BIG BLAZE IN NEW ORLEANS

District

THE FIREMEN WERE AT A PICNIC.

Flames Gained Great Headway Before ings Burn Like Tinder.

New Orleans (Special). - Fire, which broke out in the center of the commercial district here, swept over to the patient, he weakened very portions of three blocks, destroying quickly. An attempt was made to a large number of wholesale houses, manufacturing plants and small stores. Originating at Bienville and Chartres Streets, the flames worked their way north as far as Conti Street and west toward Royal, bringing about a property loss of between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 before they were finally subdued.

At the time the alarmed was turned in, shortly before 3 o'clock, the New Orleans firemen were in the midst of their annual picnic at a suburban park, and the engines and patrols responded with a mere handful of men. When the picnickers finally reached the scene it was even then impossible to make a successful fight against the flames, owing to an inadequate supply of water.

The fire was one of the most spec tacular that has occured in New Orleans during recent years. The section devastated was made up largely of old buildings, some over a half century in use. They were like so much tinder to the flames, and fanned by a high wind, the fire made rapid progress.

Two warehouses, filled with wines and liquors, were among the build- tions by "yes" and "no." ings destoyed by the fire. As they burned the barrels of whisky and brandy exploded with roars which could be heard for blocks, and which shook the walls of adjoining buildings, and dangered the lives of firemen engaged in fighting the flames The fire was gotten under control

after several hours hard work Among the establishments burned

Central Glass Company. George D. Scott, lighting and electrical instruments. Heidenbrock, Levy & Weiss, shirt

manufacturers. Hoehn & Dyeth, wholesale millinery. Kost Commission Company.

Paul Gelpi & Sons, wholesale liqnor dealers New Orleans Junk Company. Isidor Keifer & Co., boots and

Thomas L. Harris, wholesale liquor dealer.

PERSIA IS SWEPT

Teheran (By Cable) .- The late- him pitilessly. est news that has arrived here by courier confirms the report that the revolution is in full swing in the western and southern part of Persia. have raised the banner of revolt un- in the vicinity. der the leadership of the constitutionalists and demand the immediate convocation of a parliament otherwise they threaten to declare for Flood At Augusta Leaves Ruin In independence.

The government offices are falling into the hands of the insurgents everywhere and a large number of soldiers have been killed. The Gov. rapidly, and as the water leaves the telyou pointing out these objections, ernor of Sultanieh has fled with a small remnant of loyal troops, the remainder of the troops having joined the insurgents. The Governor's residence was pillaged and burned.

The uprising in the provinces of Laristan and Kerman, reports of which were received here a few days warehouse, the finest in the South. ago, is rapidly gaining ground. The was greatly damaged, but it will re-City of Kerman is entirely in the hands of the revolutionists, the government officials having either fled or submitted. The vice Governor has been killed.

The seizure of the city was preceded by a bloody battle, hundreds being killed or wounded. The insurgent leaders, who include Kazim Khan, have organized a temporary wrecked. The Central Grammar government and declared their intention to ignore the central govern. School were also damaged severely, an association. But he realized that ment until the parliament shall be reconvoked. The Shah lacks the necessary troops for the suppression burned in different sections of the far as it provided for the currency of the revolt in the different prov-The seriousness of the situation is mitigated only by the absence of a strong pretender to the throne around whom the constitutionalists could gather.

FINED \$5,000,000.

Venezuela Courts Assess French Cable Company Same As American Asphalt Concern.

Caracas (By Cable) .- The French Cable Company has been found the 20,000-ton battleship North Daguilty of complicity in the Matos kota. revolution by the Civil Court of nought. First Instance and sentenced to pay

a fine of nearly \$5,000,000. The decision is practically the same as that made in the Bermudez ert, and who wishes to visit Balti-Asphalt Company's case, the amount

being similar. The cable company will likely appeal from the decision.

RAILROAD BARS CIGARETTES.

Rock Island Will Discharge Any Employe Who Uses Them.

Memphis (Special). - A bulletin has been posted at the Union Station, signed by F. J. Easley, division superintendent of the Rock Island partment is caring for two lepers lines, notifying employes that the smoking of tobacco in the form of serving in the Army. cigarettes is forbidden.

It is understood that any employe found using them hereafter will be summarily discharged.

DEATH CLAIMS COLONEL WILLIAM F. VILAS

Loss of \$1,500,000 in the Business Former United States Senator Dies The Charities of Augusta Severely Indianapolis and Surrounding Country Three Men Hit With Heavy Hammer at Madison, W.s.

Madison, Wis. (Special) .- Col. Wm. F. Vilas died at 10.45 o'clock A. M., following five weeks of illthe Fire Fighters Arrived, as Most ness. When Dr. Philip Fox called of Them Were at Their Annual Out- upon the Colonel he found him uning In a Nearby Suburb-Old Build. usually cheerful and bright, and believed he showed signs of remarkable improvement.

> Shortly after 10 o'clock, while the nurses were administering a bath reach the doctor, but Colonel Vilas died before the physician reached the house. Dr. Charles H. Vilas, of New York, who has been staying at the home, was not present at the death It is believed that the immediate cause of the death was a second stroke of paralysis.

Col. William F. Vilas suffered a cerebral hemorrhage early on the morning of July 20 at his home, in Madison. His condition was so serious that E. P. Vilas, his brother, of Milwaukee, was summoned to the bedside, and for two days the physicians were unable to offer any hope recovery. On the third day Colonel Vilas' condition was slightly improved, and there were two hopeful signs-first, there had been no spreading of the paralysis, and, second, he manifested marked signs of intelligence. Although the periods of consciousness were slight, they gave the family and friends of the distinguished patient much hope. Since then his condition has remained practically unchanged, although he had moments of seeming rallies, and on occasions would answer ques-

GAGGED, TIED AND ROBBED. Small Boys Are Victims Of Youths

In Chicago. Chicago (Special). - Stripped to the skin, gagged and bound, two A FLAW IN THE small boys were beaten until they were all but unconscious by two larger boys in the lonely woods of

Forest Glen. the Irving Park police after a search that lasted more than 15 hours. One of the torturers of the boy was caught in the act of mercilessly beating the younger of the victims.

The boys who were beaten until skins are a mass of bloody welts, some of them almost as big as a man's finger, are Richard Enger and Richard Keenly. Their assailants are Arthur Helmgren, 16 years old. Helmgren was released ter. on bail.

formed. While the posse was search-

gren by the coat collar, and, calling to another member of the posse, rescued the almost unconscious lad. Still further search revealed Joseph All the tribes in Perlan Kurdistan Caffiboin, sullen and defiant, hiding

22 BODIES RECOVERED.

Its Wake.

Augusta, Ga. (Special). - The flood water at Augusta is receding streets it is apparent that the loss has been underestimated.

In addition to the disasters alin damage to plant and loss of cotquire a survey to determine the loss; which were declared objectionable. the triangular block where the badly damaged. The Nelson Morris decision on that feature of the law is being razed; the Augusta Grocery to secede from an association. No Company's building was damaged to the extent of \$6,000; the National voting power of the constituent banks Biscuit Company building was School and the Davidson Grammar bank must have the same voice in

In addition to the fires already city. As the water goes down fur- associations, ther it is feared that further damage will be revealed.

Twenty-two bodies had been recovered and corpses are being found every hour or so.

WASHINGTON

Capt. Charles J. Badger, superintendent of the Naval Academy, has made application for the command of the first American Dread-

The War Department has refused leave of absence to Col. William F. Stewart, "exiled" in an Arizona desmore to see his wife.

American clerical employes are to be given preference over allen employes on the Isthmus of Panama.

The Rev. Joseph Himmel has been appointed president of the Georgetown University.

A sweeping reduction of from onehalf cent to five cents per hundred pounds on range cattle shipments was ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It was learned that the War Dewho contracted the disease while

The monthly statement of the Internal Revenue Bureau shows that 8,646 retail liquor dealers have gone fire broke out at the mine entrance out of business during July.

ALL UNITE TO JOHN W. KERN HELP THE VICTIMS

Strained.

CONVICTS PUT TO WORK ON STREETS

Work of Relieving the Sufferings of Flood Victims Goes On With a Will-Food and Clothing Badly Needed-The Task of Cleaning Up Will Begin Monday.

Augusta, Ga. (Special) .- The sun shone out brightly Sunday. Augustans, puttings aside everything else, began straining every energy to the work of helping the sufferers.

Prominent men who made up the advisory and relief committee, the Board of Charities, the Associated Charities, the Salvation Army and Kings Daughters are working hand in hand. The work is very thorough. The task, however, is herculean. There is need of clothing, mattresses and other necessities.

Bread gave out Saturday night, but over 6,000 loaves arrived Sunday parlors. from Atlanta and Charleston, and

Savannah sent 20,000 loaves at night The work of cleaning up and clearing away wreckage will be begun Monday morning. The county convicts, the city convicts and as many thousand men as can be employed will go to work on the streets, sewers and canals. The board of health has the sanitation situation well in hand. The police, with emergency deputies, are in absolute control. There is no loitering or rowdyism.

The city has asked Georgia's United States Senators to urge the federal authorities to send an engineer here to inspect the flood situation along the river with a view to the consideration of measures for the protection of the city from flood in the future.

NEW CURRENCY BILL

Their assailants were arrested by May in One Respect Render It Useless.

Washington (Special) .- The Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency law at which Congress and President Roosevelt worked so laboriously last year and which cost so much cracking of the party whip to secure its passage bids fair, in one respect years old, and Joseph Caffiboin, 18 at least, to be practically a dead let-The principal feature of the law was the formation of national Forest Glen is a lonely part of currency associations by the nationa suburb of Chicago, where the al banks of each locality, which were signs that we see on the streets so woods are thick. When the young- to take out the currency for their secer boys were missing for some time tions to and guarantee to the Treasthe neighborhood was thoroughly ury Department the securities put aroused and a volunteer posse was with the Secretary as collateral for bank notes. The banks in New ing a mail-carrier heard stifled cries York, Baltimore, Chicago, Boston and entering a thicket saw Keenley and other large cities took up the tied to a tree and Helmgren lashing question of organizing local currency associations, but two obstacles pre-The mail carrier soon had Helm- sented themselves, with the result that up to the present time the only association that has been formed is that of the banks in Washington.

The few objections were, first, that under the law each bank would have an equal voice in the proceedings of the currency association regardless of its capital or surplus. and, second, that there was no provision in the law by which a bank could withdraw from an association after having once joined. The national banks of New York and Baltimore wrote to Secretary Corand it was intimated that unless there was a remedy the associations would not be formed. Secretary ready reported the Riverside Mills, Cortelyou referred both questions to the Solicitor of the Treasury, and which floated away, sustained received an official opinion that there a less of \$100,000; the Reid cotton was no authority either in the Secretary of the Treasury or elsewhere to waive or amend the provisions

Mr. Cortelyou next called upon wholesale houses are assembled was Attorney General Bonaparte for a & Co. warehouse has collapsed and which makes it impossible for a bank opinion was asked on the relative of an association, as Mr. Cortelyou held it was self-evident that each unless the banks could withdraw, the reported. 10 smaller houses were law would probably remain dead so

The Department of Justice has rendered its opinion. It holds with the Solicitor of the Treasury that a bank having once joined an association cannot withdraw, but it suggests that withdrawal may be possible on the unanimous consent of all the other banks which remain in the association. As the only circumstances under which a bank, when once in an association, would want to withdraw are conditions when every other bank would insist on each bank assuming its full share of the association's responsibilities it is evident that Mr. Bonaparte'sopinion is practically the same as that of the law officer of the Treasury. namely, that a bank cannot

withdraw. Mr. Cortelyou has accepted the invitation of the New York bankers to meet them in that city next week to discuss with them the currency law in its application to the banks.

FIND TWENTY-EIGHT BODIES.

One Still In Mine Where Oklahoma Horror Occurred.

who met death in the coal mine at Haileyville recovered, a search is being made for the body of the remaining victim.

All the men were suffocated when and out off the air supply.

FORMALLY NOTIFIED

Out in Force.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special). -John Worth Kern, Democratic candidate for Vice President, was formally notified of his nomination. The meeting was held in the elaborately decorated Coliseum at the State Fair grounds, and was attended by many thousands of people regardless of party attracted by the distinguished speakers on the programme, The weather was ideal, clear and cool, with a pleasant breeze that swept over the grounds.

William Jennings Bryan and other speakers, members of the notification committee appointed at the Denver Convention, members of the National Committee headed by Norman E. Mack and others of the official party arrived on early trains.

The morning hours were devoted conferences by party leaders, while a band concert at the Denison Hotel assisted in amusing the crowds that poured through the corridors. Later a reception was held by Mr. Bryan and Mr. Kern in the hotel

The programme for the day included luncheon at the hotel by the speakers and members of the national and notification committees, after which the official party was driven to the State Fair Grounds in automobiles, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Kern and Chairman Bell of the notification committee, riding together, The ride through the city to the fair grounds was through the principal business streets and past the Kern The doors of the Collseum were thrown open to the public several hours before the exercises began.

Thomas Taggart, national committeeman from Indiana, had been selected to call the meeting to order. He immediately handed the gavel to National Chairman Mack, who introduced Theodre E. Bell. of California, chairman of the notification committee, who formally notified Mr. Kern that he had been selected by the Democratic party to go on the national ticket with Mr. Bryan.

In advising Mr. Kern of his nomination at the Denver Convention as Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Theodore A. Bell, chairman of the notification committee, after alluding to the high esteem in which Mr. Kern is held by the people of his own State, said:

You will be able to show that Mr. Taft is attempting to reach the White House through a mirror maze which is likely to leave him on November 3 just where he started on the 18th of June. After reading Mr. Taft's letter of acceptance you will be able to show that his candidacy is like one of those new-fangled often, when you are approaching it reads one thing, and when you are leaving it speals something else.

"And also in this connection you will be able to show that in places where President Roosevelt is supposed to enjoy great popularity it is sung into the ears of his admirers that if Mr. Taft is elected, the spirit of the departed Roosevelt will be found crouching behind the throne and directing new onslaughts against the corporations and that in sections where Roosevelt has incurred grave censure by reason of his strenuous policies they are whispering in the ears of Standard Oil, the Steel Trust, the transportation companies and others of their ilk that after the 4th of March the shade of Roosevelt will be found wandering through the jungles of Africa in pursuit of bigger game, leaving Taft to deal complacently with the of-

fending corporations. "Even those who believed that be Presidency he was thoroughly dipped in Rooseveltian waters now have a lurking suspicion that somebody held him, like Achilles, by the tendon of the heel, so that he might not prove wholly invulnerable to corporate assaults in the event of his

Mr. Kern, in his speech of accept ance, devoted some time to the question. "Shall the people rule?" deprecated what he charged is excessive power in the hands of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and denied that the people have ruled, because he said their will had not been given effect. He cited the demand for a reduction in the tariff on white, paper and wood pulp and the failure of the Babcock tariff bill in 1902. Mr. Kern charged that there is a power within the Republican party determined that the people shall not rule, which poweffort has been made to check the destructive work of unlawful combination, reduce the tariff or equalize burdens by legislation. The Democratic party, he said, would draw a sharp line between lawful business lawfully conducted and unlawful business.

FINANCIAL

So far in 1908 six New York Stock Exchange firms have failed. General /Electric has declared its usual quarterly dividend of \$2.

The Bank of England's discount rate remains 2 1/2 per cent. Europe is taking but an unusu-

stock just at present.

The reported cuts in certain classes of steel materials didn't seem to discourage the bulls in the stock market.

have reported for the second week McAlester, Okla. (Special) .- With of August return an average dethe bodies of 28 of the 29 miners crease in earnings of about 12 per Fire insurance premiums to the amount of \$2,886,700 were collected in Philadelphia during the first

SKULLS CRUSHED BY A MADMAN

By Maniac.

VICTIMS ARE EXPECTED TO DIE. Cornelius Baker, an Aged Farmer; Nathaniel Baker and John Bott, Suddenly Attacked by John Bosser-

man, Who Was on His Way to Be

Baptized-Madman Overpowered. York, Pa. (Special) .- It is feared that Cornelius Baker, 70 years old, a farmer, and John Dott, 40 years old, a plumber, will die from injuries received by being attacked by John Bosserman, a manjac, who suddenly

lost his mind while riding along the road in a buggy. Nathaniel Baker is in a serious condition, and may die, while his wife is unnerved by coming into con-

tact with the insane man. Young Bosserman went violently insane and ran from place to place. attacking everybody within his reach. When he came to the Esker farm near East Berlin he seized a nammer and dealt John Bott two blows, felling him to the ground. ris was a French Canadian, Bott's skull is thought to be crush-

ed and he will likely die. Young Bosserman showed evidences of insanity about six years ago, but he was not violent. The Turner, who killed his wife and then father, to humor him, took him to a shot his son at Sailor Springs a few minister to be baptized. The young weeks ago committed suicide in jail man had expressed a desire for the at Louisville. Turner had mistaken ceremony. They entered a buggy his son in the darkness for an adfore the young man leaped from the had been separated, and opened fire vehicle and started to run through on both. the fields.

The father tried to overtake him, out the son eluded him, and the old man did not know what had happened until informed by the neigh-

When young Bosserman reached the Baker farm he saw Bott and Baker standing and engaged in conversation. He asked Bott what he United States for treatment and was doing. Bott replied: "I am fixing the spouting. You'll not be doing so long,'

shouted the maniac. He examined several hammers and seizing the largest, hit Bott's head with it, crushing his skull instantly. He then turned upon Baker, who fell back for a club. Finding that his club was gone, he seized a double rope, and with that he proceeded to beat off the insane man. Bosserman succeeded in striking Baker a glancing blow on the forehead with the hammer, cutting to the bone. Baker was knocked senseless to the ground. Baker, quickly recovering, rose and ran to the house for his gun, out he was again hit on the back of the head by the mad-

Bosserman then attacked Cornellheavy blow on the head with the London, sends a re-Mrs. Baker, in the meantime, fled.

until he reached the farm of David the extermination of the plague, Bosserman, where he had gone with 524,379 rats have been killed up his blood-stained hammer. He was to August 1 in the warehouses and there chained, taken to Gettysburg vessels in the docks of London. and placed in the asylum.

ACID TO DESTROY IDENTITY. Man Evidently Burned His Face Before Jumping Into River.

Pittsburg (Special) .-- An unknown man, believed to be from Massachu- Street and Seventh Avenue. The setts, was found floating in the Mo- man was shot in the mouth. It has nongahela River, near McKeesport, not yet been determined whether it His face is badly burned from car- is a case of murder or suicide. bolic acid and identification is

thought to be impossible. With the man's hat and coat on fore Taft was nominated for the the shore was the bottle which had contained the acid. The label had been partly scratched away, but enough of it remained to show it anarchy and that the country is on had been purchased in Massachusetts. the verge of civil war. Word has dered his features unrecognizable party of liberal Mushtaieds has start-

PLEA FOR UNWRITTEN LAW.

the river.

Texas Grand Jury Wants It Placed On Statute Books.

Eastland, Tex. (Special) .- While urging mothers to give greater protection to their daughters by curtailing their liberties, the grand jury here openly recommended that the "unwritten law" should be placed on the statute books as a means of protecting the home in a remarkable ad-

denda to its report. "If the law cannot be so amended as to visit punishment upon the 28 years old, an iron worker, was er has manifested itself whenever despoilers, then let the avenger be shot and killed by J. R. Earnest in free," reads the report. "Let the highest law be written on the statute been living. The weapon used was books and let the gay deceivers nowhere rest in security.

Captain Shoots His Wife. Port Huron, Migh. (Special). --

Elmer E. Campbell, a lake captain, that he shot Harris in defense of his shot and killed his wife on the wife. streets here near his home and then committed suicide. After killing his wife he ran into their home and drank a dose of carbolic acid and States Marshal John Abernathy, of fired three bullets into his body.

Sage Estate \$64,153,800. New York (Special). - Russell

Sage's estate is valued at \$64,153,-This fact became known for 800. the first time through the signing ally small interest in American of the order for transfer tax payable to the State.

20 Children In 26 Years. Pittsburg (Special) - Twenty chil-

dren in 26 years is the remarkable The two score railroads which record of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mc-Intyre, of McKees Rocks, and all of them are "singles" and all living. Married in 1882, the babies have been coming at intervals of 15 % months. The latest arrival was born six months of this year, according Saturday evening and is a boy and to reports made to the Philadelphia weighs 15 pounds. In the family Saturday evening and is a boy and Fire Insurance Patrol. Of this sum there are 12 sons and eight daugh-\$713,304 went to local companies. | ters.

ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.

A Blank Cartridge Exploded In A Young Man's Mouth.

Chicago, Ill. (Special). - Three robbers, after having relieved Frank Monroe, 528 Lasalle Avenue, and Hazel Williams, his fiancee, of valuables, thrust a revolver barrel into the young man's mouth and exploded a blank cartridge, seriously and fatally injuring him. Monroe and the young woman were accosted on the Lake Shore, at Eric Street, a residence district in the north portion of the city.

An indignity by one of the robbers toward Miss Williams was answered by Monroe with a blow, whereupon he three men, after beating him. chose the method described to teach him "to stand still," they told him while being robbed.

DEAD AT AGE OF 114 YEARS.

Ballston, N. Y. (Special) .- John Morris, believed to be the oldest man in New York State, died at the alms house here. He said he was 114 years old, and remembered events that occurred 100 years ago. Morris' wife is living, and is considerably more than 100. A son in the town of Day, where Morris lived many years, is almost 90 years old. Mor-

SUICIDE AFTER AWFUL ERROR.

Flora, Ill. (Special). - Richard together, but had not gone far be- mirer of his wife, from whom he

Explosion Blinds Officer.

Manilla (By Cable) - Captain Samuel P. Lyon, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, was temporarily blinded by the explosion of a bottle of mineral water in his quarters at Parang, Mindanao. He has been ordered to the leaves by the next transport. Captan Lyon may lose his sight, as a fragment of glass struck has eye cutting through the lid and eyeball

Von Sternberg Dead.

Heldelberg, Germany (Special) .-Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German Ambassador to the United States, dled in the Hotel Victoria in this city about midnight. The immediate cause of death was inflammation of the lungs, although the Baron had long been a sufferer from an affection of the ear and neck. The Baroness, who was Miss Lillian May Langham, of Louisville, Ky., was with her husband at the end.

524,379 Rats Killed In London.

Washington (Special). - Former us Baker, an old bachelor who was Postmaster-General Robert J. Wynsitting on the porch, striking him a ne, who is now Consul-General at hammer and crushing his skull. London showing that by order of the British port sanitary authorities. Bosserman was not overpowered in accordance with the scheme for

Wound Kills Preacher. New York (Special) .-- The Rev. Albert H. Frick. 50 years old, of 143 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn, was found dead in Room 464 in the Mills Hotel No. 3, at Thirty-sixth

Anarchy In Persia. Teheran (By Cable) .- The lates: advices received here indicate that all the provinces are in a state of It is supposed that the man ren- reached here from Nuddea that a with the acid and then jumped into ed for Persia to proclaim a holy was against the Shah among the Djat population.

Methodist Buildings Burn.

Russellville, Ly. (Special) .- The buildings on the famous Methodist evangelistic meeting grounds of Kentucky, Parsons' Camp Grounds, eight miles from here, were destroyed by The loss has not been estimated. The origin of the fire is not known.

Shoots To Defend Wife.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special) .- J. Harris, the latter's home where Harris has a single barrel shot-gun. It is alleged that Harris, who is a brother of Earnest's wife, had been abusing the latter and Earnest being notified he ran to his house. Earnest says

Wolf Attacks Marshal.

Lawton, Okla. (Special.)-United Oklahoma, was severely bitten by a large gray wolf, which he had captured alive and bound with wire about the head. The wire snapped. releasing the wolf's jaws, and in the fight that followed two of Abernathy's fingers were badly lacerated and his knee injured. The wolf was

ODDS AND ENDS.

recaptured.

New York City has 133 department stores that employ 11,000 persons.

Twenty million feathers are sent from Germany to England every year for millinery purposes. Argentina's area under cultivation

is now 36,000,000 acres, comparing with 12,000,000 in 1905. There is a little more than 26% miles of railroad in the United States

for every 10,000 inhabitants.