

THE CITY OF ABERDEEN IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Ten Blocks in Business Portion of Town Are Wiped Out

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And Six Are Injured, Some Fatally As A Direct Result

A Cripple Cremated— Damage Estimated at \$1,000,000

ABERDEEN, Wn., Oct. 16.—One of the most destructive fires which ever occurred in the state of Washington, aside from the great fire in Seattle in 1889, started in this city today, and is continuing to rage unabated. Three or four lives are reported to have been lost. The fire has destroyed forty business houses, including both of the bank buildings, the Pacific hotel and Crescent hotel, two Gray's Harbor hospitals and many residences. Huron, the principal business street of the town, is wiped out entirely with the exception of a few buildings. None of the mills have yet been consumed and will not, unless there should be a change of wind. The newspaper offices escaped.

composed almost entirely of wooden structures and nothing impeding the progress of the flames. The burnt district consists of ten blocks of business houses and residences. Four people lost their lives in the flames and six were injured. The dead are: CHARLES ROLFS, DANIEL WEBSTER, CALVIN MCKENZIE, and an unknown man. The injured: John Steen, fatally; H. W. Lacey, both kicked by a horse. J. D. Hansen, bruised. A. Britberg, cut. John Mills, Hoquiam. William Oglesby, suffocated.

How It Originated. Aberdeen, Oct. 16.—The fire started in the oil Mack building on Hume street, owned by Oscar L. Crain, and has been regarded as a fire trip. It was three stories high and occupied by numerous single men, who cooked their own meals and were not over careful of the oil stoves they used. The flames broke out in a room on the third floor and the interior of the building was already seething when the alarm was turned in. From the Mack block the fire spread to the new hose house and headquarters of the fire department. The saloon next to the engine house was soon blazing and then the flames jumped across the alley and soon every building in the block went down. By this time everybody was getting anxious and the word went along the business streets to prepare for the worst and hurried preparations commenced to get out of danger.

block were soon afire; in quick succession the flames swept block after block until the general hospital and the Crescent hotel were included and the flames, which had jumped across the street in the other direction, continued to the Pacific hotel.

Scene Was Distressing. The opera house and the buildings of the new Hospital Association were consumed. In order to stop further progress of the flames dynamite was used in several buildings on which the flames were advancing. Telephone messages to Hoquiam and Montesano brought the departments of those cities to the scene and they did effective work after their arrival.

The scenes in every direction were those of excitement and terror. Men, women and children ran every way with all the goods they could carry. Many were in tears and several men were being carried along with blood streaming from their faces.

All sorts of reports concerning the death of injury to well known business men contributed to the distress. While two and perhaps more deaths have resulted from the fire, accidents during the reign of havoc were comparatively few. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the fire was under control and the collection of wits and goods begun.

A Cripple Cremated. At 11 o'clock several men were hurt by a wall unexpectedly giving way. Among the injured was Chief Koehler, who was rendered unconscious, but later pluckily returned to his duties. At about the same time Colin McKenzie was injured by the falling walls of another building. McKenzie was caught under the heavy timbers and his back was broken. He was at once taken to the hospital, where his case was pronounced fatal. The other fatalities were at the Mack building, where Charles Rolfs, a one-legged man, who being unable to get out, was cremated. Here the most exciting incident of the fire occurred, when the flames had completely enveloped the doomed structure the spectators were horrified by seeing Daniel Webster, a well known character about the town, appear on a ladder could be raised to his aid he jumped, and when picked up he was unconscious. He died at the hospital after two hours of suffering.

THE OUTLOOK MUCH BETTER

Review of Trade Conditions By Mercantile Agency Is Encouraging

THE PROSPECT IS GOOD FOR CROPS AND BUSINESS OF ALL KINDS -- ANXIETY HAS ALMOST DISAPPEARED -- BETTER DEMAND LOOKED FOR.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Special telegraphic advices to the International Mercantile Agency from correspondents throughout the United States and Canada are summarized as follows: Anxiety as to the money and crops has almost disappeared and merchants West and South look for a livelier demand from the country districts now that good corn and wheat yields are assured. Mercantile collections are better than expected in territory tributary to Chicago, New Orleans and St. Louis, except from parts of Texas, but the most significant trade feature of the week is found in a tendency to greater ease in money for mercantile uses at Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and Pittsburg. St. Louis bankers anticipate like conditions there soon. Slowness in marketing crops has made funds relatively closer at St. Louis, but banks are meeting business needs.

NEW YORK BESIEGED

"RESTORATION HOST" ARRIVES 400 STRONG AND WILL ATTACK ENEMY TODAY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The "Restoration Host," under the leadership of John Alexander Dowie, garrisoned Madison Square Garden today and completed preparations to rally forth tomorrow on the works of the "enemy." The first detachment, numbering about five hundred, arrived early in the morning and the remaining trains followed during the day and evening. Leaving the ferry boat the crusaders boarded special cars, which were in waiting, and proceeded direct to the garden, to the music of their bands and the singing of hymns.

ACCIDENTS IN STAYTON

NICHOLAS HYBERGER AND W. F. HAYES SUFFER SOME PAINFUL INJURIES

STAYTON, Or., Oct. 15.—Yesterday, while moving an engine and water tank along the road near this place, a mix-up took place, whereby Nicholas Hyberger, of Marion, was caught between the engine and water wagon and both his collar bones were badly broken. Another very painful accident happened to Mr. W. F. Hayes, near here yesterday. While oiling an engine his hand was caught in the machinery and so badly mangled that it was necessary to remove one of the fingers. Mr. Hayes' home is in Linn county. Dr. Brewer, of this place, attended both the above injured parties.

SHE IDENTIFIED MURDERER

COURT ADJOURNS TO THE DYING WOMAN'S ROOM WITH PRISONER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A scene unique in criminal procedure occurred today in a dingy room of an East Side tenement, where an aged woman in her dying moments identified before Magistrate Barlow and a full complement of court officials Patrick Shea as the murderer of William McMahon. Shea stood manacled beside the bed. The crime occurred last May and was a typical Cherry Hill affair. Shea escaped and after a long chase was run down in Philadelphia. Mrs. Catherine Brown, an old woman, who had known Shea from childhood, was the only witness, and she could not go to court, so the court went to her. Propelled up by pillows, she told the magistrate that she saw Shea walk up behind McMahon and deliberately shoot him down. Cross-examination failed to change her statements and she finished by roundly denouncing Shea. "Your mother," she exclaimed, shaking her hand at him, "was a decent woman. Be off. I never want to see you again."

WERE ALMOST FROZEN

MAN AND WIFE, PASSENGERS ON M. K. & T. ROAD, BRING SUIT.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 16.—A suit for \$4,000 damages against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway has been filed in the Circuit Court by Louis Green and his wife Armina, because of delay in transporting them from Estill to Booneville, a distance of five miles, last January. The petition alleges that the plaintiff's first had engaged to have their buggy sent in a box car from Estill to Booneville, and they engaged transportation and were to occupy the buggy during the journey. They allege that the train was thirteen hours in reaching the destination and that they were almost frozen and that the car was locked and they were unable to get out enroute and get to a fire.

STRIKE IS STILL ON

BUT THERE IS AN OVER-PLUS OF APPLICATIONS FOR VACANCIES.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 16.—The strike began here last night by the Pacific Express messengers has not interfered with the transaction of business, according to Superintendent Geach tonight. The superintendent said there is an over-plus of men applying for the vacancies. No Trouble in Omaha. Omaha, Oct. 16.—Fifty-two messengers of the Pacific Express Company reported for duty as usual today. Manager Patterson stated he anticipated no trouble and that all of his men had expressed themselves as against the strike.

HIS EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL

Central Alaska To Be Opened to Daily Communication At Last

ALASKA CENTRAL RAILROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED 420 MILES INTO INTERIOR OF TANANA RIVER--HAY MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD IN DAWSON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—J. B. Bellaine, the chairman of the finance committee of the Alaskan Central Railroad, who has been before the department for the last week on work connected with the construction of the road, has been successful in his efforts. The projected road will extend from Seward, on the southern coast of Alaska, north to the Tanana river, 20 miles, and will open, when completed, all Central Alaska to daily communication throughout the year.

UNDER SUSPICION

MAIL OF SEVERAL PARTIES, INCLUDING LETSON BALLETT IS WATCHED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Postmaster Mearns has received an order from Postmaster General Payne to withhold from the mails the letters to the Pacific Security & Trust Company, of San Francisco, and the White Swan Mines Company, limited, and Letson Ballett, of San Francisco, and Baker City, Oregon.

REWARD OF MERIT

FIVE FOLSOM CONVICTS PARDONED FOR TRYING TO PREVENT QUTBREAK.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 16.—Governor Pardee today pardoned from Folsom convicts Casey and Martinez and commuted the sentences of Clark, Abbott and Grider, for aiding in the attempt to prevent the recent escape of thirteen convicts.

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AWFUL CLOSE SHE SAYS

MRS. ANNIE GARDNER SEEKS A DIVORCE FROM HER HUSBAND.

SEATTLE, Wn., Oct. 16.—Daniel J. Gardner, a money broker, has been sued by his wife, Annie Gardner, who says that her husband, although well fixed, will allow her but \$10 a month for her subsistence.

Mrs. Gardner alleges that the stingy and penurious disposition of her husband has increased with advancing years until life with him has become unendurable. Though he has a large sum of money on deposit in the First National Bank, and owns property and moneys to the value of not less than \$15,000, she alleges that for the last six years she has been compelled to provide for a family of four on an allowance of \$10 per month. In her illustration of her assertion that her husband carries his miserly instincts to extraordinary lengths, the plaintiff asserts that he has repeatedly refused to allow her or her children to ride on the street cars on the ground that it involved an unnecessary expense. She further asserts that he will not allow her to give away so much as a cabbage, and that when she ill he tells her that she is merely lazy and orders her to get up to work.

NO LIMIT TO POWER

RAILROAD MAN TELLS OF THE ABILITY OF THE LABOR LEADERS.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—"The czar says that Russia is not ready for a republic, that its people cannot be organized. Put Roosevelt, or Cleveland, or Bryan at the head of twenty labor leaders whom I could select, and in one year they would organize the people of Russia, and make them ready for self-government."

NEW LINE PROPOSED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The information was made public today that the Grand Trunk road is about to place three large and modern steamers in competition with the Canadian Pacific Company and the Canadian Steamship line to Australia. Involved in the new enterprise is a traffic deal between the Grand Trunk and the Hill lines whereby the latter will share the handling of the traffic, the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to furnish direct connection with this port.

CRISIS, SAYS JEROME

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—District Attorney Jerome has issued a statement saying: "In a crisis like this no man has a right to put it out of his power on election day to help the cause that may then seem to him right or to injure one which he thinks should be destroyed."

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SAVES TWO FROM DEATH.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes W. K. Haviland, of Armons, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we gave her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by D. J. Fry, Salem. Trial bottles free.

CITY ACCOUNTANT IS ACCUSED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Eugene J. Cumiskey, an examiner of accounts at \$1,800 a year in Controller Groul's office, has been suspended pending investigation of a complaint laid before District Attorney Jerome to the effect that Cumiskey is managing an alleged syndicate of pool rooms. Cumiskey has been on sick leave for a long period from the controller's office because of eye trouble. He denies that he is in any way interested in pool rooms.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes: "For twelve years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of Stomach disorder or general debility, a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by D. J. Fry, Salem. Only 50c.

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SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONED

The Total Amount Distributed This Time Is Over \$43,000

THE COUNTY SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONED WAS GREATER THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR BUT STATE FUND LESS--SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INCREASED.

(From Sunday's Daily.) The school fund, which has just been apportioned among the several school districts in the county by Superintendent Moore, amounted to \$43,236.87 this year, against \$43,237.03 last year, showing a very small increase, but the increase in attendance more than makes up for that. There were 9,873 pupils in the county this year upon which the apportionment was based, against 9,386 last year, and the per capita apportionment this year was \$1.60 against \$1.50 last year, while the county fund per pupil was upon the basis of \$2.25 this year against \$2.50 last year.

The state fund was greater by over \$1,000 this year than last, it being \$30,707.07, and for the October apportionment last year they were \$14,548.30, and \$28,688.73, respectively, the latter being almost \$1,000 in excess of the corresponding fund for this year. Besides these funds the regular \$50 apportionment out of the general fund, to the districts reporting, and the apportionment also includes the sum of \$437.50, which was distributed among the districts whose teachers attended the county institute the previous year, as required by the school laws.

The apportionment among the several districts in the county follows:

Table with 2 columns: Dist. No. and Amount. Lists various districts and their corresponding amounts, totaling \$43,236.87.