

## MILE AND A HALF OF RAGING FLAME

Chelsea, Mass., Swept by a  
Great Conflagra-  
tion.

COST OF IT ABOUT \$10,000,000

Three Persons Meet Death and  
Scores Injured More or  
Less Seriously.

MANY HAVE TO FLEE FOR LIFE

Petroleum, Tarred Paper, Old Rags  
and a Gale Add Fury to Dis-  
aster—Ten Thousand  
Homeless.

The greatest fire that has scourged any part of the metropolitan district in ten years devastated the manufacturing, tenement and retail sections of Chelsea, Mass., Boston's big suburb, Sunday, burning over one square mile of territory and leveling many of the city's best structures. The fire started at 10:40 a. m. and was not under control until 9 p. m., notwithstanding that half of the Boston fire department's strength, and steamers from a dozen other cities and towns, went to the aid of the Chelsea brigade. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000,000. About 10,000 persons are homeless. So far as can be learned there were but three fatalities, all unknown. Half a hundred persons were either injured or painfully burned.

**Mile and a Half of Ruins.**  
The fire originated in the rear of the Boston Blacking company's works on West Third street, near the eastern division of the Boston and Maine railroad and in close proximity to the Everett City line. A terrific gale from the northwest, which at times had a velocity of sixty miles an hour, carried burning shingles, embers and myriads of sparks to a score of wooden buildings, most of them of cheap wooden construction. The fire started almost in the extreme southwest section of the city, and cut a path to the end of Maverick street at the extreme southeastern end, about one and a half miles from where it began.

**Thirteen Churches Feed the Fire.**  
Flames spread through the heart of the retail business section, which was about midway between the two extreme limits reached by the fire. Among the structures destroyed were thirteen churches, two hospitals, the public library, city hall, five schoolhouses, twenty business blocks, nearly a score of factories, and upwards of 800 tenements and dwellinghouses. Among the places burned were: Frost hospital, Children's hospital, Fitz public library, St. Stanislaus Polish Roman Catholic church, Chestnut Street First Baptist church, Central Unitarian church, St. Luke's Episcopal church, First Methodist Episcopal church, Elm Street Synagogue, Walnut Street Synagogue, Chelsea Presbyterian church, People's Afro-Methodist Episcopal church, Fourth Street Universalist church, Fifth Street Congregational church, Shurtliff Street Methodist Episcopal church, Second Adventist church.

### INCIDENTS OF THE DISASTER

**Militia Called Out—Refugees Stream Into Boston—Oil Explodes.**

As soon as the magnitude of the disaster was appreciated the mayor called out the militia to guard property and keep back the crowds. The wind blew steadily forty-five miles an hour, occasionally hitting up the pace to sixty, and whole shingles, big pieces of rags, and such objects as were scattered far and wide. The contents of many of the buildings in the factory district were of very inflammable character, such as tarred paper, oily rags, etc.

Heaps of burning embers and a suffocating cloud of dust hurried down across Everett avenue by the gale, coupled with the intense heat, drove the firemen from their posts and those families nearest the start of the conflagration had only time to rush from their homes and save their lives, losing all their possessions. Spectacular features were the burning of the spires of churches. All the money men possessed was offered teamsters to cart away household goods, but there were few teams to be had.

Over Chelsea bridge into East Boston streamed a long line of fire refugees, lugging what few household effects they were able to save. Pushcarts, drays and even baby carriages were piled high with furniture and bedding. Hundreds of persons carried huge bundles tied up in sheets. Those were mostly gray-headed women of the foreign class. One old woman staggered under a large bundle of clothes and bedding in the midst of which could be seen the wondering face of a baby too frightened to cry.

So rapid was the progress of the flames that people one moment were

congratulating themselves on being out of danger, and the next moment were hurrying away from very imminent peril. Suddenly there was a burst of the Tidewater Oil company on the waterfront burst into flames. Thousands of gallons of oil were soon burning and gigantic clouds of black smoke curled and rose into the sky, making dark as night all the east end. The fire was finally stopped by Chelsea creek.

The following appeal for assistance, signed by Mayor Beck of Chelsea and William E. McClintock, chairman of the relief committee, has been issued:

"We have been visited by a most terrible catastrophe. One-half the area of our city has been swept by fire. Fifteen thousand people are homeless, \$12,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed. Our business section is almost wholly wiped out. We are in sore need. We have not lost our courage, but are applying ourselves with all our ability to the task before us. But that task is stupendous and we ask assistance of all who are benevolently inclined. He who gives quickly gives double. Subscriptions may be sent to the city treasurer, Thomas B. Frost."

## TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE DROWN

Terrible Disaster Overtakes Hankow,  
a City in China, During the  
Night Time.

Disastrous floods have occurred at Hankow, in the Province of Hu-Peh, and it is stated that 2,000 persons have been drowned.

Seven hundred junks were sunk or wrecked. The floods are said to have been the result of an unexpected freshet. The waters caught the people in the middle of the night.

Caught unexpectedly the victims were drowned as they lay in bed or, warned by the rushing waters, sought a means of escape.

The junks were useless in the emergency, and many who had been rescued sank with them. The darkness served to lessen greatly the chance of escaping death.

### ANGER THAT IS DEVILISH

Case of Rage of a Father That Re-  
sults in Dreadful Murder and  
Then Suicide.

Dr. C. O. Swinney, who recently arrived in Asheville, N. C., from New York, shot and fatally wounded his sixteen-year-old daughter Nellie, and then killed himself, in the reception room of a girl's boarding school in that city. It is said he became enraged because his daughter took part in an April fool prank, when she, together with a number of other students, absented themselves from school.

Dr. Swinney called on his daughter at the school. Shortly after she entered the reception room four shots were heard, and Miss Swinney ran from the room with blood streaming from her head. Swinney was found on the floor with a revolver under him.

### BREAK COSTS A MILLION

That Much Damage Done by the  
Giving Way of the Hauser  
Lake Dam.

With several houses destroyed in the little town of Craig, Mont., forty-five miles north of Helena, hundreds of heads of cattle and live stock drowned, and the Great Northern railroad tracks washed away for miles the loss from the flood caused by the breaking of the seventy-foot dam at Hauser lake it is conservatively estimated will be approximately \$1,000,000, which includes damages to the dam, which total \$250,000. The dam will be rebuilt at once.

The water has receded at all the threatened points, one of which was Great Falls, Mont., where the flood was seven feet deep and there is no danger of further damage.

### Pacific Fleet at San Diego.

The United States battleship fleet on its arrival at San Diego, Cal., Tuesday saw a mile of sandy beach crowded with enthusiastic patriots proud to welcome the navy to California, and the green lawns and flowering gardens of Coronado formed the setting for the most notable marine spectacle the west coast of the United States has ever known. The sixteen ships swept into the sheltered cove of the sea behind the lowering headlands of Point Loma, and halted for four days of merry-making for men and officers. Governor James U. Gillett was here officially to welcome the fleet, and his call upon Rear Admiral Thomas was paid during the afternoon.

### Governor Hughes Is Endorsed.

Charles T. Hughes was endorsed as New York's Republican candidate for president by that party's state convention, and the four delegates-at-large, with their alternates, elected to the Chicago national Republican convention were instructed to use all honorable means to bring about his nomination. The four delegates-at-large are General Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Mayor Seth Low, Frederick R. Hazard (of Syracuse) and E. H. Butler (of Buffalo).

### Cashier Attempts Suicide.

Edwin C. Story, cashier of the Citizens' State bank, of Belleville, Wis., attempted to commit suicide because he was accused of stealing the bank's funds. Physicians saved his life.

## HOGS WILL COME HIGH

Load That Promises To Be Costly  
Before Two Men Tire  
of Litigation.

### QUARREL IS OVER THE DOCKAGE

Only Fifty Pounds Difference Be-  
tween the Litigants—Joint  
Rates on Coal.

Indianapolis, April 16. — William A. Beatty, farmer, and S. M. Miller, stock buyer, both of Raymond, Ill., both wealthy and determined, close friends for years, but who have turned against each other, are in Indianapolis fighting over a load of hogs, and the controversy is becoming so bitter that it is attracting considerable attention among local stockmen and patrons of this market. As near as can be made out from the claims of both men Beatty, who fattened the hogs, called in his friend Miller, the buyer, when his hogs were ready for the market. This was at Raymond. Miller bid \$5.50 a hundred pounds, which was accepted, and Miller paid \$100 to bind the bargain.

### Dominant Issue Comes Up.

The question of docking the load was then brought up and a difference of opinion regarding the amount of the dock developed. Miller thought the condition of the hogs warranted a dock of 400 pounds; Beatty disagreed, contending that 350 pounds would be an ample sufficiency. Discussion waxed warm and soon it became evident that the traders could not agree on this point.

### Miller Takes the Hogs by Force.

Beatty says Miller and his sons took the hogs from Beatty's place by force, but not until he had had the elder Miller arrested. Miller loaded the hogs and consigned them to Tolin, Mattern & Co., commission merchants at the Indianapolis stockyards. The hogs arrived at the yards Monday morning and were immediately placed on the market. Before the salesman could dispose of them, however, the yard company received a telegram from Beatty commanding that the hogs be held. The yard company had them locked up.

### Hogs Are Eating Their Heads Off.

Both men then came to this city and engaged lawyers, and the matter will go to court April 24. In the meantime the hogs, locked in a pen in charge of a deputy sheriff are eating about \$5 worth of corn a day. Already the telephone and telegraph tolls of the disputants have exceeded the amount of the value of the dock in controversy. Beatty, reputed to be worth \$100,000, declares that he has come to Indianapolis prepared to stay all summer, if necessary. Miller is just as positive that the hogs will be his in the end.

### THE LIGHT WENT OUT

As They Went Death Came and a  
Will Just Made Failed of  
Signature.

Muncie, Ind., April 16.—"The lights are going out, Mary and I don't seem to be able to see very well," said George Fleming, a wealthy retired farmer, after he had completed the writing out of his will and nothing remained except his signature to make the instrument valid. Then he lay back on the pillows, sighed and died.

This strange story came to light when the unfinished will was taken into the circuit court for probate. It is probable, also, that a new legal point has been raised. The witnesses to the will were in the room and saw him writing it; the document is in his own handwriting, as can be attested—but the signature is missing. The county clerk refused to record the instrument until some formal action is taken on it by the circuit court, and rejected it as invalid.

### Appeals to the Railway Board.

Indianapolis, April 16. — A petition filed by the Manufacturers and Shippers' association, of Indianapolis, with the railroad commission ask the commission to establish joint rates on coal between the Southern Indiana and the Big Four. In order to relieve a serious situation which may result in the closing of about thirty coal mines in the southern part of the state, and the closing of factories in sixty northern Indiana cities which get practically all of their coal over the road and only from the Indiana mines. Joint rates have been suspended by the roads.

### Monument for Tippecanoe Field.

Lafayette, Ind., April 16. — The battle grounds monument commission, in whose keeping the Tippecanoe monument fund was placed, has let the contract for building the monument, which is to cost \$24,500. The monument is to be erected on the battlefield in memory of the men who fell at the battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. A bronze figure of William Henry Harrison will be placed at the foot of the shaft.

### Wanted \$55,000; Got \$3,000.

Shelbyville, Ind., April 16. — Five members of the Scott family, in Hancock county, brought suit against the Big Four Railway company several months ago for damages for injuries by a train on a crossing. The suits have now been compromised for a total of \$3,000. The total amount claimed in the suit was \$55,000.

## NOTICE

To all Residents of Rensselaer and Jasper and Newton Counties:

**YOU are hereby notified that the Starr Piano Company has no authorized representative in Jasper or Newton Counties. If you are contemplating the purchase of a Starr, Richmond or Chase Piano or Player Piano it will be to your interest to write us direct. This is of vital importance and may be the means of saving you considerable money as well as annoyance.**

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### THE WEATHER

Following is the official weather forecast up to 8 o'clock tonight:  
Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin—Increasing cloudiness and warmer.  
Lower Michigan—Fair; rising temperature.

### THE MARKETS

**Chicago Grain.**  
Chicago, April 16.  
Following were the quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today:  
Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close.  
May ... \$ .92½ \$ .92½ \$ .90½ \$ .92½  
July ... .85½ .85½ .84½ .85½  
Sept. ... .83½ .84 .82½ .83½  
Corn—  
May ... .67½ .67½ .66½ .66½  
July ... .64½ .64½ .63½ .63½  
Sept. ... .62½ .63 .62 .62½  
Oats—  
May (o) .53½ .53½ .53 .53½  
May (n) .52½ .52½ .52 .52  
July ... .49½ .49½ .48½ .48½  
Sept. ... .37½ .37½ .37 .37½  
Pork—  
May ... 12.87½ 13.02½ 12.87½ 13.00  
July ... 13.20 13.35 13.20 13.32  
Sept. ... 13.55 13.67½ 13.55 13.62½  
Lard—  
May ... 8.05 8.10 8.05 8.10  
July ... 8.22½ 8.30 8.22½ 8.30  
Sept. ... 8.42½ 8.50 8.42½ 8.47½  
Cash Sales—Winter wheat—By sample: No. 2 red, 92½¢@94½¢; No. 3 red, 90½¢@94¢; No. 2 hard, 92¢@1.00¢; No. 3 hard, 88½¢@90¢. Spring wheat—By sample: No. 3, 93¢@1.03¢. Corn—By sample: No. 3, 66¢; No. 3 white, 50½¢; No. 3 yellow, 66½¢; No. 4, 63½¢. Oats—By sample: No. 3 white, 51½¢@52½¢; No. 4 white, 50¢@52¢.

**Live Stock, Poultry and Hay.**  
Chicago, April 16.  
Hogs—Receipts 16,000. Sales ranged at \$5.80@5.95 for choice heavy shipping, \$5.85@5.95 butchers, \$5.60@5.75 mixed packing, \$4.65@5.25 good to choice pigs.  
Cattle—Receipts 3,500. Quotations ranged at \$6.50@7.10 for prime fat steers, \$4.75@6.00 good to choice cows, \$5.50@6.25 prime heifers, \$4.90@5.15 selected feeders, \$5.75@6.25 good to choice calves.  
Sheep—Receipts 7,000. Quotations ranged at \$6.00@6.25 for good to choice clipped wethers, \$6.00@6.50 good to choice clipped yearlings, \$7.55@7.65 good to choice Colorado lambs.  
Live Poultry—Turkeys, per lb, 12¢; chickens, fowls and springs, 12¢; roosters, 7¢; geese, \$6.00@7.00; ducks, 12½¢.  
Hay—Choice timothy, \$15.00@16.00; No. 1, \$13.00@14.00; No. 2 and No. 1 mixed, \$11.50@12.50. Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin feeding prairie, good to choice, \$6.50@7.50.

**East Buffalo Live Stock.**  
Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 2 cars; market slow. Hogs—Receipts 20 cars; market slow; heavy, \$6.15@6.20; Yorkers, \$6.25@6.30; pigs, \$5.40. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 30 cars; best wool lambs, \$8.15@8.25; clipped, \$7.25; yearlings, \$7.25@7.50; wethers, \$7.00@7.25; ewes, \$6.25@6.50. Calves—Best, \$4.00@7.50.

### Goliath No. 7639.

Goliath is a dark bay horse, bred by Simon Hegner, at Kokomo, Ind., is registered in the books of the National Association of French Draft Horses under No. 7639, sired by Lamoreaux No. 3394, he by Favori, No. 401 out of Pelotte No. 459, Dam Rose No. 822. He weighs in good flesh, 1800 pounds; has good style and action. Will make the season of 1908 at my barn, on what is known as the Wm. Haley farm, 5 miles southeast of Rensselaer. The best reference given as to colts.

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### Notice of Letting Contract.

No. 6657.  
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 4th, 1908, the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County, Indiana, will, until 12 o'clock noon, receive sealed proposals for the construction of a wooden pile bridge 135x16, in Wheatfield township, said bridge to be built according to plans and specifications on file in the Auditor's office. All bids to be accompanied by bond and affidavit as provided by law. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County.  
JAMES N. LEATHERMAN,  
Auditor Jasper County.

### Notice of Letting Contract.

No. 6870.  
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 4th, 1908, the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County, Indiana, will, until 12 o'clock noon, receive sealed proposals for the construction of a steel bridge across the Howe Ditch, where the same crosses the highway on the east line of section nine (9), township twenty-eight (28) north, range five (5) west in Jasper County, Indiana. Said bridge to be built according to plans and specifications on file in the Auditor's office. All bids to be accompanied by bond and affidavit as provided by law. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County.  
JAMES N. LEATHERMAN,  
Auditor Jasper County.

### Notice of Letting Contract.

No. 6871.  
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 4th, 1908, the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County, Indiana, will, until 12 o'clock noon, receive sealed proposals for the construction of a steel bridge across the Howe Ditch, where the same crosses the public highway running north and south through the center of section twelve (12), township twenty-eight (28) north, range six (6) west in Jasper County, Indiana. Said bridge to be built according to plans and specifications on file in the Auditor's office. All bids to be accompanied by bond and affidavit as provided by law. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County.  
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### Interest 20031

### PERCHERON STALLION.

INTEREST is one of the best stallions in this section of the state. He is black in color, fine movement, foaled May 10, 1897; bred and owned by Wm. Dunham of Wayne, Illinois. Got by Intreuable 16875 (24146); he by Seducteur 8860 (7057) he by Fenelon 2682 (38), he by Brilliant 1271 (765), he by Brilliant 1890 (766), he by Coco II (714), he by Vieux Chaslin (713), he by Mignon (715), he by Jean-le-Blanc (739).

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3rd Dam, by Decide D'Amilly 126 (720), he by Superior 454 (730), etc.

TERMS: \$12.00 to insure colt to stand and suck. Care will be taken to prevent accidents but I will not be responsible should any occur. Money becomes due when mare foals or when owner parts with mare or moves her from county. Colts held good for service.

Stands for season of 1908 as follows: Monday and Tuesday at Bartholomew hitch barn in Morocco. Wednesday and Thursday at home, 1 mile west and 1 mile north of Mt. Airy. Friday and Saturday at old Hemphill stud barn in Rensselaer.

BEN B. MILLER,  
Owner and Manager.

### BUCK.

### PERCHERON STALLION.

Is 5 years old, 17 hands high and weighs 1600 pounds.

He will make the season of 1908 at the Francis M. Lakin farm, 3 miles east of Fair Oaks, 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Parr, at \$8.00 to insure colt.

Mare leaving the neighborhood or changing hands during the season makes fee due at once. Care will be taken, but will not be responsible for accidents.

FRANCIS M. LAKIN & SON,  
Owners.

### KING No. 6433.

### SHIRE STALLION.

KING is a dark dapple bay stallion, 16 hands high and weighs 1,600 pounds at present time. He was foaled May 21, 1900, bred by C. M. Moots, Normal, Ill. Sire, Al-lerston (1868), Dam, Lula (8682); by Conqueror (7651).

Stand, Terms and Conditions: King will make the season of 1908 at my farm, 10 miles north of Rensselaer, 3½ miles east of Fair Oaks, and 3 miles south of Virgie, at \$10.00 to insure colt to stand and suck. Service money becomes due and payable at once on owner parting with mare; product of horse held good for service. Not responsible for accidents.

PAUL SCHULTZ, Owner.

### Dornblaser 4464

### PERCHERON STALLION.

DORNBLASER is a splendid horse, black in color, fine bone and muscle and weighs 1800 pounds. He was foaled August 21st, 1903; bred by J. D. Dornblaser, Hume, Illinois; owned by John A. Will, Hillsboro, Indiana; got by Theudis 25015 (40871), he by Besigue (16902) 24238, he by Jean-le-Blanc (739), he by Fenelon 2682 (38), he by Brilliant 1271 (765), he by Brilliant 1890 (766), he by Coco II (714), he by Vieux Chaslin (713), he by Mignon (715), he by Jean-le-Blanc (739).

Dam, Queen 4464; got by Ferdinand 17630, he by Papillon 3559 (379), out of Mary 8257, he by Brilliant 1890 (766), he by Coco II (714), he by Vieux Chaslin (713), he by Mignon (715), he by Jean-le-Blanc (739). 2nd Dam, La Rosa 3547, got by Confident 3647 (397), he by Brilliant 1271 (765), out of Rosey (7889), he by Vieux Chaslin (713), he by Mignon (715), he by Jean-le-Blanc (739). 3rd Dam, Rose 3317, got by Cathelineau 8173 (9729), he by Monarque 5149 (2428), out of Pauline (7889), he by Monarque 5149 (2428), he by Brilliant 1890 (766), he by Coco II (714), he by Vieux Chaslin (713), he by Mignon (715), he by Jean-le-Blanc (739). Geneve, got by Condroy 5311, he by Charmant.

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