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TEXAS SWEEP BY PRAIRIE FIRE

Gives Up Coin and Title to Get Rid of Tin Horn Lord

MILLION ACRES OF BLACKENED WASTE

Prairie Fire Sweeps Over Western Texas, Destroying Ranch Buildings Crops and Hundreds of Cattle Horses and Other Stock

Worth, Tex., Feb. 5.—West Texas is in the grasp of the most destructive prairie fire of years. Three millions have been swept by the flames and property to the extent of millions of dollars has been consumed. Ranch buildings, crops and hundreds of livestock have fallen before the rush of the fire. Over a million acres are now lying a blackened waste, dotted here and there with blistered timbers and stumps, which was formerly the site of a prosperous ranch home. Practically all the counties of Garza, Brewster and Lubbock are within the path. Many of the farmers saved their homes by back-firing, but many were overtaken by the flames before they were able to do this. The fire started several days ago, and, fanned by the strong winds, soon developed into a wall of flames in places 100 feet high.

BIG STEEL WIRE PLANT DESTROYED.
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 5.—Fire destroyed the great plant of John A. Roebling & Sons today, throwing 700 men out of work, and causing a loss of over \$500,000. Over three acres of shops were burned. The fire was under control by 9 o'clock.

CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

UNLOADING SALE ONLY THIS WEEK

AT THIS GREAT UNLOADING SALE THE PRICES WILL BE CUT TO THE QUICK. WE WANT THE ROOM FOR OUR SPRING GOODS. SO IF YOU WANT GOOD, HONEST BARGAINS AT SMALL PRICES NOW IN THE TIME TO BUY.

New Silks Just Arrived

Listed at Sale Prices
Beautiful Stock of Dress Goods at Unloading Prices.
Thousands of yards of dainty Embroideries going at the same low prices, from... 4c Yd. Up

Domestics

Cotton Dress Goods—good quality—yard 10c
White Outing Flannel—good quality—yard 5c
White Outing Flannel—good quality—yard 6 1-4c
Percales—yard 7c
Linen and Sheetings at Mill Prices.



Ready-made Garments PRICED AWAY DOWN.
White Muslin Skirts 95c
Six Petticoats—\$3.50
Dress Skirts—\$2.95
Ladies' \$15.00 Suits Now \$ 8.50
Ladies' \$22.50 Suits Now 12.50
Ladies' \$12.00 Coats—Now 7.50
Ladies' \$18.00 Coats—Now 9.90
Better Suits at the Same Low Prices.
Ladies' Shirt Waists—Half Price.

The Store That Saves You Money

ALICE THAW AGAIN

COUNTESS NO MORE

THAW'S SISTER WHO BOUGHT A TITLE GIVES UP ONE-THIRD OF HER FORTUNE TO GET RID OF IT AND ITS OWNER—RESUMES MAIDEN NAME.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Feb. 5.—The Countess of Yarmouth, nee Alice Thaw, lost her title, her husband and it is said, a third of her fortune in less than 30 minutes this morning when in a secret session she was granted a divorce she prayed for from her husband, the earl.
There was no contest. The noble lord, who prior to his alliance with the millions of the Pittsburg girl, was a poverty-stricken vaudeville actor, was not even present to watch the operation of the law that legally severed the ties that made him a benedict. In the clubs of London it is reported that one-third of the fortune of Alice Thaw will be turned over to him. The Countess of Yarmouth will also drop the title and resume her maiden name. She will return to America and probably go to the home of her mother in Pittsburg to pick up again after a time, the broken strands of her former life in the smoky city's society.

Both sides regard the result of the suit in the light of a victory. The earl fought the original filing of the suit because he did not wish to lose the income. The Countess persisted in pressing the petition because she wished to lose the earl. By the compromise between the interested parties prior to the trial it was arranged that both might win.
In the Countess' petition for divorce and annulment of the marriage she charged the earl with being married at the time of her marriage with him in 1905, and declared that he was physically unsound. As the suit was not contested no evidence was presented by the Countess to prove her case and the earl's threat of counter charges was also stultified.

ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY IN OREGON LAND FRAUDS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—Six Los Angeles men, Warren Gilgallen, president of the Broadway Bank & Trust Company; R. W. Kenny, cashier of the same institution; Attorney W. D. Gould, Dr. David M. Goodwin, L. R. Myers and George L. Sterns were arrested today by the deputy United States marshal to answer to a complaint filed against them June 2, 1906, charging them with complicity with the Oregon land fraud cases. Gilgallen states that he and Kenny simply loaned money to the Pacific Furniture & Lumber Company, and they never had any personal dealings with the Oregon men.

New York in Grip of Blizzard.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 5.—The city is still in the grip of the storm king, and zero weather prevails. The suffering of the poor is intense and more widespread than at any time since 1892.

HIS LIFE PAID FOR TYRANNY

PEOPLE WILL RULE

PORTUGAL'S RULERS HAVE LEARNED THE OLD LESSON THAT THERE IS A POINT BEYOND WHICH PEOPLE CANNOT BE DRIVEN.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Lisbon, Feb. 5.—Portugal's new ministry announces that hereafter a policy of liberality will be taken by the ministry. The cabinet realizes that the high-handed course taken by Franco had lashed the people into a state of frenzy, and that it was necessary to calm them in order to assure the permanency of the Braganza dynasty. The attitude of the government was officially announced this morning in the Gazette. For the first time a list of all of Franco's political prisoners was printed in the Lisbon papers, with the name of the prison in which they were confined. Visits to the prisons by friends and relatives were also permitted, for the first time. Arrangement is being made to release the prisoners, a few at a time, in order to prevent a demonstration, and this will be done at once.
The police are baffled in their efforts to fasten the crime of the assassination upon any recognized member or clique of the Republican party, and now believe that it was done by a group of anarchists. A branch society of the anarchists, which has headquarters at Geneva, Zurich and Munich, is known to have existed here, and it is thought that the assassins were associated with these men.

LAY BETS ON ROOSEVELT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 5.—Much discussion pro and con on the curb and on the floor of the Stock Exchange has been caused by Tom Lawson's recent prediction that President Roosevelt's successor would be Roosevelt himself. These discussions have finally led to a wager, the amount of which, although not made public, is supposed to be about \$10,000, at even money, that Theodore Roosevelt would be the next President of the United States. It is said that brokers making this bet represent politicians of national importance.

TAKES OVER DEFUNCT BANK AND WILL PAY ALL DEBTS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Or., Feb. 5.—The proposed merger between the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank and the German American Bank was formally completed this morning. The assets of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank are transferred to the German American, and in return the German American is to pay the creditors of the Oregon Trust in full within the next two years without interest. Receiver Devlin will hold the assets of the Oregon Trust until all the liabilities of the Oregon Trust & Savings are adjusted.

WANTS A COMMISSION TO REPORT ON TARIFF

Senator Beveridge Thinks This a Subject On Which the Senate Needs Enlightening, and This is Probably True

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, today addressed the senate on the subject of tariff, advocating the appointment of a commission composed of experts whose duty will be to get the facts relating to the tariff problem.
"If we thought it wise," he declared, "for the President to send a commission to get the facts in so simple a matter as the Goldfield strike, how much wiser, more necessary is the same plan as to the tariff, which is more important, intricate and difficult than the other purposes, for which commissions have been created."
He pointed out the fact that the McKinley and Wilson tariff bills were each framed by a house committee on ways and means in less than six months, and reported back by the senate finance committee in less than three months.
Senator Beveridge showed that

the duties fixed on most articles by the house bill differ widely from those fixed by the senate bill. "Many of these differences are so wide apart they are startling. Nearly all of the classifications are a generation old. Not one of them is systematic or accurate. The decisions of the treasury department on the tariff, fill 17 great volumes, the court decisions add many more. This has cost the government millions of dollars, and the importers many more millions. Germany, Japan and the world followed our plan of a single protective tariff, but they then developed a plan into a double protective plan. We must take the double plan from them. The producing classes ask only the same advantages that their rivals have in the world's markets. Tariff is for trade; trade is for prosperity, these must henceforth be the American watchwords in the world-wide contest for commerce.

HENEY SCORES JOHN H. HALL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Or., Feb. 5.—Bitterly scoring John H. Hall, as a public officer who betrayed his trust and assisted land thieves in plundering the government of its domain, Francis J. Heney opened the government's final argument in the Hall land fraud case this morning. He will speak for the greater part of the day. The defense will have their innings tomorrow.

WAR ON THE JAP COOKS.

White Crew Throws Food on Floor and Dishes at the Chef.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 5.—The Japanese question has been carried into Grays Harbor. White members of the crew of the dredge Pacific objected to Japanese cooks. Sunday night they threw the meal on the floor and then threw the dishes at the cook. The Japanese replied with other missiles, and were more sure in their target practice. They were arrested on the charge of assault and have given bail for their appearance at the trial.

RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS SWITCH.

The application of the State Public Buildings Board for a switch at the site of the proposed home for the feeble minded has been turned down by the Southern Pacific Company. The Railroad Commission today made a ruling ordering the corporation to install the switch. It means a saving of thousands of dollars to the state on the contract price of the buildings.

Trying to Free Thaw.

New York, Feb. 5.—Despite the fact that Littleton has left New York Thaw's attorneys are taking steps to secure his early release from Matteawan, Peabody and O'Reilly will take steps to have Thaw transferred to some private sanitarium.

SENATOR FULTON CHANGES HIS MIND

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Fulton will not go to Oregon to answer Francis J. Heney. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Fulton was undecided. Last night he announced that he would go, and now he says he will not. Senator Fulton has been deluged with telegrams from friends in all parts of Oregon urging him to stay here, and take care of Mr. Heney later. This he has decided to do.

RUMORED THAT STOESSEL IS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Feb. 5.—A London news agency reports that General Stoessel has been sentenced to death for surrendering Port Arthur. It is impossible to get official confirmation of this statement from St. Petersburg at this time.

For The Jap Exposition.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 5.—The Cullom bill appropriating \$350,000 for the United States' participation in the Tokio exposition, was reported favorably today by the senate committee by the senate committee on foreign relations.

Bill Was Smart.

"I used to think that Bill Thompson was the stupidest man going," remarked Editor Whisnant, after a subscriber complained about some article in the paper, "but according to that fellow I am not far behind."
"What did Bill do?" asked Col. Brigham.

"Why don't you know? Bill's dog's head got stuck in a pitcher, and Bill cut off his head to save the pitcher, and then broke the pitcher to get the head out."

M. B. Everly cut his throat in a lodging house in Portland Tuesday, dying almost instantly. He had consumption and was despondent.