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SMALL FIRE CAUSES GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Finish of the 1,000 Mile Chadron-Chicago Cowboy Race—India's Action Will Force Immediate Readjustment of the Silver Question in the United States.

Four Lives Lost at a Saginaw Fire. At Saginaw, Mich., Tuesday evening, a two-story frame building, occupied as a millinery store by Mrs. Catherine Neumann, was destroyed by fire. The family, consisting of mother, three daughters and two sons, lived upstairs, and escape was cut off. The oldest son and one daughter succeeded in escaping. Mrs. Neumann was found near a front window so frightfully burned that death is almost certain in a few hours. When the firemen gained an entrance into a rear room three children were found, Tilda, aged 20, Lena 15, and Frank 12. The boy was dead and the girls lived but a few minutes. Their death was due to suffocation. The loss on building and contents will be about \$3,000, partly insured.

THE WORLD TALKS SILVER.

India's Action Regarding the White Metal Causes Great Stir.

In explaining to the India Council the bill providing for the stoppage of the free exchange of silver and other monetary measures the adoption of which was announced Monday, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Vice-roy of India, said he hoped the Government would not be criticised for disposing of the important question at a single sitting. The keynote of the scheme, according to Simla advice, was rather to prevent a further fall in exchange than to raise the value of the rupee. The fixing of the provisional rate of exchange at 45 1/2 provided an automatic means of preventing the closing of the mints and the violent disturbing of exchange rates. The rate of exchange had been fixed high enough to relieve the Government of its most pressing necessities, while it was well within the limits of the recent fluctuations. There should be no mistake, the Vice-roy said, about the facts. It is not proposed to substitute gold for the silver currency. No attempt would be made at present to fix a legal tender price for gold. When the ratio of value was mentioned, it was only provisional. In conclusion, the Vice-roy expressed the Government's sense of the gravity of the step it was about to take. The importance of the action of the government of India in dropping the coining of silver cannot be overestimated at this time. It was the only country, with the exception of Mexico, in the world, the mints of which were not open to the coining of silver without limitation. It is the general opinion that the closing of the mints of India against the free coining of silver cannot fail to depress the price of that metal.

BERRY WINS THE RACE.

First of the Cowboys to Reach Chicago in the Race from Chadron, Neb.

Covered with dust and with the perspiration rolling down his bronzed face and dropping on the neck of a jaded, mud-sattered bronco who could not be urged into a trot, the winner of the great cowboy race rode up to the gates of the Buffalo Stock Yards at exactly 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Clad in a dirty white shirt, a pair of mud-covered yellowish jeans and wearing on his head a worn-out leather-slimmed cowboy hat, John Berry, the victor, half tumbled from his saddle in front of Col. Cody's tent, so weak and tired that he was unable to rise to his feet or grasp the proffered hand of Cody, who welcomed the little man who had ridden 1,040 miles and won a race that will doubtless be famous in history. Berry was hardly able to hold his head up and was supported through the crowd by two sturdy cowboys to the meet tent, where he was laid upon the sofa and stimulants given him. The two horses Berry rode are owned by Jack Hall and were ridden alternately. Berry claimed that he had not ridden his horse for ten days, but his backers stated that he slept while riding.

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Playing with Matches.

Eighty dwellings six grocery and general stores, two churches, the railway station and round house, were destroyed by a fire which swept through Gibson, Indiana, yesterday afternoon. N. B. Payne started shortly before 2 o'clock, and is believed to have originated from a little boy playing with a toy pistol and matches in his father's barn. One hundred and thirty families were rendered homeless and are sheltered in the hotels and private houses of Gibson and Fredericksburg. The loss is very heavy and falls of mechanics and laborers. The destruction of property will amount to \$2,000,000, with very small insurance.

Losses by Fire.

Fire broke out late Thursday night in the village of Mount Sterling, Ohio, and before it was controlled had destroyed the business part of the village and several residences. It was discovered in J. M. Clark's grocery in a building owned by E. C. Alkire. In this building was also the Central Hotel. It was completely destroyed; also the frame building adjoining, occupied by Miss Chidester, and residence occupied by James Allen and wife, both owned by Alkire. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clark and millinery store of Mrs. Clark were both burned to the ground. Twelve business houses, the church and one-third of the town of Leonardsville, Ky., were wiped out by fire Thursday afternoon. Those who defeated the proposition to bond the town for \$3,000 for water works a year ago were the only ones who lost by the fire. Gallup, N. M., came very near being entirely consumed by fire. The loss is estimated at about \$20,000, while the insurance will not amount to over \$10,000.

Death of Senator Stanard.

Senator Leland Stanard died at his home in California Wednesday morning. He had been ill some time. His death was due to a complication of organic troubles. He was in his usual health Tuesday and took a drive around his stock farm and retired shortly after 10 o'clock. He made no complaint during the day regarding his health. Shortly after midnight his valet entered his bed-room and found his master dead. The news of the Senator's death was speedily sent to his business associates and friends. The body will be embalmed.

Mechanics Meet in Detroit.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics held its annual convention in Detroit. This is the fortieth anniversary of the order, which was founded May 17, 1855, in Philadelphia. The State of Pennsylvania alone has 924 lodges, with a membership of about 200,000; Indiana, 29 lodges; Illinois, 40 lodges; Maryland, 04; New York, 120; New Jersey, 179; Ohio, 315, and every State in the Union is represented by from 20 to 300 lodges.

To Defend Their Interests.

Sixty Kansas farmers, representing 30,000 acres of improved lands, bought of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway and affected by the Government suit to forfeit the company's grant, met at Atchison and engaged counsel to defend their interests. Should their land titles be lost it will sweep away the savings of twenty years for most of them.

Base-Ball Record.

The standing of the clubs of the National League is shown by the following table:

DEATHS FROM POISON.

St. Louis Police Suspect a Young Woman of Killing Her Relatives.

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EDMUND TALKS ON SILVER.

Says He Is in Favor of the Repeal of the Sherman Law.

Ex-Senator George F. Edmunds, while speaking in New York the other day of the present business depression, was asked what he would do to help the present difficulties. He said: "I have no legislative power, but I would support the repeal of the Sherman Law and the return to the monetary law which existed before 1873. When we got the Sherman Law, something had to be done. A crisis was imminent. I voted for the measure and am willing to take my share of the responsibility, although I was not personally in favor of it. A bill was passed that if we did not pass the silver bill we would pass a free-silver bill. I believe now that if we had let the crash come the country to-day would have been more comfortable." The Senator said he is not in favor of annexing the Hawaiian Islands, and thought the Russian treaty would do.

OLNEY WILL DO NOTHING MORE.

Knows of No Further Steps for the Government to Take.

There is little likelihood of the Government taking any further steps in the World's Fair Sunday opening matter. Attorney General Olney said to a Washington correspondent that he did not expect to do anything more. "I don't see what can be done," he added. "Unless something new presents itself I should say that the matter is settled." The Methodist Church, which threatened to withdraw its exhibit because of the Fair being open on Sunday, has decided not to do so. This decision was reached at a secret meeting of the official representatives of the Methodists held in the office of Dr. Edwards, editor of the Northwestern Advocate, in Chicago.

TWO MILLION LOSS.

Conflagration Caused by a Small Boy Playing with Matches.

The British twin screw battleship Victoria, flying the flag of Vice Admiral George C. Tryon, K. C. B., commander of the Mediterranean station, was sunk in eighteen fathoms of water of Tripoli Friday afternoon. She was built for the Indian service and her officers and crew went down with her. The disaster was due to the fearful bungling of either her own officers or those of the battleship Camperdown. She was run into head on by her companion ship, and in less than a quarter of an hour she had disappeared.

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BOY THIEF COMES TO GRIEF.

A Lad 11 Years of Age Robs a Safe and Sustains Fatal Injuries.

A robbery and the serious injury of a boy created no little excitement in Silver Plume, Colo. Mrs. Thomas Roberts and her son Harmon, 11 years of age, went there from Dodgeville, Wis., two months ago, and the lad secured employment in the millinery and jewelry store of A. Kaplan. The boy had become thoroughly acquainted with the place and attempted to rob the safe while the Roberts were eating supper Saturday night, but was discovered in the act. He escaped with \$65 and ran up the side of a mountain near by, but was chased and soon brought down. He declared he had thrown the money away in his flight. In the morning his mother accompanied him in search for the missing gold, and while on the very top of the mountain and near a precipice he made a break for liberty by attempting to slide down the steep incline. The distance is about 100 feet. His injuries will doubtless prove fatal.

AMBASSADOR BAYARD PRESENTED.

Conveyed to Windsor by Special Carriage. Where He Is Received with Ceremony.

The Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the first American Ambassador to Great Britain, has presented his credentials from the American Government to the Queen. In accordance with the usual custom that obtains in the case of Ambassadors a state carriage was furnished by the British Government to convey Mr. Bayard from his hotel to the railway station. Upon his arrival at the station he was received by Gen. Sir Christopher Teesdale, master of the ceremonies. Mr. Bayard was conducted to a special saloon carriage in waiting for him in which he traveled to Windsor station, accompanied by his wife, son and his two officers and crew went down with him. The disaster was due to the fearful bungling of either her own officers or those of the battleship Camperdown. She was run into head on by her companion ship, and in less than a quarter of an hour she had disappeared.

LEROY PAYNE FAILS.

Leroy Payne, the liveryman of Chicago, failed for \$250,000. His assets are estimated at \$750,000. Mr. Payne was prostrated by the failure of his business and has been confined to his bed since the effects of the fire. He holds a ninety-nine year lease on the site on which his stable is located, and the value of his stable and residence figures have made it a very valuable holding. The business will not be suspended or interrupted. Mr. Payne expects to be able to clear the present embarrassments and resume business again.

TAKE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF POOR LO.

Parties at Paris, Texas, from the Chickasaw Nation say that merchants in that country are doing an immense business on the strength of the leased district money, which is soon to be paid. They are buying claims at a heavy discount, and paying for them in goods on which they make the next little profit of 25% per cent. The charge is made that there is a ring connected with the payment, and that persons in official positions will secure 5 per cent on all claims thus purchased.

TRADE STILL DULL.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The improvement expected from the use of clearing-house certificates, thus used in the exchange of bills in New Orleans, has not been realized. Other cities, especially at the West, have not taken similar measures to relieve the pressure and the demand for money from the interior continues unabated.

LEROY PAYNE FAILS.

Andy Muldon, an oil well shooter, was hauling 200 quarts of glycerine to Guffey Station, Pa. The wagon was overturned and an explosion ensued, which left nothing of Muldon and his horses but shreds of flesh.

MURDER AT A MINERS' DANCE.

During the course of a dance at a mine north of Hartsburg, I. T., Riley Decker, an engineer in the mines, was shot and instantly killed by Marion Raffey, a miner, during a dispute involving a woman and a horse.

WON BY BOUNDRIES.

The cold boundless, owned by J. E. Cushing, of St. Paul, captured the tenth American Derby at Chicago Saturday, winning \$50,000, in 2:36; St. Leonards second, fourth. Fifty thousand people saw the race.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE AT MUNCIE.

At Muncie, Ind., an electric street-car crashed into a livery rig driven by Frank Leadbetter. The buggy was smashed and Leadbetter was thrown into the street-car, where he alighted unharmed in a seat.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Common to Prime. \$3 25 @ 5 75

GOAT—Sheep & Lambs. 3 00 @ 6 50

WHEAT—No. 2 Spring. 64 @ 6 50

CORN—No. 2. 40 @ 4 50

RYE—No. 2. 30 @ 3 50

BUTTER—Choice Creamery. 19 @ 20

EGGS—Fresh. 12 @ 13

POTATOES—Old, No. 1. 34 @ 3 50

INDIANAPOLIS.

CATTLE—Shipping. 3 25 @ 5 25

GOAT—Choice Light. 3 00 @ 6 50

SHEEP—Common to Prime. 3 00 @ 4 50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red. 61 @ 6 25

CORN—No. 2 White. 40 @ 4 50

OATS—No. 2 White. 34 @ 3 50

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Common to Prime. 3 00 @ 5 25

GOAT—Sheep & Lambs. 3 00 @ 6 50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red. 61 @ 6 25

CORN—No. 2. 37 @ 3 50

OATS—No. 2 Mixed. 28 1/2 @ 29 1/2

RYE—No. 2. 49 @ 5 25

CINCINNATI.

CATTLE—Hogs. 3 00 @ 5 25

GOAT—Sheep & Lambs. 3 00 @ 6 50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red. 61 @ 6 25

CORN—No. 2. 37 @ 3 50

OATS—No. 2 Mixed. 33 @ 3 50

RYE—No. 2. 49 @ 5 25

DETROIT.

CATTLE—Hogs. 3 00 @ 5 25

GOAT—Sheep & Lambs. 3 00 @ 6 50

WHEAT—No. 2 Red. 61 @ 6 25

CORN—No. 2. 37 @ 3 50

OATS—No. 2. 49 @ 5 25

TOLEDO.

CATTLE—Hogs. 3 00 @ 5 25