Public Gossip, Now Respected Man Disappears From Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 3 .- (Special.) -- Private detectives and police of the coun-try are searching today for Charles Wallace Mosher, the "churchman broker" of Chicago, who, relatives fear will kill himself in a fit of aberration unless found.

Mosher fled from Chicago when Le believed that his life's secret—the fact that he was an ex-convict—was about to be revealed. He was laboring under a heavy mental strain, and his wife and stepson fear for his safety.

The revelation which came was that Wallace Mosher, broker, promoter and devout church member, was Charles Wallace Mosher, ex-convict and former politician, banker and capitalist, wh was released from Sioux Falls Penitentiary 16 years ago after serving a sentence for the violation of the Fed-

eral banking laws. At the time of his sentence, Mosher it is declared, was a leading figure of the West. He was also wealthy, and was interested in many big ventures. He was sentenced in connection with the wrecking of the Capital National Bank of Lincoln, Neb., of which he was president until the crash came. More than \$1,000,000, it is said, was swept

### DEATH REVEALS RELATION

Denver Shoe-Lace Peddler Was Cousin of Hall Caine, Noted Novelist.

DENVER, April 3.-The Denver Post today asserts that Philip Caine, known as the "Shoe Lace" man, because of his having existed for years by the sale of shoe laces and who died last Novem ber in ignorance of the fact that he had was the cousin of Hall Caine, the nov

Philip Caine lived the life of a reclus in Denver, and none knew that he was the relative of Hall Caine until, it is asserted, the relationship was established a short time ago by attorneys engaged in the settlement of the estate of John Caine, a brother of Philip, who before his death was a resident of the Isle of Man. The Isle of Man is the home Hall Caine.

### SAYS PIER LONG AND BONY

Mark Twain Refuses to Leave Car to Inspect It.

NORFOLK, Va., April 3.-The opening of the new Virginian Railroad was celebrated tonight with a banquet given in honor of H. H. Rogers by the business Among the speakers was Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain). who made one of his characteristic well-known suit of immaculate white and declared he was the whitest man in attendance.

Explaining why he did not leave the car to inspect the great steel pier of the Virginian Railroad, Mr. Clemens said he saw it en route to the city and noted that, like Mr. Roger's foot, "it was long and bony.

### BEATS THUG WITH BUCKET

Spokane Groceryman Retreats Un der Fire and Locks Door.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 3 .- (Special.)-Armed with a galvanized iron water pail John Gelina, proprietor of the Enterprise Grocery at Addison and Gordon streets, stood off a thug carrying two revolvers at 9:30 tonight and was shot in the arm He darted inside the grocery and bolted the door just in time to escape further shots.

### CHILD DROWNS IN WELL Two-Year-Old Meets Death While

Playing in Yard. MARSHFIELD, Or., April 3 .- (Special.) The 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs.

Wolfe, living on South Slough, met death

this morning by falling into a well and

drowning. The child was playing about

the yard when the accident happened.

# FRENCHMAN WINS GREAT MARATHUN

St. Yves Beats Rivals With Final Sprint.

### DORANDO FINISHES SECOND

Longboat and Shrubb Give Up Worn Out by Pace.

HAYES BEHIND ITALIAN

Repeated Efforts to Wear Out Ste Yves Only Exhaust Competitors, He Maintains Furious Speed.

NEW YORK, April 3.-Henry St. Tves. of France, won the international Marathon derby for professional runners at the National League baseball park today. Dorando Pietri, of Italy, was seeond; John J. Hayes, of New York, third, and Matthew Maloney, of Yonkers, N.

Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, quit the track in the 20th mile, and Alfred Shrubb, of England, gave up in the 25th mile. Both were completely exhausted in trying to keep the terrific pacer set by the Frenchman. Shrubb made a game struggle from 20th to the 25th mile, but the pace was too fast and the distance too far for hu

St. Yves Finishes With Sprint.

St. Yves, the almost unknown, covered the Marathon distance of 26 miles 383 yards in 2 hours 40 minutes 50 3-5 seconds, a remarkable performance under the conditions, and finished with a fast sprint in good condition. Dorando was 4 minutes 473-5 seconds behind the Frenchman, while Hayes followed the Italian across the finish line 3 minutes and 50 seconds later. No time was taken on Maloney, the fourth man.

St. Yves took \$5000 of the prize, Dorando \$2500, Hayes \$1500 and Maloney \$1000. Shrubb and Longboat go unrewarded for their brave efforts.

### Greatest Marathon Race.

These are the net results of the greatest Marathon ever run in America, and except in point of numbers of contestants, the greatest ever run anywhere. Six of the best distance runners in the world, competing for a small fortune in prizes brought out a crowd that packed the newly arranged stands of the polo grounds to the point of standing room. The day tion, but 30,000 spectators put up umbrellas for protection against the showers that fell during the first hour of the race. When the six runners came upon the field at 3 o'clock, the showers had softened the course.

### St. Yves Takes Lead With Sprint.

When the men were sent away with a pistol shot, Dorando at once leaped into the lead, closely followed by Shrubb and Longboat Maloney Hayes fell behind several yards and took up a steady trof. In this order they ran for five laps, Hayes dropping behind. Then St. Yves passed Dorando and began to sprint. He gained 60 yards and finished the first mile in 5 minutes 19 seconds. Many Frenchmen were present and the band stirred their enthusiasm with the "Marseillaise." The short, choppy, strides of the Frenchman did not impress the crowd, and there were cries of "Oh, he'll come back all right." "dark horse" went along at a furious pace, and on the second lap of the second mile he caught up with Hayes, and thus gained the first lup on the Ameri-

### Shrubb to Third Place.

Shrubb increased his pace in the second opening a few yards between himself and Dorando. The Italian sprinted and overtook him, however, and the Finglishman fell back into third place. Longboat was pegging along easily behind Shrubb, while Maloney ran at an even (Concluded on Page 10.)

## HARRY MURPHY MAKES PICTORIAL FUN OF THE MAYORALTY SITUATION AND OF SOME OTHER THINGS



"And There Are Others."









"But Suppose There Should Be Some Other Job ---: " Oh, Happy Day for the Lawyers.