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FIRE WAS A BEAUTIFUL SPECTACLE

Great Tank Containing 400,000 Barrels of Oil Exploded and the Great Container Was for Hours a Fountain of Fire.

RIVER OF FIRE A MILE LONG

Burning Oil Poured Over Santa Fe Tracks and Formed in Blazing Pools—Tracks Were Out of Commission—Explosion Saved Probably 200,000 Barrels of Oil As It Blew Out the Burning Oil and Also the Fire.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Pablo, Calif., April 22.—With the exception of a number of burning pools of oil which flowed over the tracks of the Santa Fe and blocked the line, the oil tank fire which for some time yesterday threatened destruction to the \$3,000,000 Standard oil plant, is extinguished today.

Standard oil officials state that these scattered fires will be put out before night.

According to superintendent Dimm, 200,000 barrels of oil were consumed. The loss is estimated approximately at \$150,000.

Santa Fe officials state that the railroad tracks which were destroyed by the flaming oil will be repaired within two or three days.

At present the Santa Fe trains are being detoured over the Southern Pacific tracks, and are running only a few minutes behind schedule.

The fire was one of the most spectacular seen in this vicinity for years.

Last night the oil in the big 400,000 barrel tank exploded and bathed the sides of the container in a stream of falling fire which bubbled over the sides, and flowed for a mile across the country, before the men were able to stay it.

The explosion saved a remainder of the oil in the tank, as it threw all the heated and burning oil from the interior.

Mrs. Loftus Acquitted.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Moscow, Idaho, April 22.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the case against Mrs. Laura Loftus, who admitted she shot her husband last December with a shotgun near Troy, this county, after a violent quarrel.

Mrs. Loftus lived with her husband on a farm.

According to testimony adduced at the trial, the couple had many quarrels, and on the night of the killing Loftus returned from town and threw his wife out of the cabin. She returned to the house, seized a shotgun and killed Loftus as he stood in the doorway. The plea of the defense was temporary insanity.

Twenty-Six Bodies Recovered.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—Twenty-six bodies have been recovered from the Mulga mine where an explosion occurred late Tuesday. Rescuers entered the mine today and the bodies were brought out. One miner known to have been in the mine at the time of the accident is still missing.

The rescuers yesterday attempted to enter the mine, but though they were equipped with oxygen helmets, they were driven back by the gases that formed after the explosion. The mine was cleared by the fans and the rescue party entered early today.

THE NURSE IS STILL ON THE STAND

Miss Pearl Kellar's Testimony Conflicts With Her Deposition Under Cross-Examination—Judge Stands by Her.

DESCRIBED DEATH THROES

Prosecutor Conkling Says He Will Have Grand Jury Investigate the Matter of Defense Proffering the Grand Jury Notes—Miss Kellar's Testimony Is Strongly in Favor of Prosecution, and Conflict Is Not Material.

Kansas City, Mo., April 22.—Prosecutor Conkling announced today that he had discovered enough connection between the disappearance of the notes of the grand jury in the Swope murder case and their possession by the attorneys for Dr. B. C. Hyde, the defendant, to warrant a grand jury investigation.

Miss Pearl Kellar, Colonel Swope's nurse, whose testimony is strongly for the prosecution, continued on the witness stand today.

After giving her direct testimony she was severely cross-examined by attorneys for the defense. Her story was apparently unshaken by the ordeal.

Miss Kellar described in detail the death throes of Colonel Swope. The most noticeable difference in her testimony under cross examination

was that she denied that she previously had testified that she gave Colonel Swope a strychnine tonic three times a day.

Her deposition hitherto taken, showed that she had given Swope the tonic.

She attempted to reconcile her two statements and Walsh insisted upon direct answers to his questions.

Judge Latschaw interfered and told the attorney that the witness should be treated with the courtesy usually accorded a woman. Walsh objected to the remark of the court, saying that Judge Latschaw was hedging him in his cross examination.

In the course of cross-examination by Walsh, the state's attorney objected to questions and the court sustained every objection. Judge Latschaw interrupted the examination of the witness frequently to give Miss Kellar time to reflect before answering and to explain her answers.

Undertaker Ott proved a good witness for the defense, his testimony conflicting with that of Miss Kellar in two important details.

He said that water used in washing the arm of Colonel Hunton had been poured into a jar with the blood that was let from Hunton's arm by Dr. Hyde and that the liquid might have been the blood which Miss Kellar has testified, measured two quarts.

He also said that Dr. Twyman and not Dr. Hyde controlled the letting of the blood. He testified that Dr. Twyman and not Dr. Hyde held the threads that closed the vein and by pulling them at any time could have closed it. Ott was present when the blood letting operation was performed on Hunton.

NEWCOMERS STAMPEDING TO SALEM

CAPITAL CITY HAS THE CALL AND THE STREETS ARE CROWDED WITH HOME SEEKERS AND INVESTORS.

There has been a constantly increasing stream of homeseekers pouring into Salem the past week. The hotels are crowded with newcomers and the real estate men of the town are busy taking them out into the country. There is a great deal of property in the city and surrounding country being picked up and demand for houses to rent is something unprecedented. This is not hot-air talk but a plain statement of the facts in the case.

The following are names of people registered in the city and at the Salem Board of Trade the past 24 hours: A. F. Puls and H. A. Meinescke, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. Riddell, Sheldon, Ia.; L. R. Reynolds and family, and C. A. Coolidge and wife, Madison, Wis.; Rev. J. B. Adkins, Oskaloosa, Ia.; J. C. McCoy and wife, Monmouth, Ill.; L. H. Roberts, Bend, Ore.; M. H. Shepard, Alameda, Calif.; W. H. Davis, Richland, Ia.; M. M. Martin, and E. E. Martin, Yates Center, Kan.; W. P. Lietzsch and wife, Aberdeen, Wash.; L. H. Shields and wife, Denver; J. E. Nelson and Reus Nelson, of Cedar Springs, Mich.; L. E. Edwards, of Kansas City; A. G. Barr, of Antigo, Wis.; Henry Brucke, of Hutchinson, Kan.; F. C. Caldwell, Grand Junction, Colo.

P. C. LAVEY HOME FROM KLAMATH FALLS

P. C. Lavey, the Klamath Falls townsife booster, has returned from San Francisco and Klamath Falls. He went to the latter place with George X. Wendling and M. O. Johnson in their private car. They are the head men of the Klamath Development Co. and have all the townships on the New line from Natron South. Mr. Lavey says that several new towns will be put on the market next month and that he will return from Spokane to Salem next Monday to take up some big propositions in this part of the country. He says next to Portland there is more demand for Salem dirt in the Northwest than any other place, and he could sell 3000 town lots at Salem to people who are anxious to make an investment here, if he could get the property laid off right, and in any part of the suburbs that could get transportation to the city by electric line.

AMERICA'S GREATEST HUMORIST

And One of the World's Greatest Characters Crosses Over the Great Divide to Join the Silent Majority.

MARK TWAIN IS NO MORE

His Was Indeed a Strenuous Life—Born in Poverty, Poorly Educated, He Climbed to the Top of the Ladder—The World Is Better for His Having Lived and His Quaint Humor Will Live to Bless Countless Millions.

Redding, April 22.—Samuel Langhorne Clemens ("Mark Twain") died painlessly last night at 6:30 o'clock of angina pectoris. He passed into coma at 3 yesterday afternoon and never regained consciousness. It was the end of a man out-worn by grief and agony of body.

Mr. Clemens awakened today after the first natural sleep he had known since his return from Bermuda. He was refreshed and even cheerful and in full possession of his faculties. He recognized his daughter, Mrs. Gabriewitch, spoke a rational word or two and feeling himself unequal to conversation, wrote out in pencil:

"Give me my glasses."
These were his last words. Laying them aside, he sank first into a reverie and later into final unconsciousness.

Funeral at Elmira Sunday.

Redding, Conn., April 22.—The body of Samuel L. Clemens, known to the world as "Mark Twain," lies in an upper room of his villa at Stormfield, here, today, awaiting transfer to its last resting place at Elmira, N. Y.

In Elmira Twain will rest beside his wife—"who was out life"—his his wife—"who was our life"—his his eye, his youngest, Jean, the most beloved, and his infant son, Langhorne.

Twain will be buried in the family plot next Sunday.

The great library here, in which the author spent so much of his time, has been turned into a telegraph room, where an operator worked all day receiving messages of condolence from all parts of the world.

The body of the master of Stormfield will be taken to New York tomorrow. It will be placed aboard an express train and taken to the Presbyterian church at Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street, of which Dr. Henry Van Dyke, preacher and literateur, is pastor.

Albert Bigelow Paine, Twain's secretary, went to New York today.

to complete the funeral arrangements.

Dr. Van Dyke probably will officiate at the services, according to Ossip Gabriewitch, the pianist, Twain's brother-in-law. Dr. Van Dyke was a close friend of the writer.

Gabriewitch declared that the services at New York will not be in the nature of a public memorial to Mark Twain although the public would be welcome to attend.

Mrs. Gabriewitch, Clemens' daughter, her husband and Jarvis Langdon, Clemens' nephew, are watching over the body.

A Tribute from "Huck Finn".
Paris, Mo., April 22.—B. C. M. Farthing, a friend and schoolmate of Mark Twain, and the original "Huckleberry Finn" was profoundly affected by the death of the noted humorist.

Tears stood in his eyes today while he spoke of his old time companion.

"I knew Sam well," he said. "He was the greatest literary genius of the age in his partial line. I can't talk much about him, for whatever I might say might be construed as a boast of intimacy with a great man."

"The old days are passing and with them the men who made them on history's pages. I mourn his passing. He delighted the whole world and as a citizen of the world, his death will be mourned by all nations."

BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH CELEBRATE

SALEM LODGE OF ELKS CELEBRATES ITS 14TH ANNIVERSARY—MANY MEMBERS PRESENT TO PAT THE LUSTY YOUNGSTER ON THE BACK AND SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT HIM.

With a sumptuous banquet and a program of song and toasts in harmony with the spirit of the occasion 300 members of Salem lodge No. 336, B. P. O. E., celebrated its fourteenth anniversary and home-coming day at the hall of the organization last evening.

The event had been eagerly looked forward to by the members of the antierd herd, and there was in attendance, besides the antierd IN tendance, beside the resident members of the lodge, a number of non-resident members. The Illibee club turned over its quarters to the order, and these, in conjunction with the lodge rooms, proved none too large for the entertainment which had been provided. The rooms were handsomely decorated, and the program committee, consisting of Hon. P. H. D'Arcy, H. E. Albert and William S. Walton, had prepared an excellent program. The program as prepared had intended that responses should be made to toasts only by past exalted rulers, but, owing to the absence of some of these, other prominent members had to be substituted.

Program.
Hon. P. H. D'Arcy acted as toast.

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TROUBLE IN CHINA SERIOUS

Refugees From Chang Sha Say That Every House Belonging to White People Was Burned by the Mobs.

CHINESE CONVERTS KILLED

No Foreigners Killed, But All Threatened With Death—Dozens of Students Who Attended the Mission Schools Were Tortured to Death—Further Disturbances Break Out and Missions and Schools Are Destroyed.

Washington, April 22.—The situation at Chang Sha is ominous today, according to reports from Minister Calhoun and American Consul Baugh at Hankow.

Minister Calhoun has reported to the state department that there is no improvement in the situation in the Hunan province, and it is feared that the trouble will spread.

Consul Baugh reports that he has advised Americans in the outlying districts to return to the city. The legation at Peking has asked for Rear-Admiral Hubbard, of the Asiatic fleet, to render further assistance, if it seems necessary.

The Cleveland, which is already ordered to protect American interests at Chang Sha, is on the way to that city today.

It is probable that more ships will be ordered from Cavite.

Baugh reports that further disturbances have broken out. His message confirms reports received from other sources that the foreign missions have been burned and a number of schools and business houses have been destroyed by the rioters.

Story of Refugees.
Pekin, China, April 22.—Refugees from Hankow, who arrived here today from Chang Sha, where the Methodist mission was burned by an infuriated mob of Chinese, who then attempted to kill the missionaries, say that conditions in Chang Sha were serious when they left Wednesday.

Following the destruction of the mission and the governor's yamen, where the Christian's took refuge, mobs began to wreck the properties of all foreigners, according to the refugees.

The white persons who reached here assert that there is not a house, which belonged to an Occidental, remaining in Chang Sha, or in the neighboring villages. All have been burned or wrecked, they declare.

Many Chinese converts to Christianity have been slaughtered and dozens of students who attended the mission training school, were burned and tortured to death say the refugees.

No foreigners had been killed up to the time the refugees fled Wednesday, although the rioters were threatening them with death.

Among those who left the place in fear of their lives was the British consul at Chang Sha. He says the escape of the whites was providential, as the killing of a single Oriental would have started a massacre, from which none would have succeeded in escaping.

Advices received here today from Chang Sha state that the arrival of the British gunboats have relieved the situation.

Escaped Convicts Captured.
Leavenworth, Kans., April 22.—Theodore Murdoch and Frank Grigware, two of the six federal convicts who escaped from the Leavenworth prison yesterday, are still at large. The others have been recaptured.

It is believed that the fugitives are unarmed, as those recaptured had dummy revolvers made of wood.

Thomas Keating, John Gideon, Arthur Hewitt and Robert Clark, who were recaptured, are in solitary confinement.

The entire countryside is aroused, and the farmers are on the lookout for the fugitives.

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The Greater **Chicago Store** Salem, Oregon,
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IT IS HINTED THAT AMERICANS ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE WAR IN NICARAGUA.—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.