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THEY DEFY ALL LAWS

SITUATION IN COKE REGIONS IS VERY GRAVE.

Blood Flows in Kansas City Streets—Fierce Election Riots—Chicago's Aldermanic Board—Soldiers Favored in Homesteading—First Disaster in Lake Navigation.

Will Use Dynamite.

A Connellsville (Pa.) dispatch says the situation in the coke region is now at the most critical stage. At first it was thought the Frick men would remain at work, but this impression was dispelled when the men at Trotter came out. The company has made no attempt to resume, and will probably not do so until the strikers have made a demonstration. The feelings among the foremen throughout the entire region are very bitter. They are said to be well supplied with dynamite, and will not hesitate to use it if the occasion presents itself.

CHICAGO BOAT SINKS.

Steamer William H. Barnum Goes Down Off Freedom, Mich.

The steamer William H. Barnum, which left Chicago Sunday noon in the van of the grain fleet, went down off Freedom at the west end of the Straits of Mackinaw. The crew was rescued after a thrilling fight with huge waves and the ice, but the boat now lies in eleven fathoms of water and is a total loss. The cargo consisted of 55,000 bushels of corn, shipped by Irwin Green & Co. for export via Port Huron. With the opening of navigation the Barnum led the grain fleet out of Chicago, bound for Port Huron. Captain William Smith of Marion City, assumed command of her for the first time. The Barnum's crew were originally made for a rough trip. The steamer was not in the best of condition, however, and the severe weather down Lake Michigan was apparently too much for her. Water began to pour into her soon after she entered the Straits Sunday night. Strenuous efforts were made to check the inflow by placing canvas over the holes battered into the boat by the ice. But the hardest work on the part of the crew seemed to have little effect upon the steadily increasing flow of water. So fast did the water enter the hold that an attempt was made to get the steamer on the beach, but the Barnum began to sink. Benumbed, cold, exhausted by labor at pumps and nearly frozen and covered with ice, the crew was accomplished with the greatest difficulty.

KILLED AT THE POLLS.

Fatal Clash Between Opposing Factions in Kansas City.

Bitterly opposed in both religion and politics, the Kansas City, Mo., factions came together in a bloody conflict at the polls Tuesday. It cannot be stated which side was responsible for the affair, as the partisans of each loudly charge the other with being the full cause of the trouble. More than a hundred shots were exchanged between the combatants in less than as many seconds, and when the firing ceased men were lying dead, dying, or injured on the pavement. The riot was the culmination of a bitter feeling which had been manifested by actions and words ever since the polls opened in the morning. The two antagonistic elements were solidly divided in their choice of candidates for Mayor. The aggressive support that each side gave to its candidate during one of the hottest campaigns ever known in the city engendered a strong sentiment, which, when in no amiable mood that the workers of the respective factions came together at the different polling places throughout the city, and that these workers came expecting trouble to occur before the day was over was apparent from the number of deadly weapons that were drawn when the first pistol-shot was fired. The riot that resulted so fatally was the climax of a series of smaller riots that took place at other points earlier in the day between the same opposing religious factions.

PANIC AT A REVIVAL.

Fire Near by Causes a Stampede in a Hall at Leavenworth.

A revival meeting in Leavenworth, Kan., the other night was thrown into a panic by a fire. An immense crowd was in Chickering Hall. Just as Mr. Patterson, the evangelist, completed his sermon, which was mainly about the world to be destroyed again by fire, flames broke out in an old library stable near. As the fire department started, and the flames shot up close to the windows, the people in the hall became panic-stricken, and a rush was made for the doors. By the efforts of some cool-headed persons at the head of the stairway the crowd was checked from passing down. While the excitement lasted many hours fainted.

SOLDIERS' HOMESTEAD RIGHTS.

Favorable Report on Kyle's Bill Exempting Them from Six Months' Residence.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands has agreed to report favorably Senator Kyle's amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing that any honorably discharged soldier of the late civil war, not the owner of 160 acres of land, and who has not availed himself of the privileges under the land laws of the United States, may acquire title to 160 acres of land by making application therefor in person at any Government land office and paying the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre. The law now requires a residence of six months on the part of the ex-soldiers.

Chicago's Election.

Republicans made gains in Chicago's aldermanic election on Tuesday, and the body stands 42 Republicans and 26 Democrats, instead of 38 to 30 as formerly. Political lines, however, were not closely drawn, and the positions of Assessor, Collector, Supervisor, and Clerk, in the various towns, are filled by men in many instances who do not belong to the leading party.

Three Children Perish.

A fire in which three children, aged two and twelve years, lost their lives occurred at Calumet, a small station on the Nickel-Plate four miles south of Hammond, Ind. The victims were children of Edward Price, section foreman of the road.

Songs for Charity.

Mrs. Bissell, wife of the Postmaster General, who is said to possess a wonderful voice, sang Tuesday afternoon at a concert given at Washington, D. C., for the benefit of the Home for Incurables.

Subject for Judge Lynch.

The village of Elizaville, Ill., is greatly excited over the murder of Mrs. Turner, an aged woman, and Miss Rosey, a 15-year-old girl. The girl was discovered in the road from the house with her brains beaten out. Old Mrs. Turner was found dead in the house, her head having also been beaten to a jelly.

Water Tower Burst.

The most appalling disaster Peoria, Ill., has known since the wreck of the steamer Franklin, three years ago, occurred Friday morning. An enormous sandstone belonging to the Peoria Water Company suddenly burst, causing terrible damage

SAVED THE TOWN.

Two Firemen Found a Big Lot of Dynamite at a Most Fortunate Time.

At Youngstown, Ohio, several tramps who applied for lodgings at the police station were sent into the basement to clean up a lot of old rubbish and dispose of it away back in a corner under a lot of old lumber and other rubbish they discovered a dust-covered box which contained a number of sticks of what looked like putty. They carried it out into the basement of the new fire department building, including the house, the box and contents in the fire under the boiler, just as they had disposed of the other rubbish. They were delayed for just a moment when two firemen discovered the dynamite. The box had been kept at the police station since last fall, when it was found in a park. It had been stolen from the Ohio Powder Works.

ENCOURAGING GAIN.

Approach of Spring Compels Dealers to Replenish Their Stocks.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

The more active tone in business is due to several causes. Slowly, but yet quite recently, the trade at North has been

recovered, and the spring compels the dealers to replenish stocks, and the aggregate of orders. If smaller than usual at this season.

February. Except in speculative markets, prices do not recover, and some instances of price increases, but the absence of sectional records inspires hope that the bottom may have been reached. Business, though small, is exceptionally cautious and safe, and its slow gain is more encouraging than a heavy expansion. Failure for the winter has been small in United States, against 166 last year, and thirty in Canada, against twenty-eight last year.

CHINESE CANNOT VOTE.

Judge Dallas Holds that They Cannot Be Admitted to the Ballot Box.

Judge Dallas has made an opinion in the United States Circuit Court, at Philadelphia, holding that Chinamen cannot be naturalized. The court held that it is necessary to refer only to the act of Congress of May 6, 1832, entitled "An Act to Execute Certain Treaty Stipulations Relating to Chinese." By its fourteenth section it is enacted "that hereafter no State court or court of the United States shall admit Chinese to citizenship." Its first section, and the institute for the section, approved July 5, 1834, relate only to "the admission of Chinese laborers to the United States." The fourteenth section forbids the admission of Chinese to citizenship at any time after the passage of the act. It is still in force and is determinative of this case.

Vetoed the Bland Bill.

The Bland bill for the coinage of the seigniorage silver bullion has been vetoed. The President's objections to the bill, in brief, are that the bill is loosely drawn and would rob us of our gold.

He says the coinage of the bullion seigniorage might be safely and advantageously done provided authority were given the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds at a low rate of interest.

He expresses a hope for a comprehensive adjustment of our monetary affairs in a short time in a way to accord with silver's proper place in our economy.

How Over a Settled Question.

The Maple Creek Lycum closed sine die at Beaver City, Neb., in a stormy session.

An attempt was made to discuss the question, "Resolved, that the South had a right to secede." As in 1861, argument was abandoned and the disputants went to war, but this time the South was victorious.

The furniture was smashed up, and some of the men were badly injured in the fray.

Colorado Coal Mine Burning.

A Colorado coal mine, the largest in the Northern Colorado coal district, is burning fiercely in three or four places. The fire broke out two weeks ago, but was kept from the knowledge of the 150 miners until an explosion occurred. Now the miners are all out, and an attempt will be made to suffocate the fire.

Carried Over the Falls.

At Spokane, Wash. John Horton, a carpenter, fell from the New Post street bridge into the Spokane River above the main falls and was swept down to death. He made a gallant fight for life, cheered by 400 persons on the shore and bridges, but it was hopeless.

Florence Dispensary Looted.

A mob entered the State dispensary at Florence, S. C., and destroyed the entire stock of liquor.

Three companies of State troops have disbanded under the general pressure brought to bear on them, rather than obey the Governor's order to go to Darlington. The excitement in consequence of this action is at fever heat.

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