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NEW ENGLAND FOREST FIRES

Greatest Territory Now Being Flamed Swept in the History of that Region.

PALL OF SMOKE OVER MANY LARGE STATES

Fires Have Also Broken Out Anew in the Adirondacks—The Worst Fires Ever Known Are Raging in New Brunswick—Bath, Maine, Is Surrounded by Fire—One Town Entirely Destroyed.

Nasau, N. H., June 4.—The wires state that all New Hampshire is now darkened by a pall of smoke from forest fires. Groveton people are fleeing to Berlin, which is entirely surrounded by flames. All the farmhouses in the vicinity have been destroyed. Ashland is threatened.

The flames last night did much damage to the famous Corbin Park which whose preserves are numerous deer, 1,000 elk, 150 buffalo and countless wild boars.

In the Adirondacks. Glens Falls, N. Y., June 4.—Adirondack fire conditions are again most serious. The Cedar river section is ablaze with a big fire sweeping near Catlin lake. Long lake and Catamount range, near Lake George are also flame swept.

Pall of Smoke Over New York. New York, June 4.—The city is covered with a pall of smoke from the terrific forest fires sweeping throughout the New England forests and northeastern portion of this state.

Smoke All Over Massachusetts. Springfield, Mass., June 4.—Ashes are falling here from the forest fires in Eastern Massachusetts, and the sun is completely obscured by the dense smoke.

But One House Left. St. Johns, N. B., June 4.—The town of Briggs Corner was destroyed by fire yesterday, only one house being left. New Brunswick is suffering from the worst forest fires ever known. Bonn river is reported burning. St. George is in constant peril. Nothing but a change of wind can save the town of Stanley.

Vast Forests Burning. Millinocket, Me., June 4.—Thousands of acres of heavy spruce have been here and Mekadlin are swept bare. It is reported here that Sherman is destroyed. All communication is cut off over entire sections. The following towns are said to have been wiped out of existence: Crystal, Grindstone, St. Lawrence, Confirmation, is untenable, but if true, there is probably considerable loss of life.

City of Bath Surrounded. Bath, Me., June 4.—The city is almost completely surrounded by tremendous forest fires. The fire department is constantly busy.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER IN A CAROLINA RAILROAD WRECK. Loaded Excursion Train Goes into a Washout—Conductor Also Killed and Many Were Injured. Charleston, S. C., June 4.—An excursion train on the Atlantic Coast line was wrecked near Sumter this morning. The engine and three coaches plowing headlong into a deep washout. Conductor Clements and four negro passengers were killed. The wreckage was taken from the wreck near Sumter, and three coaches plowing headlong into a deep washout.

Fatalities Will Reach Thirty. Augusta, Ga., June 4.—The Atlantic Coast officials announce this morning that they had received a message saying that seven bodies had been taken from the wreck near Sumter, and it is believed the fatalities will reach 30. The injured are being taken to Sumter.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED. Fractious Horse Crowds Over Railing into Boise River. Boise, June 4.—A distressing accident occurred Wednesday afternoon on the Ninth street bridge across the Boise river, which resulted in the drowning of two little children.

Searching for the Bodies. Boise, June 4.—Searching parties are out for the children drowned last night in Boise river. The bodies are not yet recovered.

SEATTLE THUGS IN BUSINESS. Man Beaten to Death, Robbed and Put on Railroad Track. Seattle, June 4.—James Montgomery, aged 25, was beaten with a slung shot and killed the purpose being robbery, near Auburn last night. The body was placed on the Interurban track, where it was struck by a train and slightly mangled. The authorities are investigating, but have no clue.

Canal Treaty Will Be Ratified. Washington, June 4.—Senator Sherman of the Colombia legislation, today received word that peace is fully established in that country. The canal treaty can now be ratified by the Colombian congress.

ED SPENCER SENTENCED.

Must Serve Thirteen Years for Murder of Ella Mundt. Spokane, June 4.—Ed Spencer was this morning sentenced to serve 13 years in state penitentiary, for the murder of Ella Mundt, in this city last January. The case was stubbornly fought, and an expert witness testified at the trial that the defendant was sane at the time he committed the crime, and that fact is probably due to his escape from the gallows.

Under ordinary circumstances the murder was unprovoked and inexcusable, as he deliberately loaded a pistol and went to where the message girl was working as a domestic, and instantly killed her, afterward making a half-hearted attempt at suicide. Experts were called to testify to the fact that the crime was on the human system and mind, and on the strength of this evidence the crime was fixed as manslaughter.

WALTHY STOCKMAN KILLED. Ending of a Fatal Quarrel Near Boise. Boise, Idaho, June 4.—James E. Jones, a wealthy stockman of Lardere, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by a man named Baird. The Boise county sheriff left this morning to get the prisoner, who has given up.

SHOT UP THE SALOONS. Attempt to Enforce Prohibition in a Texas Town. Houston, Texas, June 4.—Fifty masked men rode into Brookfield yesterday morning and destroyed three saloons. A thousand shots were fired and all the fixtures were riddled, but none was hurt. The saloons continue to operate, despite the prohibition law.

FLOODS ARE ABATING. ST. LOUIS IS ALARMED AND IN GREAT DANGER. Two Entire Families in Iowa Were Drowned by Their Homes Collapsing After They Were Cooped Up Five Days—Gigantic Task of Cleaning the Slime-Smeared Cities Will Soon Begin.

St. Louis, June 4.—The Mississippi is continuing to rise, a stage of 11.2 feet being shown at 7 a. m. This is a rise of 1.2 feet during the past 24 hours. It is expected that 22 feet will be reached some time today. The meantime people all along the river front, both here and in East St. Louis, are preparing for the big flood.

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OHIO FOR "TEDDY."

Republicans in Convention Endorse the Rough Rider. Columbus, O., June 4.—Chairman Hanna called the nominating session of the state republican convention to order at 10:30 this morning. Foraker was named as permanent chairman. The harmony arrangement made last night is further being effected.

Hanna and Foraker appeared side by side on the platform and were wildly applauded. Foraker, in his speech, complimented Hanna on his prediction of his re-election to the senate. Then followed a long tribute to Roosevelt.

Resolutions endorsing Roosevelt. Mr. Dick presented the report from the committee on resolutions, unqualifiedly endorsing Roosevelt for the presidency in 1904, and promising the support of the party for Hanna to re-election to the senate.

The platform concluded by saying that monopolies are directly amenable to penalties provided by republican legislation, and their vigorous enforcement in the courts. No worthy interest is imperilled, but whoever will work public harm is restrained, and that too without recourse to the democratic plan of destroying all American industries through tariff revision or otherwise.

Myron Herrick was nominated for governor, and Warren Harding for lieutenant-governor, by acclamation. Ticket Nominated. PONTIFF'S CONDITION IS CAUSING MUCH CONCERN.

Postponement of the Consistory, at Which Two American Cardinals Were to Have Been Appointed. Rome, June 4.—The pope today suffers with a severe attack of dyspepsia, which is causing anxiety. His physicians say they have no fear of complications, but his advanced age and weak condition makes the attack dangerous.

It is believed the consistory, which has already been postponed several days on account of the pontiff's condition, cannot be held for several days yet. The appointment of cardinals, of whom two are expected to be Americans, is one of the important affairs to be looked after at the coming consistory.

IN THE CATTLE COUNTRY. Seven Men Killed in a Fight in Kansas. St. Francis, Kan., June 4.—In a battle yesterday near here, between Farmer Berry and his four sons on one side and 20 cowboys on the other, all the Berry's and two cowboys were killed.

The Berry's were returning from a visit to a neighbor, and in order to make a short cut, pulled down a wire fence on the Dewey place. The cowboys charged and a fusillade commenced and continued until the Berry's barricaded themselves in a cabin. The cowboys rushed and killed two. The cowboys then fired the cabin, and when the Berry's emerged all were shot down.

INSANE BY FLOOD NEWS. Topeka Man's Mind Becomes Unbalanced From Excitement. Lawrence, Kan., June 4.—The Kaw river yesterday night, between Topeka and Lawrence, was reported 10 miles wide. Whatever the cause of the delay of the arrival of the waters from the flood stage, the outlook here is not encouraging.

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PROGRESS OF GREAT FLOOD

Water is Receding at All Kansas Points According to the Latest Advices.

ST. LOUIS IS NOW IN THE GREATEST DANGER LINE.

Extra Session of the Kansas Legislature Probable to Deal With the Situation—Flood Soaked Buildings Continue to Collapse—Sickness and Starvation All Over the Waste of Waters.

Kansas City, June 3.—The river fell six tenths of a foot during the night. The Milwaukee bridge is in operation this morning. No further loss of life from the flood in this section is expected.

Boats are running to Kansas City, Kan., conveying food and necessities. The only boats in the flooded district are in the Milwaukee bridge, as more than \$250,000 are under water in the safes of the smaller banks, express companies and railway offices.

Between Five and Six Hundred. James Thomas, the first newspaper man to get into and out of Kansas City, Kan., and who represents the Scripps News Association, returned this forenoon. He says the situation is very serious. Fifteen thousand people are being cared for in churches, halls and municipal buildings.

The relief work is not well handled. Between 500 and 600 refugees are seriously ill. He talked with 50 men who had only had one meal in 24 hours. The hotels and restaurants are closed, and the groceries are cleaned out.

Marooned on a Bridge. A steamer last night brought in 67 passengers from the Randolph river, which is 100 miles below here. The majority were from the Burlington passenger train which has been missing since Sunday.

Forty Inch Fall Twenty-Four Hours. Topeka, Kan., June 3.—The Kaw fell 40 inches in the 24 hours preceding this morning. Governor Bailey and certain other members of the legislature are providing for an emergency appropriation.

Buildings continue to collapse. Two persons have been rescued from the second floor of an outlying brick residence, where they had been three days without food.

River Falling at Lawrence. Lawrence, Kan., June 3.—The Kaw river yesterday night, between Topeka and Lawrence, was reported 10 miles wide. Whatever the cause of the delay of the arrival of the waters from the flood stage, the outlook here is not encouraging.

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SEATTLE TAKES UP THE FIGHT

Will Force the Navy Department to a Show-Down in the Bremerton Affair.

SAYS CALIFORNIA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EMBARGO.

Will Appeal to the President—Falling There, Will Drag Her Case Before a Suffering Congress—Is Determined to Hold the Navy Yard—Was Warned by Government—Rough Element Dominates Root.

Seattle, June 3.—The Chamber of Commerce today proposed to take up the navy's embargo on the Bremerton and Puget Sound navy yard, for the purpose of forcing the issue. If no satisfaction can be obtained from the department the case will be appealed to the president. Failing there, they will make an appeal to the next congress. They believe the hostile action is inspired by California in the interest of Mare Island.

While the navy department has repeatedly warned the town of Bremerton of the moral tone, which is highly distasteful to the government, yet dives have multiplied and the spawn of moral leprosy has filled its dens of vice.

The city authorities seemed powerless to check the immoral tendencies, and when members of the city council openly condemned the rough element, they were threatened with tar and feathers.

The situation is now taking an acute turn and the answer of the president to Seattle's appeal is awaited with interest.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS SHOW HAPPY RETURNS. Exports to Russia Have Doubled in Nine Months—Indications Point to Heaviest Foreign Trade This Year in History of Nation.

Washington, D. C., June 2.—The alarms which have been sounded during the past two years regarding the trade relations between the United States and certain other countries of the world and no justification in the figures of our commerce up to this time. The three countries which have been mentioned from time to time as likely to decrease their importations from the United States are Russia, Austria-Hungary and Germany.

A study of the latest figures of the treasury bureau of statistics regarding our imports and exports show a steady growth in the trade relations with all three countries, and indicates that our commerce with each of them is likely to be larger in the present fiscal year than in any previous year.

This is true both of the imports and the exports. To each of these three countries our exports are being sent and rapidly increasing, and from each of them our imports are also steadily increasing. This is strongly marked in the figures of our trade relations with Russia in the present fiscal year.

The latest figures show that our exports to Russia for the nine months ending April 1, were nearly double those of the corresponding period in any year of the last decade, and that our imports from Russia are also steadily increasing, being double those of 1899 and three times those of 1884. The figures regarding our trade relations with Germany and Austria-Hungary show a corresponding increase.

WAS IT WILKES BOOTH? Supposed Suicide January Last of the Assassin of Lincoln. End, Okla., June 3.—Junius Brutus Booth, an actor and nephew of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, identified the man who was supposed to have committed suicide in the town of End, Okla., as his nephew. The man lived as David George.

Upon his death, K. L. Bates, attorney for the Memphis case here and fully identified the body, then went East and has obtained positive identification from the nephew, from Joseph Jefferson, Clara Morris and a score of others. Bates claims to have been the confidential agent for Booth for years. Bates says the man supposed to have been killed was named Rully Booth, and that he settled in Glenrose Mills, Texas, and conducted a store there as John S. Helen.

STRIKE OF JANITORS IN CHICAGO BUILDINGS. Attempt to Operate Non-Union Laundry Fails Because of Threatened Sympathetic Strike. Chicago, June 3.—The janitors of 50 large apartment buildings struck this morning, threatening discrimination against the unions.

Attempts were made to start laundries this morning with non-union men exclusively to the present time, but the coal teamsters threatened to walk out. Dispute Over Representatives. Indianapolis, June 3.—President Mitchell today says he does not care to discuss the probable outcome of the anthracite difficulty, but that the mine workers will insist that Nichols, Fahy and Duffey be recognized as their representatives.

UNION DEMANDS GRANTED. The Freight Handlers and Restaurant Employees Scale Struck. Chicago, June 2.—The Nickel Plate and St. Paul signed the freight handlers' scale this morning and the North-western is reported to have agreed to sign this afternoon. The restaurants are signing the employees' scale, as demanded. A labor crisis is thus averted.

SOUTH PACIFIC STORM.

Steamship With Eighty Persons on Board Lost. London, June 3.—Lloyds today received a dispatch from Valparaiso reporting the loss of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer Arica, with 80 on board, including passengers and crew.

Other Ships Were Wrecked. Captain Todd, of the Arica, attempted to run the steamer out to sea in a lull, but was struck by a heavy black squall and foundered. So far as known, none were saved. Other ships were wrecked, including the British Poyale, the German bark Persimmon, the Chilean bark Esquito, the Poyale struck the breakwater and six of the crew and the captain's wife and son were drowned. The Persimmon crew were saved. The Esquito lost two of her crew.

Not All Dead. Valparaiso, June 3.—Seventeen survivors of the wrecked Arica, which was crushed against a Mississippi River bridge span.

Excursion Steamer Sunk. Crushed Against a Mississippi River Bridge Span. Hannibal, Mo., June 3.—The steamer Flying Eagle and a barge with a party of 240 Sunday school pupils on board, struck a draw span of the Mississippi bridge here today. Both barge and steamer went to the bottom. So far as now known, only three lives were lost, though conflicting reports indicate that many more were lost. Three small children jumped overboard. Mrs. Lynch was caught between the bridge and boat cabin, and fatally crushed.

Work Train Through a Bridge. Cochocton, Pa., June 3.—A Pennsylvania work train plumed through a bridge on Washington river this morning. Two Italians were hurled into the water. The engine and six cars were completely submerged.

Four Prisoners Escape. Wheeling, W. Va., June 3.—Four prisoners, including two murderers, broke out of the penitentiary at Moundsville last night. A posse is today using bloodhounds in their pursuit.

Fighting in Montenegro. Constantinople, June 3.—Word was received today of a conflict between Montenegrin and Turkish troops on the Montenegrin frontier. A number were killed and wounded.

On the Way to America. New York, June 3.—A cable this morning from the Azores announces the arrival of Shamrock III and Erin III. Shamrock I is expected tomorrow.

Railroad Stocks Decline. New York, June 3.—The threatened renewal of the anthracite strike caused a reaction in the stock market this morning, the roads affected showing a decline.

Minnesota Bank Dynamited. Red Falls, Minn., June 3.—The Gold State bank at Vest was dynamited last night. \$125,000 in currency and \$20,000 in notes being taken.

Arrived From Europe. New York, June 3.—Ambassadors Choate and McCormick arrived on the Kronprinz Wilhelm today.

UNION LABOR PRESENTS DEMANDS TO THE COUNCIL. After a Lively Session of Inquiry and Argument the Council Adjourns Without Taking Any Action—Round Discussion of Rigby-Clove Problem.

Last evening after the council had completed its routine business, a committee from the Federated Trades' Council of Pendleton, stating they wished to address the council. The council expressed willingness to hear them and the spokesman of the party, Edward Coffman, stated the object of the visit.

Coffman said that at a meeting of the Federated Council the founders of the Rigby-Clove Company had been elected a union to organize labor and that the committee wished to request the council to disregard any bids from the foundry on any city work.

The matter was stated by Coffman and supplemented by Thomas Means and others. The council engaged in the discussion with them and made a large order of grain one-third short of average seasons; abundant rains would do much to improve spring-grown grain; pasture, except near the mountains, poor; fruit prospects good.

Plateau Region. Erwin, Baker county, John Erwin.—No rain, and very dry; it is somewhat warmer this week, and alfalfa is growing fast; all other crops are backward.

Columbia River Valley. Mosier, Wasco county, J. M. Carroll.—Fure part of week cool; latter part hot; some fall grain cut for hay; spring grain short; fine prospects; continue cool; gardens and pastures fine; early peas mostly shipped; strawberries ripening fast; small order of grain one-third short.

INTERESTING COUNCIL MEET

One of the Most Important Sessions Held in Several Months Past.

SEWER BONDS GO TO THE WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT.

Trades Council Asks That Boycott of the Rigby-Clove Company Be Recognized—The Salary of the Street Commissioner Raised Ten Dollars Per Month—Petition for Arc Light and Other Things.

The council was called to order last night by Mayor Halley, and Aldermen Johnson, Dickson, Hartman, Howard and Sommerwie were present.

Three Petitions Presented. A petition was presented from the street commissioner asking that his salary be raised from \$65 to \$75 per month. The petition was granted by the council.

A petition was presented by residents of West Court street, asking that an additional arc light be placed on West Court street. The petition was referred to the street committee.

A petition was presented by residents of West Court street to establish a grade between Lilieth street and Oak street, and the matter was referred to the street committee.

An ordinance was presented establishing a right of way for the sewer at the lower end of the city. The ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee for consideration.

Sale of Bond Issue Authorized. The bids on the bond issue for the construction of the new sewer were opened and read. S. A. Egan, of Chicago, bid \$30,230, the Trowbridge & Niver Company bid \$30,220, and the Order of the Women of Woodcraft bid \$22,912, through their agent, J. L. Wright, the grand clerk of this order. The latter bid was accepted and an ordinance passed authorizing the sale of the bonds.

Purchase of Right of Way. The recorder was authorized to draw funds at the demand of the sewer committee as a tender on the sewer at the lower end of the city. The recorder was granted a leave of absence for not more than 10 days, said leave to begin on Thursday next. John H. Hart, Jr. was appointed to the office of recorder ad interim.

After listening to arguments by a committee of the Federated Trades' Council, asking that the council recognize the boycott of the Rigby-Clove foundry, the council adjourned.

City Recorder's Report for the month just closed was submitted to the council last evening and adopted.

During the last month there were 33 liquor arrests, 112 cases of vagrancy, 14,650; two express licenses for \$9.75; two show licenses for \$4; one license to a pawnbroker for \$2.50, and 25 dog licenses, amounting to \$61. Total, \$1,127.25.

There were 73 cases tried during the month on various causes and from these 1478.80 was collected, aggregating \$1,650; two express licenses for \$9.75; two show licenses for \$4; one license to a pawnbroker for \$2.50, and 25 dog licenses, amounting to \$61. Total, \$1,127.25.

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LAND OFFICE FOR MAY.

Receipts Show Gradual Increase in Homestead Entries.

Following is a report of the United States land office at La Grande, for the month of May:

Table with 2 columns: Description of land entry and Amount. Includes items like 23 commutation of homestead entries, 23 mineral entries, 1 original desert entry, etc.

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