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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BIG FOREST FIRES IN CANADA.

The "News" Showing Up Dr. Murray—Rain in England—Troops Sent to Quell the Kansas Disturbance—Other Foreign and American News.

THE KANSAS COUNTY SEAT WAR.

Troops Sent to Stevens County by the Governor—The People of Both Towns Under Arms.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, August 4.—In compliance with last night's order from Gov. Martin, troops left here this morning for the scene of trouble between the Hugoton and Woodsdale people, in Stevens county. They will be obliged to march to Hugoton, a distance of forty miles, over rough road and through sand hills. This march will require more than a day, so that the regiment cannot reach Hugoton before to-morrow. On arriving there, the regiment will be divided, four companies proceeding to Woodsdale, and four remaining at Hugoton. The people will be required to disarm. The latest account from the scene of trouble says the people of both towns are under arms continually, and that a deadly combat is likely to take place at any moment. Many settlers are leaving with their families.

GREAT FOREST FIRES.

Towns Surrounded in Ontario, and the Inhabitants Doomed—Great Losses of Property.

OTTAWA, ONT., August 4.—Terrible forest fires are raging in the country around Ottawa. At St. Joseph's Village five hundred inhabitants are nearly surrounded by flames, and are believed to be doomed. Owing to the dryness of the season it is impossible to check the flames. For an area of five miles around Chandriere Junction, on the Canadian Pacific railway, the fire has full control, destroying houses and everything in its course. Valuable forests along the mountain range are burning toward the town of Aylmer, threatening it with destruction. The loss is already estimated at half a million dollars. Many families are fleeing for safety.

RESPIRE ASKED FOR BROOKS.

The English Government Makes a Request Through Secretary Bayard.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., August 4.—Gov. Moorehouse to-day received the following telegram from Secretary of State Bayard relative to granting a respite to Hugh M. Brooks, alias Maxwell, of St. Louis: "I forward by mail to-day an application of the British government for a respite in the Maxwell case." The governor possesses no further information concerning the matter, and as yet can give no idea as to what course he will pursue.

The Arizona Trouble.

PORTLAND, August 4.—General Miles has gone to the San Carlos Agency, and will endeavor to communicate with the renegade Indians who fired into the camp and the store night before last, and will try to compel them to return to the Agency. It is thought the Indians have gone south. Troops are in the field and have been notified to exterminate the hostile Indians if found.

The "News" on the Aggressive.

PORTLAND, August 4.—The Daily News this morning publishes the complaint of Mrs. Sadie Nelson, in an action brought by her against Mrs. Dr. Murray in August, 1886, for ten thousand dollars damages for unlawfully and maliciously producing an abortion. The News promises to publish the indictment in the case to-morrow.

A Night of Peril.

CHICAGO, August 4.—The schooner yacht, Rambler, capsized on the lake during a storm last night. Capt. Kiekaby, his son and two sailors clung to the wreck all night and were rescued in the morning in an exhausted condition by the steamer Taylor.

The Championship Scull Race.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 3.—The double scull race for \$2,500 a side and the championship of the United States, between Teemer and Hamm, against Gaudaur and McKay yesterday, was won by Gaudaur and McKay by four lengths; time 19:56.

Sugar Still Going Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 4.—Sugar continues to decline. Both refiners' have made another reduction of one-eighth cent on all grades of refined material. Sugar has declined one and a-half cents since last Friday.

Great Rainstorm in England.

LONDON, August 4.—A great rainstorm prevailed in the London district yesterday and last night. Meadows and roads were flooded and thousands of cattle were drowned. The Eastern Railroad was damaged to the extent of fifty thousand pounds.

A St. Paul Policeman Killed.

ST. PAUL, August 4.—Hans O. Hanson, a policeman, was found this morning shot dead on his beat. The deed is supposed to have been done by some one mistaking him for a foot-pat, as he wore a rubber coat over his uniform, the night being a stormy one.

Fatal Explosion.

LONDON, ENGLAND, August 4.—An explosion in a fireworks factory at Wandsworth to-day destroyed the structure and several female employees were killed.

Stanley Probably Not Lost.

BRUSSELS, August 4.—Lieutenant Wiseman, the German explorer, is here. He informed the King that he believes Stanley is not lost.

Jumped From the Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, August 4.—Matthew Byrnes, twenty-one years old, a stable helper, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge this morning. He was picked up by a tug and taken to a hospital, where his physicians say his injuries are fatal. He refuses to give any reasons for his act.

WHEN WILL IT END.

The Murray-Wilcox Blackmail Case Taking Up the Entire Attention of Portland People.

PORTLAND, August 2.—The notable McIsaac-Murray blackmail case is at an end, so far as the courts are concerned. The parties to the case now under arrest will not be indicted. They have been given an impartial trial at the court of public opinion, however, and the verdict is one of not guilty, so far as John D. Wilcox is concerned. It seems to have the entire sympathy of the public, and common talk is to the effect that it is a clear case of persecution.

The News says it has dug up the hatchet and donned its war paint, and those who murder and those who cover it up; those who call off the police and prevent them from detecting murder; those who refuse to prosecute murderers; those who, with their blackmail sheets, stand behind red-handed assassins and abortionists and stay the hand of justice, had best beware and hide themselves in their holes and quit their unholy vocations.

To-day's News devotes a column to a summary of the case, from which the following are extracts:

"The notable blackmailing case of McIsaac and Mrs. Dr. Murray, in which a notorious gang have endeavored to implicate Mr. John D. Wilcox, the proprietor of the Daily News, continued to be the subject of conversation about town yesterday. After the publication of the testimony produced at McIsaac's examination, public opinion, which is a very good criterion, veered around strongly in favor of the Daily News. It was very evident from the statement of the different witnesses that a job has been put up by prominent conspirators to throw odium on the Daily News and its proprietor, and the public are quick to denounce such methods."

"A friend asks how he can get on the police force. Nothing is easier. Go over to Mrs. Dr. F. M. Murray's office and get behind the celebrated screen some time when McIsaac is in the office. Jo Day did this, and Joseph Simon, Police Commissioner and attorney for Mrs. Dr. Murray, made him a police officer in three days thereafter. The reward came swiftly in his case."

"It gives the News much pleasure to note that very many of the best citizens of Portland are coming forward with cheering words, heartily commendatory of the course which the News has entered upon in its warfare against the unlawful practices which have too long been a crying disgrace to the city. Eminent physicians and men in every branch of business have signified their intentions to stand by a paper that is fearless, espouse the right and denounce the wrong. The News will continue its efforts to bring criminals to justice and expel jobbery and corruption that this city may be as prominent for a law-abiding and respectable community as it is for great natural advantages and enterprise."

The generally accepted theory of the case is this: Mrs. Dr. Murray, smarting under the severe article against her character published some time since in the News, concocted a scheme to get her revenge. A plan was laid to get Wilcox into a trap. She called to her assistance some of Wilcox's bitter enemies, who were her sympathizing friends. Miss Gilson and Harry McIsaac, who are probably under obligations to Mrs. Murray and completely in her power, and who were also on friendly terms with Wilcox, were utilized as cat's paws. These two were sent to Wilcox from time to time by Mrs. Murray, and not by Wilcox to Mrs. Murray, as she attempted to prove, and propositions for retraction were made to him. Whether or not he committed or criminated himself of course is not known. But it is quite certain that McIsaac, instead of being the agent of Wilcox, was acting under instructions from Mrs. Dr. Murray. Altogether it looks very much like an outrageous attempt to send a man to the penitentiary by bribing him to commit a crime. TUB LANKS.

Mysterious Disappearance.

From the Walla Walla Statesman.

When the Niedringhuns cattle outfit, of St. Louis, were here about three years ago, Jeff Gilmer, a nephew of J. M. Gose, of this valley, returned East with them. He afterwards returned to the Big Bend country, and in July of last year came down here in company with F. M. Ryburn, both stopping at the Aurora hotel. Gilmer had about \$500, and one day he told Ryburn he was going up to Baker & Boyer's bank to deposit the money, and from that day to this he has never been seen or heard of, although diligent inquiry has been made. Gilmer left his saddle and blankets at C. E. Nye's shop, where they remained until taken away by Mr. Gose. Mr. Gose is at a loss to account for the strange disappearance of his nephew, and thinks he must have been fully dealt with. He did not go to the bank. There was no reason why he should disappear without saying a word to his relatives and friends, leaving his saddle and blankets behind.

CONGRESSMAN MILLS during his speech in the House said:

"A free drink of whisky, that concerned no laborer in this country, had been placed on the free list. Yet the committee had in fact, not a single free drink. Their opponents said: 'If you want anything free, take a free drink of whisky.'"

WALLA WALLA LETTER.

A Large Batch of Interesting Items from Across the Line.

WALLA WALLA, August 2, 1888. Yesterday was what is termed by business men "steamboat" day, why, I cannot learn. Early that morning, on every street, collectors, with their bills neatly folded, could be seen dropping into some place or other, and some came out with smiling faces and others with drooping jaws. Collection day, or "steamboat" day falls on the first of each month here.

Saturday seems to be the day in Walla Walla, and last Saturday was an exceptionally lively one. Hitch racks on every street were lined with boxes, buggies, wagons and saddle horses, the owners of which were scattered about town, some buying dry goods, groceries, machinery, etc., while others filled up on beer. Much money changes hands on Saturday, and it makes the hearts of our merchants glad.

Our Second Cavalry Band has already been engaged to make sweet music at the Portland Mechanics' Fair. The boys have to get away from here once in a while and have a good time.

Babeock, the Eureka Flat farmer, already has 400 sacks of wheat ready for shipment. His crop on 1500 acres will average twenty-seven bushels, and this year he expects to pull out a little ahead. All his grain will be shipped over Hunt's road to Tacoma.

A gentleman here, who is handling money for San Francisco parties, made a curious bet on Monday, viz: Twenty dollars to five that Texas would give Cleveland 150,000 majority. In the last election, I believe, Texas gave Cleveland 137,000 majority, and I can find no good cause to imagine that that State will increase its majority this year.

Two pianos, of the best make, have been ordered for the conservatory of music of Whitman College. They are expected to arrive about August 20th.

Work on the boys' building, an addition to Whitman College, is now under way.

Now comes the Union with a call for a new hotel. Not many weeks ago the Statesman wanted a new hotel, but now it pitches into the Union because the Union wants one. Gentlemen, you have more hotels, restaurants, and lodging houses in your city than you have any use for. What you want is manufactories that will employ men and families, many of whom will need hotel facilities, but until you get them the Stine House, New Delmonico, City Hotel, and Simon House, with the six other eating houses, will answer amply for many years to come. Let us get on the main line of some railroad before we think of having anything like "The Tacoma."

I had the pleasure of congratulating Senator Wager, who passed through here on Tuesday.

Abraham's kick, the tailor and mocker of the "Mocking Bird," well known here and at Pendleton, is at Heppner, doing well.

Fifty head of high grade registered Holstein cattle arrived here Saturday from Iowa. They are being bought up by farmers who believe in improving their herds. They are sold at a much lower figure than heretofore.

"Dr. Faust" will be placed on the stage at Small's Opera House about the 12th. Manager Hauneister is making every effort to awaken our theater-going people.

There seems to be quite a scarcity of harvest hands hereabouts.

Born, August 1st, to the wife of Richard Jones, a boy.

Early this morning our people were awakened by the heavy thunder which passed along the foot hills, and I dare say campers on Big Meadows and Mill creek were visited by a first-class rain storm, heavy black clouds being seen in that direction from the city.

Water at the penitentiary has given out, and the brick yard has been closed down in consequence. Don't hear any more about that 300,000 kiln of brick that was fired some time ago. Wonder if it was a success?

The Davis brothers have entertained our people with feats on the tight rope, stretched across Main street. They are good!

The Stine House was not open to the public yesterday on account of unavoidable delays, but to-night the doors will be wide open and Mr. Kelling, the former landlord, will be glad to see his Pendleton friends should they come to this city.

The Rising Star Mills burned to the ground last week, but will be rebuilt immediately. New and improved machinery has been ordered, and the work of clearing the debris from the mill site will commence Monday.

Schaffner, a musician of the Second Cavalry Band, was thrown from a buggy on Tuesday, and received severe injuries about the head and shoulders.

Capt. F. B. Johnson has gone to the Sound and will remain some time.

Our newspapers are now howling for a lawful sidewalk ordinance. Good!

Arthur Sharpstein's condition is so critical that he will not be brought home until he is fully able to travel.

Wonder what good the fire plugs are that have been placed throughout the city? The city paid a good price for this business, and I, as well as other old timers, would like to see what value we have received for money paid. Can't our city editors enlighten the citizens on this subject, or shall I send investigate and place the matter before the public? assure you I cannot be bought up to help my tongue, or my pencil scribble. Come Bessinger, Parker, Johnson! Let's know what the fire plugs are good for; how much water can be thrown from one how high, and at what cost. 1860.