

THE UNITED STATES

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UNCLE SAM

Won't Harbor Mexican Revolutionists. San Antonio (Tex.) special: The situation on the border is becoming more serious, and it is believed that trouble will not be overcome without considerable bloodshed as the revolutionists continue to boldly organize their forces on this side of the border without any apparent fear of interruption by the United States military authorities.

Gen. Stanley, commander of this department, sent a number of dispatches to the direct post commanders along the border instructing them all to take the field with detachments of their forces and scout for the revolutionists. An order was also issued by Gen. Stanley for the United States troops D and K of the Third Cavalry, stationed at this post, to be prepared to leave for the scene of the trouble at a moment's notice. The transportation and other arrangements for the troops being made for them to leave here on a special train. They will be distributed along the border, at different posts, thus strengthening the military guard. The order produced much excitement at the posts here. The only available force in the department not now in the field are the first companies of infantry remaining here. In addition to the increase in the military protection, the entire ranger force of the State is to be sent to the frontier.

WHAT OTHER SHIPS?

The San Francisco Evidently Expects to Meet Some.

A special from San Diego, Cal., says:

The United States steamer San Francisco, which left San Francisco last week, has entered that port. The trip was made direct without stopping at Monterey as was expected. Rear Admiral Brown said:

"We shall stay in San Diego's harbor until the Secretary of the Navy orders us away. We are ready to sail on three hours' notice, but may remain here three weeks. All depends on orders from Washington. The ship is equipped for a three years' cruise and we have our standard rounds of ammunition for each gun, besides this we have three hundred or four hundred rounds for other ships."

"Well, we may meet some other ships that will want some ammunition," was the only answer. From other sources it is inferred that the Charleston is now on her way from Honolulu to Acapulco and is to meet the San Francisco here and take on extra ammunition. The Baltimore is also coming north from Chilian waters, and may want ammunition.

While the officers refuse to state their future plans it is easy to learn that the vessel is ready for any emergency.

Death and Destruction.

Arrived from the South Seas give gloomy news from the Gilbert Islands, in the Pacific, by the mission barque, the Williams, now at Samoa. It seems that just before the barque sailed a group very severe weather prevailed, during which there were several tidal waves, the result, doubtless, of submarine disturbances. Tidal waves broke back over some of the islands of the group, causing great loss of life, and completely demolishing houses. At one point alone the Rev. J. W. Hills, of the London Missionary Society, writes no fewer than eighty lives perished. The Gilbert Islands, of the Kingsmill group, consist of fifteen islands of coral formation, all low, the highest land in the group not exceeding twenty feet, and are fast wearing away by the action of the sea.

ANOTHER SMASH-UP.

A Union Pacific passenger train collided with a switch engine in the yards at Beatrice, Neb., completely demolishing both engines and telescoping the mail car. The switch engine was running down a side track. By some means the switch had been left open, and the passenger train, running twenty-five miles an hour, dashed into it. The engine of the yard engine escaped by jumping. The others were badly injured. The passengers were badly shaken up but none seriously injured. The mail car took fire and considerably melted. The mail was destroyed before the fire was put out. Fireman Lusk is not expected to live.

Sam'l of Posen.

San Francisco special: The lawyers defending M. B. Curtis, the actor, say that they shall prove that the police have all known about the man who shot Policeman Grant, but for reasons of their own do not care to bring him to justice. They declare that the breaking down of the identification of the pistol as Curtis' weapon is complete. Johnson, who first declared that he recognized the weapon, confesses that he perjured himself. Not one of the women, the defense say, who saw the shooting from across the street, are willing to swear that Curtis was the man whom they saw running away.

Conductor, Paramore Avenged.

Unauthenticated reports from Leesburg, Fla., state that the negro who shot and killed Conductor Paramore on a train near that place has been captured and killed. More trouble is feared as the negroes are well armed and threaten revenge.

No Pardon for Harper.

The President refused to grant a pardon to Edward L. Harper, convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Ohio Penitentiary for wrecking the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati.

Boiler Explosion.

The boiler at William McCoy's mill, eight miles south of Richmond, Ind., blew up, killing Isaac Taylor, the engineer. Four other men had narrow escapes. The explosion was the result of the grossest carelessness on the part of some one. The boiler had been condemned for two years, and was still kept in daily use. The pop valve was stuck. It is known the boiler had 120 pounds of pressure on, and it is not known how much more, but there was supposed to have been about 160 pounds.

A Lady Burned to Death.

Mrs. H. B. Stevens, of Chicago, met with a horrible death at Joliet, Ill. She was scalding dress fabrics with gasoline when the stuff ignited and she was literally roasted to death. Every shred of clothing on the unfortunate woman was burned from her body and her flesh was burned black, so that the remains were unrecognizable. There was no fire in the room where Mrs. Stevens was at work, the nearest being in the third room, and the cause of the terrible catastrophe is a mystery. The shrieks of the poor victim attracted the people in the house immediately, but they were too late to render any assistance and she

died in terrible agony three hours after the accident. Mrs. Stevens was visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Rulles.

A FIRE'S FURY.

Chattanooga Blows in Ashes. A special from Chattanooga, Tenn., says: Flames were discovered in the immense retail dry goods house of D. B. Loveman & Co., corner of Market and Eighth streets. Almost instantaneously the flames burst from the windows of the building. There were about 100 girls in the store. The flames were discovered in the stairways. The store was crowded with ladies and they enacted a scene which defies description. After the stairways had been burned, two women, Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Johnson, were seen at the second story window calling for aid. Around them the flames leaped and the heat became unbearable. The firemen were just running the big extension ladder up to the window when Mrs. Hurst leaped from the place of safety into the street.

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The wind was blowing a perfect gale when the fire started and it spread rapidly until eight buildings had been consumed. The fire departments were miserably managed, the mismanagement being largely responsible for the spreading of the flames. The Cobweb club-rooms were wrecked and the Young Men's Republican Club and Chamber of Commerce are large losers. The public library was badly damaged by water and smoke, and two banks, the Fourth National and Southern Bank and Trust Company, are gutted. The loss will reach \$1,000,000.

TELESCOPED.

With Death-Dealing Effect.

A shocking accident occurred at Hastings, N. J., on the New York Central, between the St. Louis express and the Niagara Falls special trains. Seven persons are reported killed and a number injured. Some place the killed at eight, while others claim that ten persons were crushed or scalded to death. The accident was directly the outcome of the collision which occurred earlier in the evening in the tunnel at Sing Sing. The accident blocked the road and trains were held at both sides of the tunnel. The weather was very thick and this prevented the trainmen on the St. Louis express from seeing the blockade in time to prevent the collision. The locomotive of this train crashed into the rear coach of the Niagara express and several cars, mostly sleepers, were badly wrecked. To add to the horror of the wreck the boiler of the locomotive of the St. Louis express exploded and the escaping steam did its work among the unfortunate, who were lying in the wrecked cars. The scene at the wreck was indescribable. The trainmen lost their heads and ran out in a frantic manner, peering into the wreck at those who lay writhing, groaning and dying, but doing very little work toward rescuing the victims. Owing to the excitement it was impossible to get anything like a list of the killed and injured. It is stated that a number of injured are likely to die.

NATURAL GAS.

An Important Decision by Judge Burson, of Wabash, Ind.

Wabash (Ind.) special: Judge Burson has rendered his decision in the injunction suit of Shirk against the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company and the Columbus Construction Company. Shirk, who claims to own a small strip of ground near the city of Logansport, obtained a temporary injunction against the companies before Judge McConnell preventing them from laying their pipes necessary to convey gas to Chicago. The plaintiff also contested the right of the defendant to condemn the lands of plaintiff to convey gas beyond the limits of the State to Chicago without supplying Indiana towns along the line.

Judge Burson rendered his decision, partly in favor of the defendants, holding that the restraining order may be modified as to allow defendants to lay their pipes upon depositing \$100 with the clerk of the court to be used, if necessary, to pay the cost of the removal of the pipes should the court, upon final hearing, award the right herein granted. The case has attracted widespread attention, and if Judge Burson's decision is not amended upon final hearing, it will give the gas companies a clean sweep to the State line.

An Asylum in Flames.

A special from Pontiac, Mich., dated Dec. 27, says: The Eastern Michigan Insane Asylum has been burning since morning when the north wing was discovered to be on fire. The cause is still a mystery, as the fire started in a part that was unoccupied. Owing to this and the high wind the flames spread rapidly.

The admirably organized fire department of the asylum was of no avail, but the fire department of the city, which arrived on the scene at 2 o'clock, and several hundred citizens, fought the fire heroically. It seemed for a time that before the day closed a tragedy would be enacted exceeding anything in the history of the State. But the admirable discipline of the institution averted every calamity, except the loss of property which is very great. The patients were so quietly moved from hall to hall, and finally to the cottages apart from the main building that no one realized they were moving at all. There was no resistance or force used. The flames were confined to the three sections of the north wing and the administration part of the building, containing the offices of the Superintendent, physician, etc. They are wholly destroyed, except the walls, which are still standing.

The firemen are still plowing upon the ruins, but have the fire completely under control.

A Horrible Accident.

A dispatch from Antwerp says that eighteen people were killed and thirty wounded by an explosion of dynamite in a vessel lying alongside the quay at that port. The vessel was a large lugger or two-masted vessel peculiar to the French coast and was totally destroyed. Her name was La Pliante.

The commotion was felt all over the city, and many people thought it was an earthquake. The roar and the shock were terrible, and many a face blanched with terror at the thought that perhaps the next moment houses would come tumbling into the streets. In a short time, however, the truth was learned. A French lugger named the Pilot, a part of whose cargo was dynamite, was discharging into a lighter lying along side. Suddenly there was a flash and a tremendous roar and the lugger was blown to atoms. The upper part of the lighter was shattered into a thousand fragments and the wrecked hull immediately sank. All of the twenty men who were employed on the vessels in the handling and stowing the dangerous material were either instantly killed or blown into the water and drowned. It is thought that a package of dynamite fell to the deck of the lighter and that the concussion caused it to explode.

Didn't Arrest Him.

An officer entered the colored Baptist Church at Crawfordsville, Ind., the other night for the purpose of arresting a colored man named Evans. The latter was

in the church with his sweetheart, and when he saw the officer coming he ran to the altar steps and fled a rozer. When the officer came within reach he sprang upon him and cut him severely. The negro then fled from the church, the officer after him as he ran. The first shot brought him to his knees, but he struggled to his feet and escaped. The greatest excitement prevailed, but the minister, who was in the middle of his sermon when the officer appeared, continued right along as if nothing had happened.

Blow Up a Hotel.

The Lafayette House, a frame hotel in St. Joseph, Mo., was badly wrecked by dynamite. The building was discovered to be on fire, and soon after the arrival of the fire department two dynamite bombs exploded in quick succession in one end of it. The entire front was blown out and the house was otherwise badly demolished. The forty rooms were just running the big extension ladder up to the window when Mrs. Hurst leaped from the place of safety into the street.

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