

DEATH IN FUMES OF BURNING ACID

FATAL CONFLAGRATION.

Milwaukee Firemen Breathe Poisoned Air and Four Are Dead—Others Expected to Die.

Four firemen are dead and nine others were made seriously ill from the effects of inhaling the fumes of nitric acid while fighting a fire at the plant of the Schwab Stamp & Seal Company at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

LVII. CONGRESS.

Amended Bill.

The Senate Monday had up the army appropriation bill, which took precedence over Mr. Quay's statehood bill.

Seal Killing.

In the House Monday Mr. Bates, Pennsylvania, moved the passage of the bill to permit the Secretary of the Interior to exchange arid and semi-arid lands within the limits of railroad and wagon grants for public lands of equal value.

Railway Rebates.

The Senate Tuesday passed the army appropriation bill after eliminating from it the section providing for a general staff.

Claim Bill Defeated.

In the House Mr. Payne, New York, renewed his fight against the claims bills left over from Friday, and succeeded in defeating three out of 13.

Diplomatic Bill.

The Senate Wednesday adopted the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, and amended the army staff bill to place the chief of staff under the direction of the President or Secretary of War.

Postal Service.

In the House Wednesday the post-office appropriation bill being under discussion, Mr. Loud, California, chairman of the Postoffice committee, who retires from Congress on March 4, warned those who were to follow him in the House of the insidious methods employed to increase expenses of the postal service.

Anti-Mormon.

The Senate spent Thursday discussing the Statehood bill. The discussion turned upon polygamy and the influence the Mormon church would exercise in New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma, if they are admitted as States.

Industrial Proceedings.

After the House had passed the post-office appropriation bill Thursday and conferred in the conference report on the diplomatic appropriation bill it adopted the bill by 104 to 107.

HUNTER PRESSES CHARGE.

Declares Consul General McNally is Chief Conspirator.

According to a statement made by W. A. Hunter, at Louisville, Ky., son of the retiring minister to Guatemala, charges preferred by Dr. Hunter against Consul General James C. McNally are to be pressed as quickly as the minister and his family can reach this country.

Military Camp Site.

Capt. Sibert's report on the availability of Somerset, Pa., for a permanent camp site for joint maneuvers of the regular army and militia of the eastern states, to Secretary Root, is favorable.

Cuban Treasury Report.

The Treasury report of Cuba for January gives the balance in hand at the end of the month as \$2,180,841, against \$1,824,882 at the close of December. The January receipts were \$1,523,400 and the disbursements \$1,172,450.

Ship Believed to Be Lost.

The ship Florence, owned by the California Ship Building Company, at San Francisco, has been given up as lost.

CLAIM TO PREFERENCE REJECTED.

CASTRO'S ULTIMATUM.

Venezuela Will Not Consent to Any Preference in the Payment of Claims.

Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the negotiations for a settlement of the claims against that country, has sent through the British ambassador at Washington what is practically an ultimatum to the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy regarding their insistence for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela.

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WILL AVERT WAR.

Brazil Agrees to Pay American Syndicate \$1,000,000.

To avert war between Brazil and Bolivia the former government is ready to pay the Anglo-American syndicate, of which Sir Martin Conway is the president, an indemnity of more than \$1,000,000 to relinquish the concession in the rich rubber bearing territory of Acre, which has been the cause of friction between the two governments.

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Dr. D. F. Salmon, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, who has returned to Washington from Boston, where he superintended the fight against the foot and mouth epidemic, said that about 3,000 animals already have been slaughtered in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire, and that the indemnity the Government has paid the owners aggregates over \$100,000.

Anniversary at New Amsterdam.

Two hundred and fifty years ago on February 2, the first municipal government of New York was inaugurated in a proclamation issued by Peter Stuyvesant. The present borough of Manhattan, which constituted the new municipality, then became known as New Amsterdam.

Council Sets Its Limit.

The Cape May, New Jersey, Council, agreed to build a beach boulevard and a new sewer system, both improvements to cost \$285,000. The city is to pay \$125,000 toward the improvements and the syndicate is to pay the remainder.

Municipal Ownership in Chicago.

By a unanimous vote the city council of Chicago, Ill., placed itself on record as desiring municipal ownership and operating of gas and electric lighting plants.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Congestion on eastern roads was so great that western roads issued a blockade notice.

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LITIGATION ENDED.

New Jersey Court Dissolves the Injunction Against the U. S. Steel Corporation.

All litigation standing in the way of the conversion plan of the United States Steel Corporation, by which \$50,000,000 is to be created for improvement, is at an end, except for the possibility of appeal to the supreme court.

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REVIEW OF TRADE.

Despite Handicap of Freight Congestion Business Continues Remarkably Good.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Vigorous vitality is conspicuous in trade and industry, despite the handicap of overstrained and inadequate facilities for transportation.

Concentrated efforts to reduce the congestion at a few favored points apparently intensified the blockades elsewhere, and inclement weather added a new disturbing factor of an already complicated situation.

Retail dealings in most staples are fully sustained, especially of seasonable wearing apparel, but distribution at many points has suffered through weather conditions.

Wholesale and jobbing trade is steadily improving, although deliveries cannot be guaranteed. Railway earnings during January were 8.4 per cent larger than last year, and 17.7 per cent in excess of 1901.

Conditions in the iron and steel industry are without essential alteration. Trade difficulties increased; deliveries of fuel and pig iron are uncertain, and at Chicago coke is nominally \$10 a ton, while Connellsville ovens produce freely.

Purchasers in some divisions of the market show an inclination to postpone placing contracts in expectation of better terms, but the general level of quotations does not recede.

Numerous contracts are taken abroad because domestic plants cannot make shipments within the specified time, and one result of the excessive activity has been a decided improvement in the foreign industry.

This has militated against imports, as prices are firmer in European markets, yet engagements continue on a moderate scale. Plans for railway extension assure much new business, while carriage and implement makers are constantly in the market for material.

Failures in the United States were 254 this week, against 253 last week, 215 the preceding week and 261 the corresponding week last year, and in Canada 32, against 39 last week, 27 the preceding week and 25 last year.

CABLE FLASHES.

Adelina Patti has finally signed a contract for 69 concerts in America, commencing November 3 next.

The Board of Agriculture of London, England, has revoked the prohibition against the entry into Great Britain of live cattle from Argentina and Uruguay.

A correspondent at Tien-tsin, China, telegraphs the rumor that the empress dowager is dead, the news being concealed until the completion of the New Year observances.

The report of the Italian commission at Rome which has made a study of yellow fever in Brazil, is published. It rejects the theory that the disease is transmitted by mosquitoes.

The Porte at Constantinople has notified the Embassies that it has reports showing that the Macedonian Committee is organizing seven large bands for the invasion of Macedonia in the spring.

Dispatches from Helsingfors, Finland, announce that the czar of Russia has decreed severe disciplinary measures for all Finlanders who failed to comply with their military obligations in 1902. The total is 14,798 men.

Several unemployed persons marched through the streets at Valladolid, Spain, demanding work or bread. They looted bread wagons and were charged by the gendarmes. Shots were exchanged, some men were injured and many arrests were made.

President Castro's troops engaged in battle with a strong revolutionary force 14 miles south of Caracas. There was no decisive result, but the revolutionists gained ground. According to the latest reports the insurgents were advancing on all sides.

A special from Dawson says a shaft sunk on the Eldorado struck ground bed rock 65 feet below the first bed rock, with six feet of pay gravel running as high as \$25 to the bucket. The strike was not far from the famous gusher, which is now under control.

C. C. Craig (Unionist), at Dublin, Ireland, has been elected to represent South Antrim in the house of commons, by a majority of 949 over Dr. Keightley, the farmers and laborers candidate. The campaign was fought on the land question, Dr. Keightley supporting compulsory sale.

The prospect of war in Macedonia has prompted the Turkish government to notify the Idarel Massoussieh Steamship company to send in a return of the number of steamers available for use as transports in view of the possible dispatch of considerable bodies of troops from Anatolia, Asiatic Turkey, to the European provinces of Turkey.

In the discussion of the budget of public instruction in the Chamber of Deputies in Paris, France, Nationalist Deputy Syveton attacked the government on the ground that it had encouraged and forced teachers in the primary schools to use their influence with the pupils for political purposes.

A big agitation on the Macedonian question has been started in London, England, a special commissioner at Dublin, Bulgaria, describing Turkish atrocities, as related by the fugitives, declares that 3,000 refugees from Macedonia have fled to Bulgaria.

THE MARKETS.

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REVIEW OF TRADE.

Contracts Far Ahead—Cost of Labor and Material Does Not Impede Industry.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: "Domestic trade and industry continue to prosper, while the fuel situation has grown less disturbing. Distribution of other products has been restricted by the discrimination in favor of coal, and shippers are importunate. Clearance sales are about ended, leaving only small stocks of winter goods.

Advance business in spring deliveries is very heavy and fall contracts are also placed liberally. In most cases where there is no delay on fuel account manufacturing plants are busy, though cost of material and labor is very high. Firm prices for finished products are to be expected. Favorable returns of railway earnings are constantly issued, figures thus far available showing an increase of 5.7 per cent over last year and 17.9 per cent over 1901.

Miles of loaded cars and thousands of tons of coke piled in the yards at Connellsville tell of conditions in the iron and steel industry. Furnaces are closing because of the fuel shortage. By giving coal, live stock and perishable goods precedence over all other freight the railroads helped consumers everywhere, but at the expense of the leading manufacturing industry. Many plants are closed or running only part time, and few orders for distant delivery are sought or offered, owing to the uncertainty as to when normal conditions will prevail. It is stated that deliveries of pig iron to the leading consumer are several months behind and spot Bessemer has risen sharply. Locomotives are being turned out of the shops with record-breaking rapidity and other railway equipment is in equally good demand, while structural material is still a feature. Many additional contracts for bridge building are recorded. Failures for the week numbered 243 in the United States, against 301 last year, and 30 in Canada, compared with 40 a year ago.

Bradstreet's says: "A significant feature in the pig iron prices have been marked up 21 per cent at all leading markets, and the lower prices so freely predicted are yet to materialize, notwithstanding that production is in excess of the largest ever before reported. Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending January 29, aggregate 4,420,065 bushels, against 3,538,757 bushels last week, 3,702,368 bushels in this week a year ago, and 3,776,000 bushels in 1901.

Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 148,599,822 bushels, against 165,346,188 bushels in 1900. Corn exports aggregated 2,045,999 bushels, against 2,376,633 bushels last week, 427,013 bushels a year ago, and 2,487,707 bushels in 1901. For the fiscal year exports are 20,400,700 bushels, against 21,861,985 bushels last season, and 115,395,354 bushels in 1901."

Coffee has been cultivated in Venezuela only since 1878, and yet it is now that much-talked-of country's chief commercial product.