

**FIREBUG FIENDS
BURNED CHELSEA**

Daniel Ross and Manuel Oliver Are Under Arrest as Suspects.

**FOUR FIRES STARTED
SIMULTANEOUSLY**

Mayor Beck is certain that the terrible fire was of incendiary origin and there is strong proof against the suspects—hundreds of families were separated during the fire and police are holding scores of lost children.

At 11:14.—Two alleged fire-bugs, Daniel Ross and Manuel Oliver, arrested by the Chelsea police are suspected of having a hand in causing the Chelsea fire which resulted in four deaths, a property loss of \$10,000,000 and of physical misery and mental anguish that cannot be estimated in any standard of figures or expression.

The evidence that the fire was caused by incendiaries is steadily growing more and more positive and direct. Mayor Beck is certain that firebugs caused the tremendous blaze. He instituted the investigation that led up to the arrest of Ross and Oliver.

Oliver is charged with setting fire to a tenement house while the fire was raging and Ross is accused with setting fire to a heap of newspapers near a lumber pile about the time the fire started. Ross lost a home in the blaze.

Mayor Beck asserts that four fires broke out simultaneously in Chelsea on Sunday.

Many Children Lost.
Boston, April 14.—One of the most serious problems that faced the authorities at Chelsea following Sunday's conflagration, is the work of reuniting members of hundreds of families that became separated during the fire. Boston Chelsea police are caring for hundreds of children of all ages. The majority of them are under 10 years of age and many are so small they cannot walk.

BIG STRIKE COMING.

Operators All Over the Country Are Favorable.
New York, April 14.—The sentiment among the telegraph operators all over the country is favorable to another big strike unless the wages are raised to the scale paid before the last strike, has spread to such an extent that state officers of the New York local say men will walk out on June 1.

PORTLAND'S FINE HORSE SALE.

About 200 head of blooded stock to be sold April 28, 29 and 30.

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FORTUNES IN OHIO STAKE.

Driving Club Offers Stakes Amounting to \$100,000.

Columbus, O., April 14.—Entries close today for seven stake events, worth \$40,000, that will be features of the \$100,000 program that the Columbus Driving Club company has decided to offer for its next grand circuit meeting which begins September 21, and lasts two weeks.

FORKER SAYS INSULT.

Washington, April 14.—Senator Foraker of Ohio today bitterly opposed the so-called administration measure introduced by Warren of Missouri permitting any discharged negro soldier to reenlist, providing that they "proved to the satisfaction of the president that they were innocent of any complicity in the shooting up of the Texas town."

**FLOUR AND WHEAT
BREAK ALL RECORDS**

**WHEAT CROP OF NORTH-
WEST 52,000,000 BUSHELS.**

**Shipping Season Is Now Practically
Over and Statistics Are at Hand
Showing Enormous Movement of
Flour and Wheat—Portland-Puget
Sound Ports Break All Former Rec-
ords—April Engagements Will Reach
Total of 2,500,000 Bushels.**

Portland, April 13.—With the shipping season practically over statistics show that the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho shipped the greatest amount of wheat and flour out of Portland and sound ports in their history, totaling about 40,000,000 bushels.

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**SAN DIEGO'S WELCOME
TO THE ATLANTIC FLEET**

City and Bay Are a Blaze of Color in Honor of the Coming of the Warships.

Three Days of Celebration at San Diego Before the Fleet Leaves for San Francisco—Thousands of Visitors Through the Shores and Hundreds of Small Craft Swarm the Bay—Big Fleet Is Sighted Early in the Forenoon and Arrived Hours Ahead of the Schedule.

Fleet Is Sighted.

San Diego, April 14.—The Atlantic fleet was sighted at 11 o'clock about 30 miles distant. It will arrive about 1 o'clock.

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**Negroes Must Not Be Subjected to
Coercion.**

The Fleet's Arrival.

Unbounded Enthusiasm.

Five Thousand in Line.

**REPARATION FOR MUKDEN
AFFAIR IS DEMANDED**

**Secretary Root and the President Have
Made Sharp Request for Explana-
tion—Insufferable Tactics of Japan
One of Chief Causes for Sending
Fleet to the Pacific Coast, Says a
Cabinet Member.**

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**GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE
FOREST AND RANGE PROBLEMS**

Washington, D. C., April 14.—Questions relating to the proposed prohibition of grazing on streams supplying water for irrigation have occupied the attention of the department of agriculture and the interior for some weeks and a co-operative investigation has been agreed upon with the hope that the problem may be settled to the satisfaction of all interests concerned.

A recent addition to the southern division of the Tonto national forest in Arizona made at the request of the United States reclamation service to protect the watersheds of the Verde and Salt rivers and a subsequent order to close the area to sheep and goat grazing after April 1, 1920, have brought up questions which have a most important bearing on two great industries of the west, stockraising and farming on irrigated land.

Requests from irrigators and officials of the reclamation service that efforts be made to restrict grazing by sheep on watersheds of streams used for irrigation, on one hand, and protests to the forest service by the stockmen, on the other, have given rise to a situation which can only be settled by a very careful investigation, which has been agreed upon by the secretary of the interior and myself.

The investigation of the land to consider whether it is necessary to restrict the grazing of sheep and goats on the watersheds will be made by the officers of the reclamation service and the forest service in cooperation, who will meet the stock-

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