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FATAL FIRE IN A TOLEDO ELEVATOR

Terrible Results of a Dust
Explosion.

TEN PERSONS WERE KILLED

Burned Alive—Fifteen Others Seriously
Injured—Several Others Were
Blown Out of Windows by the
Shock of the Explosion.

TOLEDO, O., Sep. 20.—Ten cremated
and fifteen injured is the record of the
most disastrous fire that ever occurred
in Toledo. The spontaneous combustion
of dust in the grain elevator owned by
Paddock, Hodge & Co., at 9 o'clock,
caused this terrible destruction of life,
and none of those taken out after the
fire started were far enough from death
door to give any information as to the
details.

William J. Parks, the superintendent,
after being blown through a window of
the lower story, was conscious for a mo-
ment, and said that about 8:30 a terri-
ble explosion occurred on the south side
of the elevator, and that he thought
there were about twenty men at work
on the seven floors of the great building
at the time.

Besides those regularly employed at
the elevator, the three children of Mr.
Parks were visiting him at the time.
One of these may recover from his burns
but Grace, a 17-year-old girl, is burned
almost beyond recognition, and Harold,
the third child, has not been found, be-
ing either blown to atoms or cremated
alive.

All over Toledo houses were shaken
by the explosion, as by an earthquake,
and windows were shaken for blocks
around. Very soon afterward flames
burst from all sides of the elevator. It
was but a few minutes until the fire de-
partment of the city began the work of
rescue, which was rendered difficult by
the terrific heat of the fire. The river
cut off the escape on one side, and there
the flames seemed to be less fierce. The
families of a dozen men who worked
within rushed to the scene, and women
calling for their imprisoned husbands,
brothers and fathers, made a scene
indescribable.

It was learned that a force of twenty
men had been in the building, their pur-
pose having been to load 80,000 bushels
of grain during the night. No one of the
entire number could be seen in any part
of the building, and it was impossible to
reach them in any way.

Wm. Parks was found first. He was
twenty feet from the building, fright-
fully burned and his clothes almost en-
tirely torn off. He had been hurled from
his place in the main room through a
window, and his agonizing cries were
most pitiful.

The little daughter of Mr. Parks was
sitting at the desk in the office at the
time of the explosion, and was hurled
out of the door. She walked down the
elevation on which the building stands
and fell down, to be carried away un-
conscious suffering from injuries from
which she cannot recover.

John Smith was fatally burned. He
was literally disemboweled and was taken
to the hospital to die.

The missing men are doubtless all
dead. No trace can be found of them,
and as they were employed at the top of
the elevator, their chances for escape
were slight.

Mr. Paddock, a member of the firm
owning the plant, said there was between
five and six hundred thousand bushels
of grain on storage at the time, the most
of it being winter wheat. The property
and grain is an entire loss and will reach
\$550,000. The damage to adjoining prop-
erty is \$8,000. The insurance is \$135,000

on the building and the grain loss is
covered by \$258,000.

Superintendent Parks and one of the
unknown men died early this morning
from their injuries, making the total
number of fatalities ten.

BRYAN TIRED OF THE ARMY

Colonel of the Third Nebraska Volun-
teers Will Resign His Commission
Ere Long to Enter Again the Po-
litical Arena.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 20.—A special to
the Star from Jacksonville, Fla., says:
Colonel William Jennings Bryan, Third
Nebraska volunteers, will shortly
resign his commission in the United
States army and resume the discussion
of public questions. This statement is
not made upon the authority of Bryan,
however. When asked to express him-
self on the question of public interest, he
said:

"You can say that I refuse to discuss
any matters connected with politics, the
army or myself, except that I see no
reason to change my views in regard to
expanding the territory of the United
States. I expressed these in my Omaha
speech before beginning army life."

This is all Bryan would say, except to
add:
"You might also say I am not en-
amored of army life as to apply for a
commission after the war is over."

The Third Nebraska regiment is soon
to go to Cuba.

ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION

A Man is Sure He Recognizes the Head
Found in Yellow Mill Pond.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. Sept. 20.—The
head of the victim of the Yellow Mill
Pond tragedy will be kept preserved in
alcohol for and indefinite period await-
ing identification. The rest of the body
has been buried in the town farm.

Police Superintendent Birmingham,
with Detective Arnold, has gone to
Meadow to look into the disappearance of
a young woman from that place.

A. D. Van Kuerin, of the staff of the
governor of Connecticut, called at the
morgue last night and after a long ex-
amination positively identified the
severed head as that of a young woman
who stopped at the same boarding-house
in New Haven that he did, two years
ago. This is the sixth positive identifi-
cation of the victim of the murder.

GEN. MERRIAM RETURNS

General Arrived at San Francisco From
Honolulu This Morning on the
Australia—All Reported Quiet at
the Hawaiian Capital.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The steam-
er Australia arrived in port early this
morning from Hawaii. General Mer-
riam, commander of the department of
California, who has been in Honolulu,
was one of the passengers. He was ac-
companied on the voyage by Lieutenants
Graves and Bennett, of his staff.

Everything was quiet in Honolulu
when the steamer left. The people were
joyful over annexation, and were in-
teresting themselves in all efforts to
make the government of the islands
similar to that of the United States. The
officers of the Australia say the Arizona,
with troops for Manila, sailed on the 11th
inst., and the Scandia, with troops and
treasure, was to leave on Tuesday, the
13th.

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EXPEDITION NOW MAKING PREPARATIONS

Embarkation at San Francisco of Troops
Ordered to Manila Will be Rushed
to an Early Completion.

FORCE ALMOST FORMIDABLE

The Number to Aggregate
Six Thousand.

Prospect that Colonel Wholley, of the
First Washington Volunteers May
Command the Expedition—Little
Prospect for Californians.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The troops
just ordered to the Philippines are all
anxious to depart as soon as possible,
and their wishes are likely to be grati-
fied, as General Miller, who hopes to
head the expedition, is doing all he can
to expedite their transportation. The
numerical strength of the forces ordered
to the Orient is as follows:

First Tennessee	1,280
Twentieth Kansas	1,301
Fifty-first Iowa	1,251
First Washington	1,315
Second Oregon recruits	300
Battalion Twenty-third regulars	400
Total	5,856

All of the troops named except the
Washington regiment have been attach-
ed to the Philippine expeditionary force.
The Washington men belonged to the
department of California.

Although the Sixth and Seventh Cali-
fornia regiments are anxious to see ac-
tive service, there seems to be little pros-
pect of their being added to the expedi-
tionary force.

In case no general is assigned to this
expedition, the command will devolve
upon Colonel John H. Holley, of the
first Washington volunteers. He out-
ranks Colonel Funston by reason of
prior service, in the regular army both
having mustered in their commands on
May 11th.

General Miller has made application
by telegraph to the chief ordnance at
Washington for enough Krag-Jorgensen
rifles to arm the four full regiments that
are going.

The Wyoming battery of light artillery
will be retained here.

The Eighth California, now doing gar-
rison duty, will probably be left undis-
turbed.

TROOPS GUILTY OF VANDALISM

Americans Raid and Destroy Chinese
Vegetable Gardens and Commit
Other Misdemeanors—Court of
Inquiry Ordered.

HONOLULU, Sept. 12.—(Via San Fran-
cisco, Sept. 20.)—American soldiers in
Honolulu are causing the people of this
community much worry. Acts of van-
dalism are becoming frequent, and Gen-
eral King has issued orders for a court
of inquiry to investigate the alleged law-
less acts committed by soldiers and
assess the amount of damage. Chinese
fruit-growers and vegetable gardeners
have been for the most part the victims
of the soldiers, many gardens having
been raided and destroyed.

The Hawaiian archipelago is now the
military district of Hawaii, in the de-
partment of California. An order creat-
ing this district, dated September 4, has
just been promulgated by Major-General
Merriam.

The Hawaiian commission has been

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holding daily sessions, but nothing is
given out for publication. The com-
mission will probably not leave for San
Francisco before September 23. Senator
Morgan is quoted as saying:

"I am inclined to think you will have
only a territorial government at present.
The United States will, of course, take
charge of the custom-house and postal
department, but in all other matters
you will be your own masters. You
will make your own laws, subject to ap-
proval of congress. The territory of
Hawaii has a great future before it."
Senator Cullom announces that the
local land law will remain in force.
Dole still transacts the business of the
executive. Merriam leaves for San
Francisco today.

MT. VESUVIUS STILL SPOUTING

Immense Damage Will Almost Certainly
Result if She Continues in Erup-
tion Long.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A special from
Naples says:

Frightful misery and immense damage
will be caused if the eruption of Mount
Vesuvius continues on the alarming
scale which it has reached during the
last few days.

Nine new openings were counted today
around the central crater, but even the
extra vent does nothing toward check-
ing the flow of lava, although there is a
marked cessation in the more violent
belching of fire and smoke.

BOTH PARTIC- IPANTS DEAD

Terrible Duel on Board a Mississippi-
River Steamer.

ST. LOUIS, Sep. 20.—Word was received
here of a desperate and fatal duel be-
tween Mate Bart Davis and Nightwatch-
man Baker, on board the steamer May-
flower, which left last night for Memphis.
Both men are dead. For some time
there had been a feud between the men,
and last night they decided to settle their
differences, one being armed with a knife
and the other having a revolver. A de-
perate encounter ensued on the deck of
the steamer, amidst the horrified passen-
gers who were unable to interfere. Final-
ly the mate, who had had been cut in
numerous places succeeded in shooting
his antagonist. When medical aid ar-
rived both men were dead.

THEY ATE CANNED BEEF

And One-Tenth of the People of Plain-
well, Mich., Were Poisoned.

NILES, Mich., Sept. 20.—Nearly one-
tenth of the entire population of Plain-
well, a little village in Allegan county,
is ill from eating canned beef at a church
social. Fifty-five persons were poisoned,
20 are dangerously ill and four are ex-

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The ladies of the Presbyterian church
gave a supper and about 100 guests were
present, all of whom had supper and
partook of canned beef. So far fifty
cases of poisoning have been reported,
and in each case it has been learned the
patients had eaten of the beef.

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