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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

William Ables, an old resident of Tacoma, committed suicide.

Rich gold strikes have been made on the Koyukuk, some claims staked out

yielding \$4 to the pan. Robbers held up an Illinois Central train near Paducah, Ky., blew up the food or water.

express car and secured \$10,000. The empress dowager has ordered the suppression of the Boxers and the protection of the legations at Pekin.

A Pullman car was turned upside down near Redding, Cal., the nine occupants were all more or less injured, but none fatally.

Thirty-six bodies, horribly disfig ared, have been recovered from the hull of the steamship Saale, recently burned at Hoboken, N. J.

County Commissioner Campbell, of Spokane county, Wash., was killed by an O. R. & N. passenger train near Latah, Idaho. He was crossing the track in a buggy.

A flood of gold is pouring in from Alaska. The receipts of the government assay office at Seattle in the fiscal year were \$13,630,326. This month's recepts may exceed \$6,000,-

The Chinese government is sorry for the recent outbreaks, but holds the powers blamable. The empress dowager says the attacks on Tien Tsin were the result of the bombardment of Tien Tsin.

Savages of the Caroline islands attacked a shipwrecked British crew, seriously wounding two of the British, and were only driven off when an American cattle dealer came to the rescue of the British.

On the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. a deliberate attempt to wreck the Washington express, bearing \$3,000,-000 in gold to the subtresaury in New York, came very near being successful at Folsom, a short distance outside of Philadelphia.

The general freight agents of leading Western roads have formed an arrangement for the pooling of business. Joint agencies are to be established at Kansas City, Omaha and St. Paul. A joint agent will be placed in charge of the traffic at each of these cities.

Colombian revolutionists, under General Juan B. Gonzales and Simon Chaux, have captured the city of Popayan, a capital of the department of revolutionists took all the cities near the Ecuadorian frontier, including the Paport Tunico.

Boers have retired from Senekal.

British stormed and took the town of Bethlehem, Dewet retreating.

The empress dowager again holds the reigns of government in China.

Three men were killed by the explosion of a boiler at an oil works in Astoria, Oregon.

The total casualties of the British, as a result of the Boer war, up to date are 48,188 officers and men.

St. Louis street car strikers again have their busses running in opposition to the Transit Company. The French ship L'Aquitaine has

sailed from Toulon with 850 infantry and artillery for China.

a big strike. Contractors are violating near Grub Gulch, Cal. The loss will agreements made several years ago.

Dr. Charles F. McDonald, the organizer of our postal money order system. died at Hamilton, Ontario, aged 71 years.

Southern negroes may go to Hawaii. Plantation owners of the island will laborers.

A plot to assassinate President Mo-Kinley has been frustrated. It was concocted by a group of Spanish and Cuban conspirators who had headquarters in New York.

George A. Morse, an aged and absolutely helpless patient in the Agnew's slowly boiled to death in a bath in the was placed in a bath tub, and after the left the room for a towel, forgot his two seriously. patient, and did not return until the imbecile was fearfully burned.

A serious fire is raging on Bull mountain. Railroad creek and Pompey's Pillar, on the north side of the Yelloweast to the Mussel Shell river, and is sweeping the rapge like tinder, as that 20 head of horses belonging to Ramsey, of Billings, were purped, Vast flocks of sheep are in great danger. junction.

During the last 13 years the population of Germany has increased 14 per cent, but the number of doctors in the German empire has increased no less than 56 per cent. If this ratio is time when every German will be a doctor, and the whole German population, having no patients on whom to where physicians are a shade less com-

LATER NEWS.

Ten thousand Boers are massing near

Demand for harvest hands in Eastern Oregon is enormous. More soldiers are needed for garrison

duty in the Philippines. Chinese reformers are using every en-

deavor to save the foreigners. A mountain of gold bearing quartz is

said to have been found in the Blue river district. A daughter of Theodore Havemayer, the sugar king, shot and accidently

killed herself. Manila is now the counterfeiter's paradise. Big snap in making Ameri-

can dollars out of Mexican dollars. Andy Smith, 70 years old, was struck with paralysis at Kalama, Wash., and when found had been four days without

Heavy rain storms are raging in Northern Wisconsin. All railroads have suffered from washouts. Hail did great damage to crops.

It is reported that 10,000 Boers are preparing to emigrate to America. President Kruger will refuse to surrender until his supplies are exhausted.

Theodore Greil, aged 60, an employe of the woolen mills at Oregon City, Or., was accidentally drowned while attempting to get into a boat to row The American bark McNear was lost

on a reef near Laysan island, near Japan. The passengers and crew spent two days on the water and landed on Laysan island.

Aumiral Seymour was compelled to shoot his own wounded during the recent disastrous retreat of the Pekin relief expedition. They preferred it to tortue by barbarous Chinamen.

Judge W. H. Washington, of Philadelphia, a direct descendant of Augustine Washington, father of George Washington, is dead at Castle Creek Hot Springs, Arizona, of consumption. He was 45 years old and a lawyer of recognized ability.

A Holland submarine torpedo boat Two of the new ones soon to be constructed will be assigned to service on open tomorrow. the Pacific coast, and one may come to the Columbia river.

The Washington government will take every precaution against violence to Chinese in the United States, which is intimated in some sections, in order that the force of our demand for satisfaction from China shall not be weakened by counter claims.

American athletes were successful at the Paris tournament.

An all day fight between the Boers and British at Platkop resulted indeci-The Russian minister at Pekin is

said to have been boiled to death by Nine houses were entirely consumed

Canca. On the march to Popayan the and many others damaged by fire at Dunsmuir, Cal. A German paper says the seizure of

Kiao Chou has caused the present trouble with China. greater portion of the town, causing a removed to a place of safety.

loss of \$100,000. All foreigners have been removed from the town of Wa Chou, China, and

are safe at Shanghai. United States Senator John H. Gear,

heart disease, aged 75 years. of Prescott, Arizona, were burned, ments. causing a loss of \$1,000,000.

The steamer City of Topeka arrived at Seattle from Lynn canal with between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 in gold

dust from Klondike. Twenty square miles of forests were New York tailors are again planning bunned by a fire started by a firecracker

> be hundreds of thousands. General rain has fallen over nearly all India during the past few days and of type by the Courier. The destruct I ng gave way, and 30 cars, loaded the prospects are that crops have im- tion of the others was complete. J. C. with fruit, started back. They passed mensely improved. The famine area

has generally been benefitted. Eight-hour shifts for all anderground make them good offers with a view to men at the United Verde mine and an installed in the office only three months Here seven of the cars broke loose and dispensing with the troublesome Jap increase of 15 per cent in wages for miners in certain portions of the mine

were announced at Jerome, Ariz. Advices were received from Sydney that tribal wars are raging at the Solomon group. There has been a fierce battle between the Marian (Boys) and Malata tribes. The losses on each side were heavy.

Dynamite was exploded under a insane asylum, at San Jose, Cal., was Transit car in North St. Louis, and four passengers were injured. A sumen's ward of that institution. He burban car, the only union line in the city, accidently ran into a strikers' hot water was turned on the attendant bus wagen and injured 12 occupants,

Judge Thomas Ayer, of the United States court of appeals at St. Louis. has handed down an opinion declaring that John P. Reese, the lowa Miners' Union official who was sentenced to stone river, Montana. It is extending imprisonment in Kansas for violation of a strike injunction, was illegally restrained of his liberty, and granted a everything is dry. A late report says writ of habeas corpus releasing him. Judge Ayer ruled that the lower court erred in incluing Reese under the in-

Robert Fitzsimmons will meet both

Sharkey and Rublin next month. Gold hunters in Russia are governed by arbitrary laws, one of which compels them to turn over all gold they may find to the imperial treasury, kept up, any statistician can forsee the which pays the miner at a standard rate. This law may seem tyrannical. but it has one inestimable advantageno gold digger in Russia can tell extrapractice, will have to migrate to fields ordinary romances about the richness of his claim when the official figures are there to stop him.

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

Entire Business District of Prescott, Ariz., Burned.

FEW BUSINESS HOUSES LEFT

Many Who Were Comfortably Fixed Now Penniless-Territory's Official Census Statistics Had a Close Call.

Prescott, Ariz.. July 17 .- A scene of great desolation and a feeling of deepest gloom pervades this town today. All that remains of the principal business portion of the town is tottering walls and piles of charred and burning debris.

o'clock last night, was not under control until 3 o'clock this morning, when the fighters went a considerable disup the buildings on the south side of from crossing that street. The most of freight cars near the fire. conservative estimates of the total losses are from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The burned district embraces five air, and a huge oil tank which had blocks, in which were located the principal mercantile houses, both banks, ing blazing oil in all directions. The both telegraph offices, the three news- huge tank of oil, one of three, on as paper offices, four hotels, and every many cars, had exploded. The burnsaloon and restaurant except one in ing oil fell upon men, women and childences. gloom, a high wind has prevatled all one box car were thrown to the ground embers in every direction, requiring women, with their garments burning, the greatest vigilance to prevent an- ran about the yard in terror. other outbreak of the flames. Owing were so badly burned that they dropto the chaotic condition existing today, ped. Those who were not on fire heipit is impossible to obtain an accurate ed them, and were themselves burned. account of the loss or individual insurance. From interviews with insurance agents, the total insurance does not exceed \$350,000.

At daylight this morning teams were at work hauling lumber to the public plaza, and this evening it is covered with tents and temporary frame buildings. The occupants will be ready for may protect the port of Portland, Or. business tomorrow. Both banks have secured temporary quarters and will be The Bashford-Burmeister Company will be open for business tomorrow in their warehouse, two blocks from the plaza.

Hon. W. A. Clark, of the United Verde Copper Company, who was visiting the works at Jerome, wired a draft for \$500. All the sufferers from the fire are provided with food, shelter and clothing, and it is not thought any outside assistance will be required.

The only business houses remaining in the town are Goldwater Bros., A. Blumberg and Mrs. R. R. Blaine, dry goods; Joseph Dougherty, T. W. Otis and J. I. Gardner, grocers, and W. W. Ross and W. P. Covilland, drug stores. The express office and postoffice were both out of the fire limits, but the latter had a close call. All the mail and effects were ready to move at a moment's notice.

The office of the supervisor of census for the territory was located in the Prescott National Bank building, and contained all the official statistics of the Fire at Durant, I. T., wiped out the census of the territory, but they were

The Western Union opene this morning in a grocery store, and the Postal has opened an office at the railroad depot. The electric light poles and wires were in the burned district, and the town will be in darkness of Iowa, died at Washington City of until they can be replaced. The company also owns the telephone system. A large part of the business district and loses more than half its instru-

Many citizens who vesterday were comfortably fixed are today homeless and penniless, a number losing both their business places and their residences. An army of carpenters have been busy all day putting up temporary structures, many of which have been completed and will open for business tomorrow.

all that was saved was about 30 cases the heavy grade above Upton, a coupin his loss was a Mergenthaler linotype, low Sisson is the Pioneer Box Factory. ago. The two papers have already pitched over than embankment. The made arrangements for continuing pub- others continued on their mad course. was carried by either. Most of the son, the runaway train again parted, heaviest losers will rebuild at once.

until this evening, when it was learned half dozen continued over a high tresthat a man rooming over the bottling the around a loop and finally shot off works was lying in bed reading by the rails below Mott, after running 10 candlelight when a piece of loose paper miles. All the timbers are in splinon the wall caught fire. He ran out ters. Fortunately, no trains were ento give the alarm, and before others countered by the runaway. reached the place the fire was beyond control.

More Rains in Texas.

more than 12 hours, and the indications are that the storm has only begun. The downpour at Dallas was terrific. Streams are swollen and trains are delayed because of washouts.

severe storm last night caused a sud- caped. den rise in Mill creek, sweeping away a bridge and washing out railroad tracks, causing damage amounting to \$50,000.

\$100,000 Fruit Fire in California

The loss will exceed \$100,000. Over heaviest loser. Their loss in fruit in Nome, to assist in stamping out the cars and rolling stock is estimated at smallpox now epidemic at that place.

Some women amount to nothing outside of their church.

HUNDREDS BURNED.

Throng of People.

New York, July 16 .- A special from Boston to the Herald says: By the explosion of an oil tank in Somerville last night nearly a hundred persons were more or less injured, and early this morning two were reported dead. Many of the injured are in the Cambridge, Somerville and Massachusetts general hospitals, while others were taken to houses near the scene of the explosion.

In the yard of the Boston & Maine Railroad, near the old McLean asylum, among more than a thousand freight cars filled with coal and general merchandise, were three oil tanks of the Union Oil Company. When one of the cars caught fire and made a blaze that could be seen all over Somerville, hundreds of people flocked to the yards. The Somerville firemen arrived prompt The fire, which started at 10:45 ly enough, but had to carry hose through all kinds of places, while the fire burned briskly and the crowd drew closer and closer. It is estimated that tance in advance of the flames and blew soon after the fire started fully 1,000 persons were in the freight yards, and Goodwin street, preventing the fire scores of the most daring were on top

Suddenly there was a rumbling noise. One great sheet of flame shot into the been on a car went up on end, scatterthe town, besides scores of private resi- dren in the throng, who shrieked with To add to the prevailing pain and terror. Six men on top of day, sending smoke, dust and burning with their clothing on fire. Men and Some

> Meanwhile the railroad men were performing acts of heroism. The oil tank which had exploded was on a car between two others, and those were in danger of going up at any minute. A locomotive was backed in and started to draw out the train. A railroad man ran up, threw a heavy sleeper beneath the wheels of the burning tank, the coupling broke, the car stopped and the oil tanks were separated.

Fifteen persons were taken to the of engine company No. 1, who was

KETTELER TO BLAME.

Would Not Call Additional Guards for the Legations. New York, July 16 .- A d sptach to

the Herald from Berlin says: A letter has just been published here from Lieutenant von Loesch, attache of the German legation at Pekin . It is dated May 29, and shows that the early failure to increase the guards of the various legations was due to the action of the late Baron von Ketteler.

The letter states that after the first attack by the Boxers on the Pekin-Hankow railroad, a meeting of the ministers was held to decide whether additional troops should be sent for to protect the legations. Baron von Ketteler was very much opposed to this being done, while the French minister The latter was, however, overruled by than the foreigners, as all the usual his colleagues. M. Pichon was so hurt by this refusal to ask for guards that he wept.

Another factor that led the ministers to reach this unfortunate conclusion was the desire of the diplomatic corps to take their usual summer holiday and it was feared that if additional troops were sent for they would not be able to do so.

Later on, as the Boxer movement increased, a second conference of ministers was called at which it was resolved to bring detachments of at least 50 men to guard each legation.

A Runaway Freight Train.

Redding, Cal., July 16 .- Last night, when a freight train bound for Oregon, Of the three printing offices in town drawn by two engines, was climbing Martin, proprietor of the Journal- through Sisson seemingly at the rate Miner, saved only his books. Included of 70 miles an hour. Half a mile belication, although but little insurance At Big Canyon, three miles below Sissome of the cars flying the track and The origin of the fire was unknown being dashed to pieces. The other

Robbers Caught in the Act. Marshaltown, Ia., July 16 .- Four Dallas, Tex., July 17.—Northern Mason Whitehill's general store at Texas has been deluged by rains for State Center today. A number of citizens surrounded the building, and a pitched battle ensued. Ben Whitehill, one of the proprietors, was shot in the leg. One of the robbers was also wounded, and with one of his associ-Youngstown, O., July 14 .- The ates was captured. The other two es-

> Political success, like anything else, depends almost entirely on the amount of rustling a man does.

Surgeons for Cape Nome. Washington, July 16 .- As a result Newcastle, Cal., July 17 .- Fire to of a conference today between Assistlay destroyed all the fruit houses and ant Secretary Talyor and the officials leading business houses of the town, of the marine hospital service, two additional surgeons have been ordered to 100,000 boxes of fruit were burned, proceed at once from San Francisco The Southern Pacific Company was the to Seattle, and thence by boat to Cape

When a woman dislikes a man, it is her favorlite mode of abuse to charge

OIL Tank Exploded Scattering Oil Over REPORT OF ADMIRAL REMEY

News of Repulse of Allies Confirmed.

AMERICANS LOST OVER THIRTY

Three Thousand Friendly Chinese Offcials Ordered Killed by Prince Tuan -Minister Wn's Situation.

Washington, July 18 .- The navy peartment this morning received offiial confirmation from Admiral Remey of the reverse of the allied forces at lien Tsin on the morning of the 13th. Mindanao, only the commercial parts The dispatch is dated Che Foo, July 16, and says: 'Reported that the allied forces at-

tacked the native city the morning of the 13th. Russians on the right, with islands tell the correspondent that they the Ninth infantry and marines on the left. The loss of the allied forces is ble. If it comes, the two regiments large; Russians, 100, including artil- which are scattered in small garrisons, lery colonel; Americans over 30; British over 40; Japanese, 58, including along the coast of Mindanao, an island colonel: French, 25.

"Colonel Liscum, Ninth infantry, killed; also Captain Davis, marine by nature, do not fear death, have corps. Captain Lemley, Lieutenants Butler and Leonard wounded.

"At 7 in the evening an allied attack on the native city was repulsed, with down soldiers who pass through with great loss. Returns yet incomplete; details not yet confirmed. "REMEY."

Consul-General Goodnow cabled to the state department from Shanghai under today's date that there is nothing more to report since his cablegram of the 13th inst. The dispatch reported the attack on the legations at Pekin as about to beign. Mr. Goodnow's statement is in direct contradiction of the Shanghai story that all foreign consuls were informed Saturday by Sheng that the legations had fallen and the ministers were killed.

Without exception today the foreign representatives in Washington accepted as practically certain that the foreign legations and ministers at Pekin have been wiped out. The opinion is based on the accumulating unofficial data that the slaughter occurred about July Somerville hospital. Joseph Hayden, 6 or 7. Even among the high Chinese officials hope has been about given up. standing on the oil tank at the time of but they maintain that there is no offithe explosion, died early this morning. cial information, and that they are as much in the dark as others.

The situation as a telling effect on the Chinese minister, who is under a nervous tension and agitation more severe than that of the American officials. He is seeking to show in the present acute crisis that no matter how bad conditions may be in China, he is not the less anxious to serve the American people and government, for he has taken great pride in the kindly personal relations between him and the people here. Minister Wu declares unworthy of belief the cable report that Sheng, director of telegraphs and posts at Shanghai, knew of the killing of the foreign ministers at the time he made a recent suggestion that foreigners be escorted out of Pekin it the allied forces would not advance. As a matter of fact. Minster Wu states that the Chimeans of communication are suspendcould not have known of the death of made a proposal that the foreigners be is considered proof positive by Mr. Wu that Sheng considered the foreigners alive.

Business Interrupted by Strike. St. Louis, July 18 .- The St. Louis Transit Company today filed in the city register's office its returns of trips and passengers for the quarter ending June 30 last, as required by law. These reports are particularly interesting, as showing the decrease in the company's business, caused by the strike. During the first three months of this year, before the strike was inaugurated, the Transit Company, according to its returns, carried 27,058,-585 passengers, its cars making 1.367,-825 trips in so doing. According to its returns for the three months ending trips and carried 13,733,621 passen-

Hurt by Failing Walls.

Chcago, July 18 .- Nine persons were injured, one fatally, by falling walls in a fire caused by lightning tonight at Michigan street and Dearborn avenue. Fireman Robert Meany will die. The total damage amounts to nearly \$200,000. Henry F. Vehemeyer & Co , proprietors of the broom corn factory, estimates their loss at \$150,000, and J. Dreyfus & Co., furriers, at \$30, 000.

Attempt to Wreck Fast Train.

Junction City, Kan., July 17 .- An attempt was made to wreck and probably to rob the Union Pacific "flyer" about four miles this side of Manhattan this evening. The switch was turned but the engineer succeeded in stopping the train before it had gone but a short distance in on the siding. A gun, dynamite and a bottle, supposed to contain nitroglycerine, were found hidden under a pile of old ties.

Cloudburst in Texas.

Coleman, Tex., July 18.-Fifteen lives are known to have been lost in a cloudburst here today. Ten bodies have been recovered, but only two were identified. It is feared that many more lives were lost in the valley below Coleman. The cloudburst, which followed three days' unprecedented rainfall, caused Ford's creek to burst its banks and rush through Coleman, a village of less than 1,000 inhabitants

MORE MEN ARE NEEDED.

the Demand From All Parts of the Philippine Islands.

Manila, July 18 .- "More soldiers" is the demand which is coming to General MacArthur from every department of the islands. Recent events have worked to vindicate General Lawton's judgment that 100,000 troops would be needed to establish American sovereignty over the Philippines. Until they attempted to hold provinces of 200,000 or 300,000 hostile people with a regiment or two, the American commanders hardly realized the size of the Philippine islands. The present force is not large enough to garrison more than half the important towns, and in some of the most important islands, among them Cebu, Panay, Samar and Leyte and the great Mohammedan empire of are occupied.

The Moros are a cloud on the horizon. The officers best acquainted with conditions in Mindanao and the Sulu consider serious fighting there inevitasome of them hundreds of miles apart nearly as large as Luzon, may have serious work. The Moros are fighters many guns, though of antiquated makes, but do the best execution by lying in the thick jungles and cutting their terrible krises and spears.

GREAT WAR HAS OPENED

Will End Only With Breaking and Partitioning of Chinese Empire New York, July 18 .- A dispatch to

the Tribune from London says: A great war has opened in China, with the Japanese in the front line and with the heaviest reserves immediately available. Three American battalions, and about 13,000 Japanese troops, have reached Tien Tsin since the two battles were fought, so that the allied force now aggregates 25,000 men, with con-

tingents slowly dribbling into Taku. War has not been formally declared, but it is in progress, with every indication that it will continue indefinitely until the government now in power is overthrown and the empire broken ap into a series of European and Japanese provinces and protectorates. The retreat of the allied forces from Tien Tsin would be followed by outbreaks against the foreigners in all the provinces. They are compelled to halt where they are and to hold their ground by hard fighting, and a campaign begun with no other motive power than that of securing vengance and reparation for the massacre of the legations will involve sacrifices and expenditures for which territorial concessions are indispensa-

ble. This is not the American view, but the Russian, Japanese, German, Italian and French, who already have their eyes fixed upon future provinces and conquests, and the English will find an India in Central Asia.

A Crime of Desperation.

Baltimore, July 17 .- Poverty and ill-health drove Louis Fisen, a shoemaker, today to kill bimself, his wife and 13-months-old babe with a razor nese officials have no better means of and to wound his 31/2-year-old son. was very much in favor of this course. learning the truth of affairs in Pekin The tragedy occurred in East Lexington street. The corpse of Fisen found lying in the middle of the floor ed. But he points out that Sheng with the head almost severed from the body. The body of Mrs. Fisen lay the foreigners, else he would not have across a mattress in the corner of the room, her throat cut from ear to ear, escorted out of the city. This latter and the infant's body was in a baby carriage behind the counter. A most pitiable and distressing sight was the little boy, Harry, standing near the body of his dead mother, with blood streaming from a gash in his throat. The boy was sent to a hospital, where

the physicians hope to save his li'e. From Manila to China

Manila, July 18 .- Two battalions of the Fourteenth infantry and Daggatt's battery of the Fifth artillery, will leave for China tomorrow by the transports Indiana, Flintshire and Wyefield, The expedition, which will join the Ninth infantry, will carry 500 rounds of ammunition to a man, and a reserve of 1,000,000 rounds, together with medical subsistence, stores and clothing for 500 men for three months. It June 30, its cars made only 447,049 will take also two seven inch mortars and two six inch howitzers, with ammunition. The hospital ship Relief is going to China.

> Assault on Kansas City Chinamen Kansas City, Mo., July 18 .- Incensed at the Boxer news a crowd of men and boys gathered about the laundry of Ah Sing, a Chinese laundryman, and started a demonstration that caused Sing to call on the police for protection. The crowd passed the time throwing stones into the laundry and calling out to the inmates that they would kill them. A squad of police dispersed the crowd quickly, and, at the instigation of Sing, who is one of the most intelligent of the several hundred Chinese in Kansas City, guarded the place during the night.

> Violence to Italian Missions. Rome, July 17 .- The Italian consul at Shanghai cables that the Italian mission in Hu Han has been destroyed and Bishop Fantosati and two missionaries killed. He also reports that the Italian missions in Ho Nan and Hup

> > Fire at St. Paul.

have been assaulted.

St. Paul, July 16 .- Fire this afternoon destroyed five large and three small buildings formerly used by the Chicago Great Western railway as repair shops, at South park, just outside the city. About 300 carloads of shingles were burned. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. There was a high wind blowing, and the flames spread from the oil house to the adjoining buildings and freight cars, of which there was a great number in the vara.