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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN JACKSONVILLE

Florida's Chief City Visited by Blaze That Works Frightful Ruin

THE BURNED AREA COVERS SIX BLOCKS

Three Hotels, Including the Magnificent St. James, the Winter Home of Many Northern Millionaires, and a Theater Included in the Losses—The Fire Broke Out Shortly After Noon in a Fiber Factory and Raged Furiously for Nearly Ten Hours Before the Firemen Could Get It Under Control—Five Negroes Reported Burned to Death. Thrilling Experiences of the Fire Fighters.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 3.—At 12.45 p. m. today Jacksonville experienced the most disastrous fire of its existence. The buildings on the entire length of Beaver street, from Davis street to the creek on Liberty street, have been totally destroyed. This is fourteen solid blocks of residences. For the same distance Ashley and Church streets have been completely burned out. When the fire reached Bridge street in its eastward course it enveloped in flames three blocks, Duval, Monroe and the north side of Adams, burning up that entire section of the city and ruining fourteen blocks to the Duval street bridge.

How much further in that direction the city is burned it is impossible to learn, the streets being impassable, but it is feared that St. Luke's hospital was burned, a report reaching the city that the Presbyterian church in East Jacksonville is ablaze. If this is correct the fire must have extended five blocks further east. The conflagration has burned over as far as is definitely known a distance of two and a half miles long by a half mile wide. When the fire reached Julia street it was a roaring furnace, without any prospect of being put under control.

Blowing Up Buildings.

The local military companies were called out to keep back the crowds and the fire department began to use dynamite to blow up the houses a block from the fire and thus prevent the fire from spreading. So fierce was the blaze, however, and so strong had become the wind that millions of sparks and flying burning shingles spread over five or six blocks, setting the roofs of the houses on fire in advance of the department. Soon Senator Taliaferro's residence and then the adjoining houses in that block were ablaze.

Desperate efforts were made to save the Windsor and St. James hotels, but both houses were quickly enveloped in flames. For about an hour the guests in the Windsor had been busily packing their trunks and went away loaded with trunks and grips, some, unfortunately, to the United States hotel, but most of them to the Riverside.

Leaping madly across the street from the Windsor, the flames set fire to Seills house and then the Methodist parsonage. A few moments later the Trinity Methodist church was a mass of flames. The opera house block followed, and the Richards & Livingstone boarding house. A desperate effort was made to save the Baldwin mansion, which was recently purchased by the Elks for $18,000. No earthly power could save this building, and that entire block and the one west of it was quickly a mass of flames. Once the fire got started on Main street, the closely adjoining buildings went, one after another. Paint shops with barrels of oil in stock, were plentiful in this district, and as they caught fire, one after the other, the blazes rose hundreds of feet high and quickly set the other buildings across the street on fire.

Powder and Dynamite.

Then the Hubbard hardware store caught and the people scattered when they saw what had happened. Hundreds of pounds of powder and a great deal of dynamite was stored in this building. Ten minutes passed, when suddenly there was a roar and the building collapsed like an egg shell. The lynamite and powder had exploded. The firemen at this time were working in great danger. Explosions began all around them, so the effort to fight the fire at this point for a time had to be abandoned. This was only the start of the most intense part of the fire. The new Furchot building was soon ablaze and soon the Gardiner building was also a mass of flames. Down the street swept the fire. With rapidity and in a short time, the entire section of Bay street, from Market to Main street, and extending for five blocks back, was burning all at once.

The city building went, the fire department building, the county court house, the clerk's office with the county records, the criminal court house and the city jail and the graded schools and the Catholic church and orphanage, St. John's Episcopal church and the convent. Almost the entire city of magnificent buildings was burned up in less than four hours. The scene was one that beggars description. At 8.30 p. m. the fire was checked at the intersection at Laurel and Bay streets, where the Commercial bank is located which went up in flames, the Western Union building being just across the street, and not being damaged.

Among the prominent hotels burned were the St. James, the United States, the Placide and the Windsor.

It is impossible at this hour to ascertain the loss but it is said by insurance agents that it will be between eight and nine millions. Six lives are reported lost in the conflagration.

The mayor has called a meeting of the city council for tomorrow to consider ways and means for relieving the sufferers.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—At 1 this morning the situation is one approaching desolation in a large section of the city. The burned district reaches from Burbridge street on the north to the St. Johns river on the south, a distance of not quite two miles. The width of the desolated area is thirteen blocks. Within this space practically everything is blackened ruins. On Bay street the principal mart of trade, the Western Union Telegraph company's building is the first building standing going west. Everything east of Laura bay is gone.

At 10.15 o'clock the fire was under control, having practically burned itself out. The suburban settlements, with the exception of La Villa, are intact. La Villa was badly hurt. The extent of the damage can not be told until tomorrow. Thousands of persons are on the streets tonight, homeless, with practically all of their worldly possessions upon their backs. The depots of the railroads, situated in the southeastern section, have been turned into temporary lodging houses and hospitals. Luckily the weather is fine, so that there will be no suffering on that score.

Meetings Called.

Meetings of the city council, the commercial bodies and the charitable institutions will be called Saturday morning to devise ways and means for meeting the situation. It is not yet known if an appeal for help will be issued, though it is thought likely that the exigencies of the occasion will demand such action. It is hoped that an appeal can be avoided.

Mayor Bowden at 1 o'clock this morning says the property loss will exceed fifteen millions. Ten to fifteen thousand people are homeless.

The plans of the city as prepared by the city surveyor shows that 130 blocks were burned and a part of another block. The estimates of residences to the block in the residential district is ten and in the business secton the blocks were solid. The chief of police has ordered all saloons closed until further notice.

HUNDRED MOTHERS AND BABIES DROWN

Returning on Russian Ferryboat from an Evening Task, a Storm Springs Up and Boat Upsets.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, May 3.—A special dispatch from Odessa, dated April 26, purports to give an eye-witness' story of the recent ferryboat disaster on the river Dnieper, near Katchkarovka, when almost a hundred mothers, with their babies, returning from the evening milking, were drowned.

A sudden storm sprang up, there was a panic, the pontoons were swamped and only a few of those on the ferry were saved by a boat. Three persons clung to a horse which swam ashore. Practically every family in the village was rendered motherless by the disaster.

THE STOCK TICKER SOUNDS HIS KNELL.

Slump in the Stock Market Proves Too Much for One Interested Spectator's Endurance.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 3.—A tragic feature of the slump in the stock market this afternoon was the sudden death of John Kee, 55 years old, in the brokerage office of Jacob Berry & Co., at 44 Broadway. He sat close to the ticker and was listening intently to the quotations that were being read off. When the decline became severe Kee turned pale and, uttering a low cry, fell to the floor. He died in a few minutes.

The manager of the brokerage office said Kee was on the right side of the market up to the time of the break.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 3.—Arrived: First Bismarck, Hamburg; Bulgaria, Naples. Cleared: Lucania, Liverpool; Potsdam, Rotterdam via Boulogne; Graf Waldersee, Hamburg; Patria, Marseilles. Sailed: Caledonian, Liverpool. Havre—Arrived: L'Aquitaine, New York. Bremen—Arrived: Lahn, New York via Southampton. Moville—Sailed: Ethiopia (from Glasgow), New York. Southampton—Sailed: Deutschland (from Hamburg), New York via Cherbourg. St. Michaels—Passed: Alice, New York for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa. Queenstown—Passed: Teutonic, New York for Liverpool.

Wiped Out by Fire.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Marshalltown, May 3.—Fire at Ewart has practically destroyed the entire town, including a large grain elevator, Iowa Central railway property, the postoffice, all business houses, the Presbyterian church and a number of residences. The fire originated in the elevator. Estimated loss, $50,000; insurance, not stated.

Body Found in the River.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Paul, May 3.—The body of William Rosenfeld, who disappeared last week with his four children, was found in the river today near the place where the body of his oldest boy was taken out of the river yesterday.

Pension for Mrs. Edwards.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 3.—A pension of $8 a month has been granted to Mary E. Edwards (widow), of Scranton.

INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION

Coming Meeting of Recently Organized National Civic Federation.

WILL ORGANIZE TUESDAY

The Scope and Character of the Work to Be Done Will Then Be Determined—In the Composition of the National Committee of the Federation Capital, Labor and the Public Have Been Fully Recognized—A Public Meeting Is to Be Held in the Cooper Union.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 3.—The national committee on industrial conciliations recently organized by the National Civic Federation will meet in this city next Tuesday to organize and determine the scope and character of the work to be taken up.

A sub-committee consisting of Herman Justi, commissioner of the Illinois coal operators; John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers; E. D. Kenna, vice-president of the Sante Fe railroad; Frank P. Sargent, grand master of the railway firemen; Frederick Driscoll, commissioner of the American Publishers' association, has been at work on a report for two months, and this report will be the basis of the plan adopted.

In the composition of the committee the three elements of capital, labor and public have been fully recognized, the committee containing the names of some of the most important as well as some of the largest employers of labor, while the wage earners are represented through the selection of some of the best known and most conservative labor leaders in the country.

In addition to the special meetings of the committees, arrangements are being made for a meeting in the rooms of the chamber of commerce Tuesday and a public meeting Wednesday night at Cooper Union. At the meetings addresses will be delivered by leading members of the organization.

SHARKEY PUT PURCELL OUT.

The Fight Was of the Rough and Tumble Variety.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Denver, May 3.—"Sailor" Tom Sharkey put out "Big Fred" Russell, the California heavyweight, in the fourth round of what was scheduled to be a ten-round go before the Colorado Athletic association here tonight. It was characterized by rough-and-tumble tactics, engaged by both, science playing but little part. There was much clinching and rough work throughout and it seemed that each had a chance to win by landing a wild swing at any time.

In the fourth round there was very little leading by either. They clinched and fought widely and the referee had the greatest difficulty in separating them. In the fourth round both men having been cautioned by the referee that they must fight and not wrestle, they started out to obey his instructions.

It was not long, however, before they were clinching and holding and hanging on to each other, with the referee earnestly imploring them to fight fair. Sharkey broke away from a clinch and, as he did so, landed right and left swings on Russell's jaw, putting him down, and as Russell arose Sharkey sent in the finishing punch, a half swing on the ear.

PRUSSIAN DIET CLOSED.

Disagreement on Canal Bill Causes a Drastic Step.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, May 3.—The Prussian diet met jointly tonight and the chancellor read a royal message declaring the diet closed. Count Von Buelow then said: "As the government is convinced, in view of the course taken in committee, that an agreement on the canal bill is at present out of the question, it does not wish to offer any aid in a continuance of fruitless discussions." Then, with three cheers for the emperor, the sitting was ended.

It is anticipated in parliamentary circles that Count Von Buelow will forthwith reconstruct the cabinet and the date of the general election will be so arranged that the new house will meet at the end of October or the beginning of November, when the canal bill will probably be immediately reintroduced.

THE SULTAN WILL PAY.

Half a Million for the Cramps in One Instalment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Constantinople, Monday, April 29.—It has been arranged that the Imperial Ottman bank shall pay the Cramps, the shipbuilders of Philadelphia, $500,000 as a first instalment and pay an amount, not specified, to the Krupps, from a six per cent. surtax on the general taxation of the empire.

Simultaneously with this announcement the Turkish officials have revived the old story that the Cramps payments includes United States Armenian claims.

Window Glass Prices Advanced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, May 3.—President W. T. Gray, of the National Window Glass Jobbers' association, has sent out notices to the members of the organization that an advance in the price of window glass will be made May 11. The new discounts are 85 and 20 on less than car load lots or a fraction over 7 per cent. of an advance on present prices.

RACING AT MORRIS PARK.

The Prospects for a Fine Meeting Are First Class.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 3.—The real opening of the racing season in New York will begin tomorrow with the first day of the racing at Morris park. The prospects for a fine meeting are better than ever before. The track will be in good condition by tomorrow afternoon. This afternoon sixteen were carded to go in the big event which will be for $8,700, the richest metropolitan yet run for, and some of the best horses in training will try conclusions at a mile.

The general opinion among the men at the race track today was that Brigadier, with his low impost of 105 pounds, would be the choice in the betting. Banastar is likely to have a lot of following on his Brooklyn handicap win of some time ago, and his good form in his only race last year. Starbright, Alf Green, Ogden and Bellario will have their followers as well. Five other races are to be run, including the New York steeplechase and the juvenile stakes.

OPPOSED TO TAX BUT WON'T STRIKE

English Miners on Second Thought Conclude That the Remedy Is Worse Than the Disease.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, May 3.—There were scores of meetings today in the coal district and there was evidence of the intense interest felt in the tax question, but the results of the conferences show the miners are by no means so unanimous as expected in supporting a general strike.

Chairman Briggs, of the joint conciliation board of Yorkshire miners, has issued a manifesto to the men to the effect that although he is strongly opposed to the impost, he considers it most unwise to take such grave steps as stopping the collieries. Several miners' councils have issued similar advice to the men.

HAD A RING AND THEN A BULLET

Arthur Sprouls, After Receiving Anonymous Letters, Is Shot Very Mysteriously in His Yard.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bordentown, N. J., May 3.—Arthur Sprouls, aged 19 years, was shot last night by an unknown person, the bullet taking effect in the young man's left shoulder. It is believed the deed was prompted by jealousy. Recently Sprouls received three anonymous letters, ordering him to return a ring to Irene Pierce, a young woman of this place, and threatening him with bodily harm.

The shooting occurred in the yard attached to the Sprouls residence. The pistol was held so close to Sprouls that his face was burned by the powder. It is not believed the wounded youth is seriously injured.

THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.

London Statist on Recent Developments of American Finance.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London May 3.—The statist, discussing the recent developments of American finance, will say tomorrow:

"Practically, therefore, we shall have the same group of financiers in control of the great industrial corporations in the United States, of the great lines of railroad from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the lines of the steamships crossing the Pacific to China, India, Australia, the lines crossing the Atlantic to Europe and Africa and the lines to the east and west coasts of South America.

"If these vast plans for controlling the production of the United States and the means of transport to the markets of the world can be consummated and effectively carried out the United Staes will become the most powerful and most wealthy country in the world.

"The question is, are not these plans too vast to be carried out by any group of individuals, however eminent and able?"

NELSON JOHNS EXAMINED.

He Is Charged with Sending Strychnine Through the Mails.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Middlebury, Vt., May 3.—The examination of Nelson Johns, charged with the murder of Ida Fosburgh, of Shoreham, who died on March 19 from strychnine which she received through the mails came to an end this afternoon by the state's attorney agreeing to have the respondent discharged on the murder charge but insisting on his being held on the second charge of attempting to commit an abortion.

Bail of $7,000 was furnished by Minor Jones, the father, and the respondent wis given his liberty until the grand jury meets in December. Nelson Jones has been in the county jail for several weeks. Miss Fosburg was a domestic in the Jones house at Shoreham.

Yellow Fever in Havana.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 3.—Yellow fever has made its appearance in Havana and the order of the secretary of the treasury suspending the quarantine regulations until the 15th instant has been revoked.

Had No Significance.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 3.—The Japanese minister, Mr. Takihara, said today that the reported resignation of the Ito cabinet had no significance as indicating any change in the general policy of the country on international affairs.

Population of Manila.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, May 3.—The board of health has completed the census of Manila. The populations numbers 244,976.

TEXAS GIVES BIG GREETING

The President's Welcome at Houston One of Remarkable Cordiality.

ONE TOUCHING INCIDENT

The Widow of the Last President of the Republic of Texas Presents to Mr. McKinley a Small Silk Flag of the Lone Star State, Its Staff Made of Wood from the Old Capitol Building at Columbia—The President's Felicitous Oratory.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Houston, Tex., May 3.—The presidential special train was skimming over the flat, broad plains of Texas when the president and his party awoke this morning. Houston, where the party was welcomed by Governor Sayers, who had traveled from the state capital at Austin for that purpose, was reached at 8.15.

The arrival of the train was heralded by a volley from a battery on the bank of the Buffalo bayou. All business had been suspended and the surrounding country seemed to have emptied itself into the city. An elaborate programme was crowded into less than two hours. The Houston Light Guards, the crack military company of Texas, which acted as guard of honor for Jefferson Davis on his visit here in 1875, and a company of cowboy rangers, escorted the party in carriages through the decorated city. For several blocks the parade moved between lines of school children, who waved flags and strewed the president's path with flowers. At a handsome arch on Polk avenue the president was presented with a floral piece by colored residents. Before a big and enthusiastic audience at the Auditorium, Mr. McKinley was formally welcomed by the governor, and made a happy response. Members of the cabinet also spoke briefly.

At the conclusion of the speeches a touching incident occurred. A feeble old lady came forward and presented Mr. McKinley with a flag of the Lone Star state. She was the widow of Anson Jones, the last president of the republic of Texas. The wood of the staff was from the old copitol building at Columbia.

The President's Remarks.

In his speech the president said:

Words fail me to give expression to the appreciation which I have for the warm welcome you have accorded me in this city, my first stop in the state of Texas. (Great applause.) Nothing could be more gratifying to me than to receive a welcome from my old friend and colleague of the national house of representatives, your present governor. I hesitated to call this an empire and I was glad the governor set the example and gave you your true designation. (Laughter and applause.) We are sensitive a little on the subject of empire nowadays, but if there is an empire state in the Union, it is the state of Texas. (Applause.) But it is an empire like all the other empires of this great republic, under the dominion of the sovereign people. (Great applause.) As I have journeyed through the south I have been more and more impressed with the fact that the south was contributing quite its full share in the economic and industrial development that has been going on in our country for the past ten years and which has given to us the proud rank of first among the manufacturing nations of the world. Ten years ago you had 1,200,000 spindles in the south; today you have over 5,000,000. Your coal, your iron, your forests are lending their wealth to the gain of your people (a voice—"and our oil"), and your oil, and you will find everything will go smoother (laughter) if this oil is oily, lasting and permanent.

But, my fellow citizens, I am not here to make a speech; only to receive your greetings and reciprocate the sentiments of this great people, a part of this noble union. We are not only a union of hands but we are a union of hearts, that none can sever. I bring you the good welcome of the nation of which you form so large a part. I salute you with warm congratulations and I thank you for this cordial greeting.

A Continuous Ovation.

Until 4.30 o'clock this afternoon, when Austin was reached, the train passed in succession through the cotton belt of Texas, the rich agricultural region beyond the Brazos river, known as the black prarie, much wooded country and fine grazing land. The president had his first glimpse of long-horned Texas cattle and picturesque cowboys on western range horses. The president's reception in the Lone Star state was a continuation of the ovation he has received throughout the south. Every honor was shown him and his party, and there was much enthusiasm.

There was a picturesque scene at Prarie View, where the president addressed the colored students of the State Normal school, on a stand erected on the open prairie, at the side of the track. He advised the colored people to learn to do one thing well. Minute stops were made also at Hempstead, at Brenham and at Elgin. At each place he spoke a few words. At every station along the route there were cheering crowds.

Reception at Austin.

The feature of the day was the reception accorded the party at Austin, which, like New Orleans, had never had the honor of entertaining a chief magistrate of the nation. The city was profusely decorated, and in the evening there was a brilliant illumination on Congress avenue. Austin never before held such crowds of people. They came from every direction; some, hundreds of miles, and literally swamped the hotel accommodations of the city. It was estimated that over 20,000 visitors were here. As the population of Austin is only 23,000, the tax upon its facilities can be imagined.

A procession headed by a fine military band and consisting of fifteen companies of state militia and the Confederate veterans and Grand Army of the Republic organizations, marching side by side, escorted the party to the east portico of the magnificent capitol building, where the president addressed a sea of enthusiastic people. There was a delightful reception in the senate chamber, where the belles of Austin, noted all over Texas for their beauty, received the president and Mrs. McKinley. This function was one of the most charming yet experienced on the trip. Then followed a drive through the city to the state university, where the students, citizens and school children greeted the president. Later Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, with the ladies of the cabinet, dined informally at the governor's mansion and at 10.30 tonight left for San Antonio, where tomorrow morning will be spent.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT BEGUN IN MANILA

The Step Taken Is Preliminary to the Inauguration of a General Civil Government.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, May 3.—Civil government in Manila was established today, as a preliminary to the inauguration of a general civil government. The United States Philippine commission is unwilling at present to permit the experiment of elections here, although they have been authorized in all the other municipalities.

Judge Taft says a municipal government for Manila will shortly be created. The officers will probably be appointive. Lepanto and possibly all the other uncivilized provinces will be organized specially on a plan similar to that adopted in the case of Benguet.

GOVERNOR'S VETO PEN.

Smites the Resolution for a General Corporation Law.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 3.—Governor Stone has vetoed the resolution providing for the appointment of nine commissioners to draft and report to the legislature of 1903 a general corporation law to take the place of the act of 1874 and its supplements. Governor Stone said it would result in confusion.

The bill authorizing boroughs to provide a supply of water for public use, either by the erection of water works or by contract with persons or corporations authorized to supply water within the limits of said borough, or by both methods, was approved.

Let There Be Light.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Dover, Del., May 3.—The American Light company of Philadelphia, capital $5,000,000, today filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The company is empowered to manufacture, buy and sell all kinds of machines for distributing gas or electricity.

Appointed Auditor of Cuba.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 3.—The secretary of war announces the appointment of Jared D. Terrell, of Michigan, as auditor for Cuba, at $5,000 a year salary. The salary is paid out of the Cuban revenues. Mr. Terrell is chief law clerk in the office of the comptroller of the treasury.

Pierpont Morgan's Generosity.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Aix Les Bains, France, May 3.—J. Pierpont Morgan has donated fifty thousand francs to the local hospital here and the municipality has marked its appreciation of the gift by presenting him with a magnificent bouquet. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Carnegie have had several conferences here.

Primitive Methodist Conference.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, May 3.—The twentieth annual conference of the Primitive Methodist church, which has been in session at Plymouth the past two days, adjourned sine die this evening, after electing Rev. F. W. Nichols, of Tamaqua, Pa., president.

Foreign Missions Prosperous.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 3.—At today's session of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United States, the report of the committee on furnishing boxes to missionaries showed a generous response to appeals.

THE DEATH ROLL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Springfield, Ill., May 3.—Buford Wilson, jr., eldest son of Major Buford Wilson, of Springfield, former solicitor of the United States treasury, died today from typhoid fever at New Haven, Conn. Wilson was a leading athlete of Yale, having held until recently first position in general athletics.

Lancaster, Pa., May 3.—David Porter Rosenmiller, formerly mayor of this city, died today of tetanus, the result of a cancer. Mr. Rosenmiller was executive officer of the Essex, the sloop of war which blew up the rebel ram Arkansas. After the war he was elected to the state legislature and was made district attorney of Lancaster. Mr. Rosenmiller was a near relative of Admiral Porter.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:
FAIR; NORTHWESTERLY WINDS.

1 General—Jacksonville Has the Largest Fire in Its History.
President McKinley's Western Tour.
With the Lawmakers at Harrisburg.
For Industrial Conciliation.
2 General—Carbondale Department.
3 Local—Prospectus of The Tribune's Second Educational Contest.
4 Editorial.
Talks by the Publisher.
Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs.
5 Local—Social and Personal.
One Woman's Views.
Scientific Salad.
6 Local—County Convention of Sunday School Workers.
Court Proceedings.
7 Local—Miss Maud Gonne in Scranton.
Armory Ball Sub-committees.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania.
Financial and Commercial.
10 Fourth of The Tribune's Local Short Stories, Banner City of Virginia.
11 Local—Religious News of the Week.
Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.
12 Local—Industrial and Labor.

IT COSTS TO RUN A STATE

The General Appropriation Bill Carries $15,032,034 for Two Years.

$11,000,000 FOR SCHOOLS

Passes First Reading in an Unimportant Session of the House—The Bill by Items—Bill Reported to Put a Tax of a Cent a Gallon on All Ale, Porter and Beer Brewed in Pennsylvania — Miners Threaten to March to Harrisburg if Their Bills Are Not Passed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harirsburg, May 3.—The general appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of $15,032,034 for the next two years, was reported to the house today by Chairman Bliss. The bill has already passed first reading and will be taken up next week for second reading. It carries an appropriation of $11,000,000 to the public schools. Of this, $400,000 is to be applied to the State Normal schools, and $50,000 for township high schools. The following are the items of the bill:

Executive department, $53,400, decrease from 1899 of $593.23; state department, $88,200; auditor-general's department, $105,900; treasury department, $44,800; attorney general's department, $31,000; internal affairs department, $146,000, decrease of $2,000; banking department, $107,000; public instruction department, $42,400; adjutant general's department, $42,600; state library, $47,350, increase of $3,000; State Reporter, $16,000; public buildings and grounds, $79,600, increase of $7,900; sinking fund commission, $3,800; board of pardons, $7,600; agricultural department, $105,000, decrease of $7,800; forestry department, $13,600, increase of $1,000; printing and binding, $6,900; revenue commission, $2,400; factory inspectors, $80,000; harbor officers, Philadelphia, $167,000, of which $65,000 is to be applied for the purchase of land and new boats, increase of $60,000; medical councils, $2,000; college and university council, $1,000; Supreme court, $132,900; Superior court, $131,600; Common Pleas, $892,000, increase of $52,000; Orphans' court, $148,000, increase of $44,000; associate judges, $139,000; senate, $144,678; house of representatives, $1,367,898.

The item for the house of representatives includes the following: County superintendents, $205,000; interest on funded debts, $540,000; mine inspectors, $136,000; witness fees, $6,600; Harrisburg fire department, $2,200; postage for departments, $18,000; traveling expenses of executive departments, $4,000; advertisements, $1,000; military claims, $2,000.

Other Business.

The order of business in the house today was senate bill on second reading. There was a slim attendance and the business was disposed of in short order. The bill providing for the extinguishment of any ground rent, annuity or other charge upon real estate after twenty-one years and making the same applicable in cases where the commonwealth is a party claimant the same as in the case of other parties, was amended by Mr. Bedford, of Philadelphia, so that it shall not apply to lands or minerals beneath and coextensive with rivers and public streams.

A bill taxing one cent a gallon all ale, porter and beer brewed in Pennsylvania was reported from the ways and means committee and will be read the first time Monday night.

The house adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday evening.

Miners to March.

Shamokin, May 3.—Secretary George Hartlein sent notices today to the local unions of district No. 9, United Mine Workers of America, to hold themselves in readiness for orders to be issued next week to march to Harrisburg to impress the legislature with the fact that the mine bills now being held up in the senate must become laws.

President John Fahy and other officials arrived from the state capital today to organize the hosts. It is proposed that the Shamokin-Ashland miners will march through the Herndon valley to Millersburg, to be met there by miners from the Schuylkill, Hazleton and Lykens valley sections. From Millersburg the miners will proceed in a body to the state capital.

Officers of districts Nos. 1, 7 and 9 will have command of the miners. Owing to district No. 9 men living nearest to Harrisburg, it is thought that out of a membership of 50,000 at least 20,000 will join in the movement. The miners generally are enthusiastic over the idea.

The retirement of Senator Hardenberg, who becomes auditor general next Monday, will advance Senator Vaughan to the much coveted position of chairman of the senate appropriations committee.

Armed Men Protect Town.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cumberland, Md., May 3.—This city today established an armed patrol on the Bedford road to prevent persons from the small pox infected section in Cumberland valley, Bedford county, Pa., from entering. A number were turned back. Over 100 cases are said to exist in this valley.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 3.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair Saturday and Sunday; fresh northwesterly winds, diminishing in force.