

HALF A MILLION LOSS.

BUSINESS BLOCKS AT INDIANAPOLIS BURNED.

Indiana State Bank, Western Union, Express Companies and a Large Store the Chief Sufferers—Oshkosh, Wis., Also a Heavy Loser From Fire.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 19.—Half a million dollars in buildings and merchandise went up in flames and smoke yesterday as the result of one of the most disastrous and stubborn fires in the history of Indianapolis, and parts of several blocks, including some of the finest buildings in the city, are in ruins, or badly damaged. Valuable stocks had to be flooded with water, to an enormous loss, to prevent their total destruction and a wider spread of the fire.

The fire started at 6 o'clock on the third floor of the five-story stone and brick building on Washington street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, owned by A. B. Pettis and occupied by Eastman, Schleicher & Co. It soon had great headway, and all the resources of the city fire department were at once called into play to combat what was certain to prove a disastrous blaze. In spite of the quick work and hard fighting of the firemen the flames spread rapidly, and it was several hours before they were sufficiently under control to quiet fears that the entire business district might be burned.

Following are the buildings entirely burned or badly damaged: A. B. Pettis building, five stories, occupied by Eastman, Schleicher & Co., with a china and furniture store; Indiana National Bank building; Condit building, five stories, occupied by Western Union Company; Pacific Express building, four stories; George Maunfeld building, three stories; Blackford building, four stories, occupied by the American Express Company, Boston Clothing Company, etc.; Mayer Stencil Company building, three stories; A. B. Pettis building, six stories, occupied by dry goods store.

The Indiana Bank building is completely wrecked. The banking-room had recently been remodeled at a cost of about \$60,000.

The great vault in the Indiana National bank, which is situated in the rear of the building and fronting on Pearl street, contains nearly \$2,000,000 in cash. The flames licked clean everything around it, but the money is believed to be safe.

The fire in the Western Union building was placed under control about 9:30 a.m. The instruments in the operating room were destroyed and the battery floor, just above, was burned away. The Flire building was water-soaked and the many offices were damaged in various sums. The two buildings that are totally wrecked are the Eastman, Schleicher & Co. block and the Indiana National bank building. The first named stood a shell after the fire had been extinguished and that and the bank building will be pulled down. The Postal Telegraph building, in the rear of the Blackford block, was slightly damaged by fire and water, but the company has lost no wires.

The total loss on stock, fixtures and effects will amount to \$357,000. The loss on buildings aggregates about \$97,000, giving a total loss of \$454,000.

Evidence has come to light which indicates that the fire may have been the result of a malicious piece of incendiarism. The man upon whom there appears to have been a determination to wreak vengeance is W. H. Eastman, senior member of the firm of Eastman, Schleicher & Lee, whose losses aggregate \$175,000. He was threatened by an enemy several days ago. The name of the man who made the treat is Haggard, and he has served one or more terms in the penitentiary. The theory is he made his way into the basement of the Eastman, Schleicher & Lee store, easy, and applied the torch. The police which would have been comparatively are looking for him.

BIG BLAZE AT OSHKOSH.

Wisconsin Town Suffers a Loss of a Quarter of a Million.

Oshkosh, Wis., Sept. 19.—Oshkosh had a quarter of a million fire yesterday. It was confined to the south side river front, between Kansas and Oregon streets, and before extinguishing a sash and door factory, one of the largest in the country, a wagon factory, 6,000,000 feet of lumber, two brick saloons and a number of dwellings were destroyed. One man was burned to death and four were injured, as follows:

ZILLMER, JOHN, foreman sash department Morgan factory; burned to death.

The injured: Davis, John; leg broken. Fireman, named unlearned; crushed by falling lumber; will recover.

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The losses are as follows: Morgan company, \$100,000, insurance \$60,000; Conlee company, \$75,000, insurance \$60,000; Gabe Streich, \$20,000; insurance \$11,000; E. Lang, \$5,000, insurance \$2,500; two residences, \$5,000, partially covered. Every insurance company doing business in the city is said to have been hit.

Judge Cooley Improving. Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 19.—The condition of Judge Thomas M. Cooley is reported as more favorable. The judge is suffering from severe exhaustion. He returned last week from a trip to Boston, and the tedium of the trip was too much for him. Dr. V. C. Vaughan, his physician, thinks he will soon recover.

EXPOSITION OPENED.

Immense Crowd Attends Exercises at Atlanta's Big Fair.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19.—The Cotton States and International Exposition was opened yesterday in the presence of an assemblage which included most of the prominent men whose names are household words in the south. The attendance at the initiatory exercises was very large. Atlanta and the towns around declared the day a holiday and all observed it by going to the exposition. The gates were opened early in the morning and the people began to pour into the grounds. Every southerner feels a personal pride in the success of the exposition. So Atlanta was in fete. The city was decorated gorgeously. Flags were flying from every prominent building and the fronts of hundreds of houses were decorated with bunting. At several points the principal streets were spanned with arches, gay in their dress of brilliant colored ornament. When Gilmore's band began the "Salute to Atlanta" there was gathered before the main building of the exposition crowd estimated to number 100,000 persons. The opening ceremonies began with the performance of the "Salute to Atlanta" composed by Victor Herbert. Then the gentlemen and ladies who were to take part in the exercises grouped themselves on the platform erected opposite the door of the main building. Prayer was offered and then President Collier, of the exposition, delivered an address.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Sept. 19.—The gold-rimmed button attached to a wire connecting Gray Gables with a motor in Machinery Hall at the great Cotton States and International Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., was pressed by the chief executive of the United States at 5:56 o'clock last evening. This act, coming at the close of an elaborate opening program at Atlanta, was intended to furnish a fitting climax to the day's events in that city.

FORM A FEDERATION.

Silver Leaders at Chicago Complete a Consolidation.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—The free silver people completed their consolidation of the conflicting national organizations yesterday. After discussing the issue in a general way all day it was finally agreed to entrust the management of the educational work of the three organizations to an executive committee of nine, three from each organization. The national silver committee, or Memphis organization, immediately selected Congressman J. H. Acklen, of Tennessee; A. W. Ruscker, of Colorado, and Joseph Battell, of Vermont, as their representatives. The Bimetallic Union and the Bimetallic League will make their selections at a later period. It was agreed that the consolidated body should not enter into politics to the extent of separate political action.

Liquor Dealers Barred. Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 19.—At the afternoon session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows yesterday amendments to the constitution, introduced at last year's session, came up for final action. The first amendment was the addition of another section to article 16, providing that no saloon-keepers, bartenders, or professional gamblers shall be eligible to membership in the order. The amendment passed by a vote of 147 to 32, the requisite number being 135. The amendment drawing the color line was left over till today. Before adjournment the Sovereign Grand Lodge voted to give the grand decoration of chivalry to twenty persons from Pennsylvania, and to J. L. Jorgenson, past grand master of the State of Wisconsin.

Methodists Gather at Peoria, Ill. Peoria, Ill., Sept. 19.—The fortieth annual meeting of the central Illinois conference opened here yesterday with an unusually large attendance. Bishop Goodsell, of San Francisco, is presiding. The morning session was devoted to the appointment of standing committees and listening to representatives of the church societies. A poll of the delegates present shows that a very large majority is in favor of admitting women to the general conference, with a majority, although not quite so large, in favor of abolishing the time limit to the pastorate.

Gov. Culberson Obstinate. Austin, Tex., Sept. 19.—Governor Culberson was seen yesterday in reference to Judge Hurt's opinion at Dallas favorable to prize fighting. He refused to express himself, but it is evident he will ignore the opinion and prevent the fight. Texas has a ranger force controlled and governed by special laws, and they can be ordered anywhere in the state by the governor, and their special province is to prevent infraction of the laws. Culberson will probably use this force.

Ispheming Mine Strike Broken. Ispheming, Mich., Sept. 19.—The miners' strike is practically at an end. The Lake Superior company resumed operations at its section 16 mine this morning with a force of seventy-five men. It is thought that the strikers will not hold a meeting to-day, as many of the men have announced that they will not attend, but will seek work instead.

Gentry Defeats Joe Patchen. Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 19.—John R. Gentry yesterday added another to the list of victories by beating Joe Patchen in three straight heats at the fair grounds. Twenty thousand people saw the race. Summary: John R. Gentry.....1 1 1 Joe Patchen.....2 2 2 Vera Campbell.....3 3 2 Time—2:05 1/4, 2:05 1/4, 2:07.

TO THE HONORED DEAD.

NATION'S HEROES REMEMBERED AT CHICKAMAUGA.

State Monuments Dedicated in the New National Park—Chattanooga Crowded with Distinguished Visitors—Prominent Men Deliver Addresses.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 19.—At early dawn yesterday the tens of thousands of people in this region, natives and visitors, began to stir themselves. By sunrise hundreds were on the streets and before 8 o'clock every thoroughfare in the city was thronged. Not since the bloody battle that occurred here thirty-three years ago has there been so many people in this region. Some of the old veterans who fought all over the grandly beautiful mountains and valleys surrounding Chattanooga say there are more people to-day than during that event. Estimates as to the size of the multitude



WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

vary. Some of the conservatives say there are not over 50,000 and others place the number at 100,000 or more.

A large number of special policemen were on duty and there was no congestion or blockades to speak of. At the battlefield were hundreds of vehicles of every sort and description, prepared to carry passengers to any part of the historic field.

Chattanooga had last night as her guests four of the president's official family: Secretary of the Interior Hoyle Smith, Secretary of the Navy Herbert, Attorney General Harmon and Postmaster General Wilson.

The first event of the day was the dedication of the Michigan state monuments at Snodgrass hill, a point at



GEN. LEW WALLACE.

which there was probably more hard fighting during the battle than on any part of the field. Gov. John T. Rich, with his staff and the members of the park commission arrived at the hill a few minutes after 9 o'clock. Gov. Rich delivered the dedication speech. In the northeast corner of that part of the Kelly field, the monuments of Wisconsin were turned over to the government at 11 o'clock. The veterans of Ohio took possession of Snodgrass hill as soon as those from Michigan had finished. Gen. John Beatty, president of the Ohio commission, presided. Gov. McKinley delivered the dedication speech.

Illinois monuments were dedicated on the site where Widow Glenn's house stood during the battle. It is a few



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hundred yards southeast of the famous "Bloody Pond." The widow's house was burned during the fight, but "Bloody Pond" is still there. It was so named because its waters were red with human blood after the battle, and the people living in the vicinity say

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When Gov. Altgeld and his party arrived several thousand people, principally from Illinois or those who had served in Illinois regiments, were there to witness the ceremonies. Col. H. S. Reeves Post of the Illinois commission called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered, after which Gov. Altgeld was introduced and made his address turning the monuments over to the government. Responses were made by Smith D. Atkins and Col. J. G. Everest. The benediction was then pronounced.

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KILLED IN A STORM.

FOUR LIVES LOST IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

A Tidal Wave on the Lakes Causes Much Damage to Shipping—Schooners Collide in Broad Daylight—Detailed Reports.

Harrisville, Mich., Sept. 19.—The schooner J. H. Magruder, laden with lumber and cedar, Hammond's Bay to Detroit, sprung a leak six miles east of Harrisville yesterday morning. She was beached here and is a total wreck. The crew were taken off by the life-saving crew. The Magruder was owned in Port Huron and is not insured. The cargo was owned in Detroit.

East Tawas, Mich., Sept. 19.—A terrible storm passed over this shore of Lake Huron Tuesday night. Many lumber piles were torn down and the lumber scattered in all directions. Many vessels were damaged.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 19.—A tidal wave carried the schooner Ashland out of the channel and landed her out of the bank of the harbor at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The water suddenly receded and it took three tugs until to-night to get the schooner afloat again.

LIVES LOST IN MICHIGAN.

Four Fatalities Reported as a Result of the Cyclone.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 19.—Four lives were lost and nearly \$150,000 worth of damage done to crops and property by a cyclonic storm which swept over various portions of the state at an early hour yesterday morning. The killed:

ALLEN, MILLIE, aged 9, at Meade, LOTT, two children Richard, at Meade.

MACOMBER, ALVIN, at Sand Beach.

The storm spent its greatest fury in Sanilac and Huron Counties. Its first course was from north to south, later shifting from northwest to southeast. It came very unexpectedly and was followed by terrific heat. Houses were leveled, crops laid waste, trees torn up by the roots and havoc generally prevailed.

Where the Two Children Were Killed.

Kinde, Mich., Sept. 19.—The cyclone struck Pinnebog, demolishing the house of Richard Lott and killing two of his children, aged 4 and 6. One child's head was crushed by falling timbers, and the other's breast was crushed. Three others were hurt, one being carried several rods by the wind. Mrs. Itchus had four barns destroyed and her orchard laid flat. Twelve barns were destroyed in a four-mile circle. In McEllmurray's barn several cows were killed. The total estimated damage in this vicinity is \$20,000.

Collided in Broad Daylight.

Detroit, Sept. 19.—The small schooner Arctic was run down and sunk in Lake Huron off Point aux Barques yesterday by the Lehigh Valley liner Clyde. The collision occurred in broad daylight and the cause is not yet explained. The crew of the schooner were rescued by the steamer and the Arctic sank ten minutes later.

At Sand Beach, Mich.

Sand Beach, Mich., Sept. 19.—The worst wind-storm this section of the country ever had struck here early yesterday morning. John McComber's house was blown down. The family got under the bed for safety, and were pinned there until dug out. Then it was found that Alvin, 15 years old, was dead. Much damage to property was done.

Wrecked at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 19.—The St. Lawrence of the Bib Sandy Packet Company was wrecked yesterday. She was blown from her moorings by the high wind. A hole was torn in her side and she sank in twenty feet of water. The loss will be total, about \$25,000, fully insured.

Southern Illinois M. E. Conference.

Metropolis, Ill., Sept. 19.—The forty-fourth session of the Southern Illinois annual M. E. conference convened yesterday with Bishop Joyce, Chattanooga, in the chair. The morning's session was chiefly devoted to reports of presiding elders. These showed a decided progress along all lines, but more especially in the Epworth League work. The Southern Illinois Temperance society, an adjunct of the conference, held its annual session in the afternoon.

Death Rate From Cholera.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—In the province of Volhynia, between Aug. 18 and Aug. 24, inclusive, 5,849 cases of cholera were reported and 2,134 deaths occurred from the disease. In the province of Podolia from Aug. 21 to 31, 101 cases of cholera and 45 deaths were reported.

Michigan M. E. Conference.

Albion, Mich., Sept. 19.—The Michigan M. E. conference opened with a large attendance yesterday. Rev. P. J. Maveety of Hillsdale was elected secretary, and E. V. Armstrong treasurer. Standing committees are the same as those of last year, with a few exceptions, made necessary by absence.

Hohenhoe Will Retain Chancellorship. Berlin, Sept. 19.—The National Zeitung says it has authority for declaring that the rumors that Prince Hohenhoe is about to retire from the post of imperial chancellor, are utterly devoid of foundation.

AN UNTRUE MARKET.

CHICAGO WHEAT TRADES CHARGE MANIPULATION.

September Price Advances 2 Cents—Shorts in Corn Also Get a Squeeze—Provisions Higher on Cash Business—Wall Street Unsteady.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Good judges of markets looked on this morning and called the action in wheat the result of manipulation. It was argued that a local combination bid prices up to start outside buying. Others said it was an elevator scheme and pointed to the sharp advance in the September price. The chief result of the manipulation was to cause a scramble among the local shorts. Northwest receipts were heavy at 1,02 cars, against 635 yesterday. The exports were less than 100,000 bu. wheat, and flour moderate. The early public cable was indifferent at 1/4d gain at Liverpool. Late private cables were stronger. The market started with a strong leaning to the buying side. When the September price was raised up 2c or more quickly the shorts got scared and general buying for December followed. The early advance was 1/4c over last night. The September at 60c, the December at 60c, the May up to 64c. Some selling against calls by local houses, some New York selling on an adverse gold rumor and some taking of profits by those who had no faith in the advance, caused a reaction of about 1c. September dropped back to 59 1/2c, December to 59 1/2c. Before midday there was a revival of good buying and December price again touched 60c. Just after 12 o'clock the market had another lift to 60 1/2c December, 2c over last night, with bull market apparently gaining strength.

New York reported no export sales of wheat. There were no cash transactions of importance reported here. There was moderate realization by people who doubted the stability of the market at the advance. The close was at 60 1/2c for December, 2c off from high point, 1/2c up from last night. The September closed at 59 1/2c, 2c up. May closed at 63 1/2c, 3 1/2c up.

Government bonds stand at the following bid prices:

Registered 2s.....	96 1/2	Currency 6s.....	97 1/4

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