

MILLIONS LOST IN A BIG FIRE

One of the Greatest Conflagrations in the History of Country.

26 BLOCKS IN PATERSON, N. J. Heart of the City, Including Its Finest Buildings, Eaten Out by the Terrible Destroyer.

New York, (Special)—Paterson, N. J., was scourged Sunday by one of the greatest fires in the history of the country.

The heart of the proud "Silk City" is a mass of ruins. It was eaten out in less than 24 hours by a blaze which, for fierce destructiveness, has not been paralleled since that which desolated Jacksonville, Fla.

Major John Hinckley estimates the aggregate loss at not less than \$10,000,000. Scores of persons were burned or otherwise injured, but the loss of life is not believed to be great.

George Fitzmaurice, a fireman, is dying. He was driving an engine from Passaic when the horses bolted, and before Fitzmaurice could get them under control they brought the apparatus against an electric pole.

BURIED BENEATH TONS OF ROCK. Premature Blast Kills and Injures Several Persons.

Greenville, Pa., (Special)—A fatal blasting accident occurred on the new cut-off of the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad near Osgood, two miles east of here.

ACTIVE SERVICE OVER. Admirals Sampson and Crowell Put on the Retired List.

Washington, (Special)—The names of Rear Admirals William T. Sampson and Bartlett Crowell were placed on the retired list Sunday on account of their having reached the age of 62 years.

Prizes for Artists. Philadelphia, (Special)—The honors and prizes connected with the seventy-first annual exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts were awarded.

Barber Inhaled Hair. Wabash, Ind., (Special)—Andrew Teeter, a barber at Akron, 20 miles northwest of this city, is at death's door from a peculiar cause.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

Domestic. Warden Soffel of Allegheny County Jail, retained counsel to defend his wife, but will have nothing to do with her.

Count de Luceyay, of Calcutta, India, held in El Paso, Texas, on the charge of false swearing, made a number of attempts to kill himself.

The inquirer of the Philippine Islands, will petition Monsignor Sarratti to expel the friars and friar bishops.

Philip Gerst, former city treasurer of Buffalo, N. Y., was arrested, charged with misappropriating \$2,000 of the city's funds.

James J. Frawley, a Tammany leader, and Alderman J. J. Dietz, accused of unlawful conduct in the recent election, surrendered and were held for a hearing.

ADMIRAL MONTOJO DEAD. Dewey's Opponent at Manila, Who Was Decried by His Government.

Madrid, (By Cable)—The death is announced of Vice Admiral Jose Montojo.

Three Efforts to Die. Took Strychnine and Broken Glass and Then Tried Drowning.

El Paso, Texas, (Special)—"Count" de Lucenay, of Calcutta, India, was arraigned here on the charge of false swearing and was bound over to the grand jury.

Chicago Struck by Frost. Chicago, (Special)—Violence pursued the Frostel family even after death, an electric car striking the funeral cortege of the nine kinsmen who perished in Wednesday's explosion.

\$20,000 From Husband's Murderer. Austin, Texas, (Special)—Mrs. Libb's Barhill, of Tennessee, recovered a judgment in the Federal Court against J. T. Morgan, of Fayette county, Texas.

Financial. The New York Subtreasury statement shows that the banks lost \$4,029,000 last week.

THE POWERS TO THE INSURGENTS

Cannot Declare Panama Railroad Neutral Zone. WILL INSIST UPON PROTECTION. The Consuls Representing the United States, France, Great Britain and Germany, Reply to the Note of the Insurgent General Herrera—Castro Reports Provisions Scarce in the Rebel Camps.

Panama, (By Cable)—The foreign consuls here have agreed to send to the insurgent General Herrera the following answer to his note addressed to the American, French, British and German consuls:

"His Excellency, Acting Governor Aristides Arjona, kindly delivered to certain persons of the consular body letters, in which he stated that they were intended for all the consular corps, and, therefore, through the Governor, we beg to reply that the proposal declaring Panama, Colon and the railroad line a neutral zone is ideal, and something that we, representing foreign interests, would gladly had as an accomplished fact.

Senator Pritchard, from the Committee on Forest Reservations, presented a report on the bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the creation of a national forest reserve in the South Appalachian region.

It is said that the land needed can be purchased for from \$2 to \$3 per acre, and that in the southern Appalachian Mountains there is a greater variety of hardwood trees than in any other territory of like size in the Eastern States.

It is Said to Cure Leprosy. A Venezuelan plant, for which is claimed wonderful curative powers in cases of leprosy, has been called to the attention of the Secretary of Agriculture and sent to Hawaii for cultivation and experimentation.

Roosevelt is Let Out. The President has approved, with one notable exception, all the recommendations made by the Army and Navy Board, of which General MacArthur was president.

A Battle With Burglars. Gap, Pa., (Special)—A half-dozen cracksmen attempted to rob the Gap National Bank at this place, and but for the bravery of Special Officer David Stamitz they would doubtless have succeeded.

Big Fire in North Carolina. Washington, N. C., (Special)—The Atlantic Coast Line freight depot, five stores, two offices and two barrooms were destroyed by fire.

Chinese Dismiss Foreigners. Pekin, (By Cable)—The Chinese Government dismissed all the European professors from the Imperial University.

Alcohol Fuel for Warships. Berlin, (By Cable)—Emperor William visited the alcohol exhibition here, and showed great interest in the plans for introducing alcohol fuel on warships.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Law Against Anarchism. The House Committee on Judiciary submitted to the House a report upon the bill providing for the personal protection of the President, Vice-President, Cabinet officers and foreign ambassadors and ministers, and for the suppression of organized government.

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LIVES LOST IN CAR WORKS FIRE. Burning of the Rock Island Railroad Shops—Several Persons Injured.

Horton, Kan., (Special)—Fire in the big car works of the Rock Island Railroad caused the death of two persons and the destruction of \$250,000 worth of property.

CHICAGO BOY'S FATHER AND MOTHER GIVE UP CUTICLE TO PATCH HIM UP. Chicago, (Special)—After five months of wonderful surgery and skin grafting, Marion Weaver, the five-year-old son of a Chicago preacher, has emerged from the hospital with a new coat of skin.

STALLIONS FIGHT A DUEL. Two Blooded Horses Fight on a Railroad Train—One Dead.

Cheyenne, Wyo., (Special)—Two percheron stallions, imported from England, fought a duel to the death, on a fast stock train on the Union Pacific.

PRINCE HENRY'S LONG SERVICE. Berlin, (By Cable)—Prince Henry, son of the Emperor of Germany, will celebrate the quarter century of his service in the navy.

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PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFLY TOLD.

Condensed Special Dispatches From Many Points. PATENTS AND PENSIONS GRANTED.

Six New Companies Incorporated at Harrisburg—Father Accused of Wounding His Daughter at Shamokin—Lancaster County Man Has Dwelt Outdoors Many Years—Farmers' Institute at Pineville.

Pensions granted: John W. Hanna, Vanburen, \$12; Maurice Kavanagh, Kane, \$7; Matthew H. Holman, Allegheny, \$8; William Stone, Mercersburg, \$12; Alonzo Wheeler, Washington, \$8; George Keefe, Tylerstown, \$17; William F. Blair, Kantner, \$30; Stephen Shaff, Keeneyville, \$17; Lemuel Davis, Bradford, \$8; William K. Kuhns, Leechburg, \$8; John S. Muford, Monroe, \$14; Nathaniel Butler, Johnstown, \$8; Calvin H. Crowl, T. Opa, \$14; Samuel Thorne, \$8; minors of Cornelius Bous, Marvill, \$14; Mary A. Funk, Homestead, \$2; Frances V. Hellyer, Allegheny, \$12; Mary E. Cramer, Moshannon, \$12; Electa Green, Mahoning, \$12; Peter L. Ammon, Rural Valley, \$8; William Patterson, West Middletown, \$12; William Lint, Conestoga, \$8; Joseph Belanger, Massillonville, \$8; Emmel Diehl, Middleburg, \$12; Lorenzo Nil, Eldred, \$8; David Latimer, Mt. Pleasant, \$12; Catherine M. Pellan, Lansford, \$8; Annie E. Dougan, Washington, \$8; Catherine Ewing, Waynesburg, \$12.

Boer Officers Captured. A Whole Commando of 131 Men Is Reported Taken. Johannesburg, (By Cable)—According to information just received here, Colonel Kekewich, having ascertained the whereabouts of Commandant Albert's lager at Gruitfontein, sent men to capture it.

Threw His Body into the River. A Female Accomplish Betrayer the Man Who Committed the Murder. Kansas City, Mo., (Special)—Noah Long, an aged stone mason, living in Argentine, Kan., just across the river from here, mysteriously disappeared from his home a week ago.

Manufacturers of Cotton. The Census Bureau has issued a preliminary report on the cotton manufactures of the United States. The following is a summary of the figures for the manufactures, exclusive of the small wasters:

The Command at Pekin. Pekin, (By Cable)—Major Edgar B. Robertson, of the Ninth Infantry, started for Manila, and Capt. Andrew W. Brewster, of the same regiment, assumed command of the United States Legation Guard.

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Efforts that proved unavailing have been made during the extreme cold weather of the past few days to have in a single court record case; Ralph Gottlieb Goldvohl, an aged resident of Lancaster county, to give up his abode in the open air. He came to this country at the close of the Civil War and since then he has never sought the shelter of a house, living outdoors in all sorts of weather. He is now domiciled in a small, dilapidated building in Harrisburg. His only protection at night consists of rags and tattered clothing begged from farmers. For five years Goldvohl with his wife, who is now dead, lived in the open along the Conestoga Creek. The man is well read and perfectly sane.

The Wrightstown Farmers' Club, assisted by the State Board of Agriculture, held its annual institute at Pineville. The exercises included the following addresses: "Household Combinations" and "Handling Milk and Butter Making," by Prof. Welk W. Cooke; "How Shall We Study and Teach from Nature," "Higher Education for farmers' Children" and "The Welfare of the People," by Thomas J. Phillips; "The Culture and Feeding of the Crop" and "What the City Farmer Teaches Us," by L. W. Lighty.

Charters were issued by the State Department to these corporations:—Leroy Instrument Company, Pittsburgh; capital, \$2,500. The Hanney-White Company, Philadelphia; capital, \$100,000. Pittsburgh Supply Company, Pittsburgh; capital, \$200,000. American Narrow Fabric Company, Reading; capital, \$2,000. The American Construction Company, Pittsburgh; capital, \$2,000. The Extension Safety Squib Company, Wilkes-Barre; capital, \$10,000.

Lewis Nivetsky was arrested at Shamokin, charged with stabbing his daughter, Mrs. Josephine Argusky, while she was asleep. Nivetsky, it is alleged, was in his daughter's room and stabbed her twice in the side with a pocket knife. He was caught by the woman's husband, Mrs. Argusky quarreled with her father and it is said he swore to have satisfaction before daylight.

Suit was entered by the State on information received from citizens of Huntington, against the Huntington Electric Company, and the Huntington Electric Company's electric street car corporation from consolidating and transacting business as one corporation.

John Zaginski, a wealthy Pole, of Homestead, and his three children are ill from the effects of drinking water from a well alleged to have been poisoned by quicksilver. Zaginski says it was the result of spite work.

Mrs. Harriet Camp, of Mt. Carmel, fell on a hot stove. Her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death.

Frank Bura was crushed to death at the Stoddard Washery, Gilberton.

Sereno Louis Weaver, who set fire to a house on November 23, was acquitted at Shamokin, on the ground of insanity.

Charles Washky, a tippelman, was crushed to death in the mines, and Jas. Johnston of West Newton, fell from a train and was instantly killed at Greensburg.

Frederick Spellman, aged 78 years, was instantly killed near Donohoe Station by a fast train. He came recently from Conestoga.

While an Italian laborer was thawing dynamite on a railroad job at Cook's Run twelve sticks exploded. The man died on the way to the hospital.

Escaping gas filled the houses of several residents of Jeannette, at Plymouth, on Wednesday night. The families of Geo. H. Bittenbender, Thos. Richards, William Nichols and John Bowden were made ill, but soon recovered.

While walking through Hauto Tunnel, Tamaqua, on his way to work, Imro Bellish was struck by a train and so badly injured that he died several hours later.

Sixteen candidates for the office of mine inspector in Schuylkill, Columbia and Northumberland counties, were examined by the board of the new board created by the act of the Legislature.

After suffering sometime from melancholy, Benjamin Hershey, a farmer and butcher, of East Hempfield Township, committed suicide at his home, near Landville, by shooting himself in the head with a rifle.