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JACKSON, Mich., 24.—A large and disastrous fire broke out this morning at 6 o'clock in a cigar store and destroyed the Union Hotel block, Union Hall, theatre, Waldron & Curtis' drug store, Jackson Savings Bank, H. H. Case and C. K. Elliott, groceries, and N. H. Eckler, saloon. The loss by the fire and water will exceed \$175,000, partially covered by insurance. Several lives are reported lost, but as yet only one body, that of Charles Cornell, a crippled soldier, has been recovered. Four others are injured so that they will die. John Prior and Mrs. Banks, waiters, and an unknown colored man, James Hernes, of Cleveland, in attempting to jump from a third story window, struck the telegraph wires and he was whirled around in such manner as to strike his head and shoulders on the pavement. All were injured and will probably die. Charles Kimball, of Kalamazoo, also received a bad scalp wound in jumping off the balcony. His injuries are not fatal.

St. Paul, 24.—This afternoon a disastrous fire occurred here. A large four-story warehouse at the corner of Pine and Prince streets, burned. The sufferers are: Most, Burford, Barwell & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, a branch of the main house at Rockland, Ill.; the St. Paul Harvester works; Brand & Co., stoves, and the store room of Gladden, Griggs & Co., wholesale grocers. Entire loss, \$125,000; insurance, \$85,000. Most, Burford, Barwell & Co. carried a stock of \$60,000, insured for \$33,000.

Galveston, 24.—News' Henrietta special: Central hotel, Shields' newspaper office, and five of the principal business houses were destroyed by fire to-night. Loss and insurance unknown.

San Francisco, 24.—The steamer *Sausalito*, plying between here and San Quentin, caught fire at the latter place this evening, and in a short time burned to the water's edge. The origin is unknown. An employee carried aboard a short time previously in a helpless state of intoxication, is supposed to be cremated. The North Pacific Coast Railroad company were the owners. It cost \$150,000; insurance small.

Troy, N. Y., 24.—Early this morning burglars effected an entrance to E. Marks & Sons' jewelry store, first gaining entrance to an insurance office next door. The safe door was forced from its hinges. The contents taken include diamonds, gold watches, cash, jewelry, etc., the estimated value of which is between \$40,000 and \$50,000. This is said to be the most expert job performed in this city in eighteen years. No clue.

Galveston, 24.—News' Decatur special: There was a desperate fight between a band of horse thieves and a constable's posse near Greenwood this morning. Dr. W. F. Smith, one of the posse was shot through the bowels, dying. It is thought a number of others were wounded, but how seriously is unknown. Two horses belonging to the posse were killed. One thief was shot in the breast but escaped. People are out en masse pursuing the outlaws.

Milwaukee, 24.—Peter Connelly, aged 65 years, was killed to-night while in a drunken quarrel with his wife. She threw a wooden bucket at his head, which caused him to fall down stairs and break his neck. Mrs. Connelly was arrested.

Philadelphia, 24.—A special to the press from Mount Carmel, says Andrew Kneppie and Mrs. Kleskisk were arrested, suspected of poisoning the husband of the latter.

Toronto, Ont., 25.—An explosion occurred in the Bank of Commerce this morning, caused by a messenger named Shaw entering a vault in which gas was escaping with a lamp. The windows were shattered and the building otherwise damaged. Shaw and clerks at the desk were injured, but none thought seriously.

London, 25.—A boiler in the steamer *Kootsai*, from Kong Kong to Maco, exploded, killing eight Europeans and nine natives.

Winnipeg, 24.—Early on Saturday morning 20 policemen under Colonel Horschmer started for a cabin 13 miles north of Auapella river, where Yellow Calf's band of 75 braves was holding sway. When within two rods of their destination the Indians came swarming and flourishing guns, and refused to allow the police to enter. The Colonel commenced quarrelling with the chief, but Yellow Calf distinctly refused to give up any men or stolen provisions, saying he never would surrender without a struggle. The policemen then formed in line, but the last had not taken position when suddenly the doors and windows of the cabin were thrown open and the openings fairly filled with rifles. Owing to the great odds and the Indians having protection in the cabin, Col. Horschmer, after a short talk with Yellow Calf, withdrew to a farm house for the night. The people are considerably excited and an uneasy feeling prevails.

DENVER, 25.—George V. Fryer, one of Colorado's best known mining men, from whom the celebrated Fryer Hill at Leadville derives its name, died here this morning from an overdose of morphine administered by his own hand. Two years ago he was worth half a million. His extravagance and liberality to friends, caused his financial ruin.

Washington, 25.—The Secretary of State received a cablegram this morning from Minister Foster, Madrid, announcing the death by suicide at Alicante, Spain, of James R. Partridge,

residing there on account of his health. Partridge was in the United States diplomatic service many years at Brazil and other South American countries, his last being at Lima.

NEW ORLEANS, 26.—At Shreveport the river is the highest since '49, and is still rising. The steamers are bringing in stock and people from the submerged plantations. For a hundred miles above and below the whole country is reported under water, and great damage is being done.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—The contractor for building the Souris and Rocky Mountain railway, states that the work will be rapidly pushed as soon as spring opens. The road will run from Winnipeg northwesterly through Battleford to a point beyond Edmonton, in all about 1,050 miles. The company has been reorganized, and a land grant of 64,000 acres per mile has been obtained from the government. The bond of the company amounting to \$8,000,000 have been placed.

LINCOLN, Ill., 26.—Last Thursday a detective delivered a satchel and valise to the turnkey of the county jail. The satchel is declared to be that of the murdered girl, Zura Burns, while the valise is said to contain her gossamer and hat. The authorities now assert that they positively have evidence which will convict the murderers of the girl.

WINNEPEG, Manitoba, 26, Broadview, N.W.T., 25.—Contrary to expectation Yellow Calf, the rebellious Indian chief, gave himself up to the police this afternoon, together with four of his braves. They started for Regina this evening to be tried by the courts. Everything is quiet to-night. The trouble is probably over for the present.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., 26.—The examination of the assassins was concluded yesterday. Judge Wood committed A. Doran, D. V. Pruitt, John Olisson and Harry Louding without bail. Ed. Howell was discharged and Frank Flynn placed under \$37,500 bond; \$20,000 for the murder of his brother, John Flynn, \$10,000 for the assault on Hall, \$5,000 for the assault on Hargrave and 2,500 for assault on Craig. Wm. Flynn, Robt. Pruitt and Lucius, \$9,000 each. Counsel for the prisoners, committed without bail, gave notice of application to be made to the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus on Saturday. The prisoners were taken to the prison at Little Rock on Wednesday for safe keeping. The decision meets with the general favor of all the citizens.

READING, Pa., 27.—Notices are posted in nine hat factories, employing 800 hands, announcing a reduction of wages of 12 per cent. The reasons given are competition and exorbitant duty on wool. The Weimer machine works at Lebanon, employing 700 hands, have reduced wages from 8 to 12 1/2 per cent.

MONTREAL, 27.—A bridge on the Grand Trunk Railway gave way yesterday, while a freight train was passing over it, precipitating eleven cars loaded with general merchandise, into Grand River. Seven of them were smashed into splinters.

SAN FRANCISCO, 27.—An agreement was signed last night between John L. Sullivan and G. M. Robinson for a four round knock out. Robinson is the champion heavy weight of the Olympic Club.

NEW YORK, 27.—At the inquest today in the case of Salmi Morse, Miss Blackburn, actress, testified that at an early hour on Sunday morning last, Morse accompanied her home from the Cosmopolitan Theatre. While there McGeveney, business manager of that theatre, came in. They were the bitterest of enemies. With an oath McGeveney struck Morse, and called him an old rascal. Morse fell but got up and went out, followed by McGeveney. They had come to blows in her house before. Six hours later, McGeveney called at her house and he appeared disordered and excited. In the afternoon McGeveney called again, when she reproached him and he left.

NEW YORK, 27.—The steambot *Glen Island*, of Stearin Transportation Co., was run into and sunk early this morning off Robbins Reef by the Cunard steamer *Cephalonia*. Engineer Charles Feltz and Henry Green, deck hand, were drowned. The rest of the crew were picked up by a tug. The body of Feltz was recovered. The *Cephalonia* was not damaged.

Further investigation has disclosed the fact that the sunken vessel was a tug named *Glendale* owned by Captain Foote, valued at \$12,000.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 26.—An explosion at the Victoria railway station, shattered the windows of the Metropolitan Underground Railroad, 60 yards distant, and the fronts of houses some distance in other directions were badly damaged. The Victoria refreshment room was wrecked and a clock eight feet high was blown from the wall and thrown six yards away. The streets in the neighborhood were completely strewn with broken glass. A large force of police and fire brigade quickly reached the spot and extinguished the fire, saving the depot. The debris is left untouched till the arrival of Colonel Magendie, chief inspector of explosions; who will make a thorough examination of the explosion. Detectives are working lively enquiring into the matter. All three hypotheses—gas, gunpowder and dynamite—are advanced and discussed, dynamite being the favorite theory.

Colonel Magendie, who has critically examined the ruins thinks the explo-

sion due, not to gas, but to some powerful compound. The report is current that a parcel left in the cloak room was intended for use against the House of Parliament to-night, and that it exploded accidentally. The theory that the explosion was caused by dynamite gains further confirmation from the fact that the greatest damage was done laterally. Only two persons are injured, and they slightly. The officials of the railway discredit the idea that the explosion was the result of private malice as the cost of the material would deter a discharged servant from thus retaliating. The loss by the explosion is estimated at £4,000.

Suakim, 26.—The condition of affairs here is critical. The Turks in command of the Nubians who refused to go to Trinkitat, have resigned. The transport *Nero*, which was to transport them is sinking.

London, 26.—The steamer *Servia* from Liverpool for New York, was passed 700 miles west of Fastnet, apparently disabled. A later steamer reports seeing her moving along all right.

Paris, 26.—Advices from Madagascar state that fever is rife among the French at Tamatave.

Khartoum, 26.—The city is tranquil. The market is full of Arabs daily who freely bring in produce, the prices of which have fallen one half since Gordon's arrival.

CAIRO, 26.—General Graham telegraphs General Stevenson that preparations for his advance are completed. He has altered all the positions of his troops. The right wing is now resting on the lake behind Trinkitat. The 18th hussars made a reconnaissance to-day towards Teb, and found the enemy in force on the heights and at the entrance of the defile. General Graham has been reinforced by eight machine guns, worked by naval gunners. It is expected that a battle will take place on Friday, and the point of attack be three miles to the northeast of Trinkitat. The British minister, under sanction of the home government, has instructed General Graham, before engaging the rebels, to summon Osman Digma to release all Tokar soldiers and all the survivors of Sinkat desiring to return to Egypt, and if he refuses to liberate them to give him battle forthwith.

LONDON, 27.—According to mail accounts of Baker Pasha's defeat, fifteen Austrians, four German and four Swiss officers were killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, 27.—W. H. Hunt, United States Minister, died the morning at 7:30.

A cablegram received by the Secretary of State from St. Petersburg announcing the death of Minister Hunt, says he died from dropsy, superinduced by chronic inflammation of the liver.

London, 27.—The steamer *Thetis*, purchased for the Greely relief expedition, has set sail for America.

Suakim, 27.—The captain of the Egyptian steamer *Damanhour* refused to obey orders to proceed with his vessel to Trinkitat, whereupon Admiral Hewitt arrested the captain and placed his lieutenant in charge of the vessel.

London, 27.—The chief inspector of explosives asserts that there is now no doubt that the explosion at Victoria Station was caused by nitro-glycerine.

Khartoum, 27.—A man who left for El Obied ten days ago, arrived this morning. He reports that the garrisons of El Fasher, Darra, Masteri and Foga are still surrounded, while the garrisons of Omshangar and Thasi have surrendered. He says that there has been no fighting at Bahrgazelle. He saw three Englishmen at El Obeid, who were captured at Kashgili; they were treated well. Missionaries were not molested. El Mahdi has only a garrison at El Obeid. The Arabs have gone to their villages, but are under promise to assemble in case of war. Merchants are passing freely between here and Dongola.

Trinkitat, 27.—The beach presents a lively appearance. Blue jackets, up to their necks in water are landing stores and carrying soldiers ashore through the surf. The Gordon Highlanders and Irish Fusiliers are advancing to occupy the fort erected by Baker Pasha. They waded barelegged through the morasses which lie between the harbor and the main land. The distance to the fort is about four miles. It was built February 2d, to protect the guns while crossing the morasses.

The rebels regard with exultation the landing of the forces; they are convinced that Allah has sent all as a prey for them.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Port Townsend, W. T., 24.—Captain Bergman, wife and crew of the wrecked *Lizzie Marshall*, arrived to-day. One sailor was lost while attempting to save his clothes.

Washington, 25.—The shipping committee this morning took up the bill to admit foreign built ships to American registry free of duty and voted, 3 to 6, to report it adversely.

The remains of assistant surgeon Amble, one of De Long's comrades in the *Jeanette* expedition, were buried at Markham, Va., yesterday in the presence of a large number of naval officers and residents of Farquhar county.

Cincinnati, 25.—The grand lodge of the Independent Order of the Sons of Israel met and organized this afternoon, electing President Phillip Stern, of Chicago. There are 103 lodges in the United States, each entitled to one delegate. A hundred delegates are here.

St. Louis, 25.—Late advices from the

City of Mexico are to the effect that the Mexican government contemplates the establishment of a consul-generalship in the Mississippi valley, with headquarters at St. Louis or Chicago, and that the name of John F. Cahill, at present Mexican consul in this city, is favorably mentioned in connection with this.

Washington, 25.—The first witness before the Danville investigation committee was Congressman John L. Wise who stated the issues were various. The Funder party, he said, sought to perpetuate the race issue. The whites brought on the difficulty at Danville for political purposes, having despaired of winning the contest otherwise.

New York, 25.—Improbable reports from London are published here that General Gordon spiked his guns, destroyed the stores and determined to evacuate Khartoum forthwith, on account of Mahdi marching on the town.

Chicago, 24.—Times' Fargo, Dakota: The Manitoba and Northern Pacific roads have been requested to furnish transportation to British territory next week for 2,000 men.

Portland, Me., 25.—Replies to a circular sent to leading republicans of Maine, show that Blaine is the favorite for President, and Robert T. Lincoln for Vice-President.

Cincinnati, 25.—At the funeral of the negro family of three, murdered and sold to the medical college in Cincinnati, lynching was advocated by two preachers. The sentiment evoked great applause.

St. Paul, Minn., 25.—The Minneapolis *Journal's* Winnipeg special: Advices from Regina, N. W. Territory, says: The Indians at Crooked Lake still defy the mounted police and allow no one to enter the agency building. Gopher Tom, leader of the Fire Hill Indians, is under arrest and a strong detachment has been sent out to arrest others. No further trouble is anticipated there. Trouble is still feared at Crooked Lake.

London, 25.—In the House of Lords, this evening, Lord Carlingford announced that a ship from the United States had just arrived at Liverpool with a cargo of cattle, a number of which had foot and mouth disease. He urged immediate action by Parliament to prevent the importation of cattle from countries where the disease is prevalent.

Minneapolis, 24.—A contract was signed yesterday between President Robert Harris, on behalf of the Northern Pacific, and President W. B. Washburn, on behalf of the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie & Atlantic Railway Company, whereby the latter corporation secures the joint use in perpetuity of the extreme terminal facilities of the Northern Pacific Company, double track, iron bridge across the Mississippi, side tracks, etc.

Paris, 24.—Gen. Millot, commander of the land forces in Tonquin, left three battalions at Sontay and three at Haiphong, and is preparing to operate against Bacninh with good men.

Russia proposes to reduce the armament on the German frontier, if Germany will do the same.

Panama, 25.—Congress declared Dr. Rafael Nunez elected president of the republic.

St. Petersburg, 26.—United States Minister Hunt is dying.

Fall River, Mass., 26.—Striking weavers in two of the Pocasset mills returned to work this morning.

New York, 26.—The widow of A. T. Stewart sold the Stewart Building, Broadway and Chambers Street, to Judge Hilton for \$2,100,000.

St. Petersburg, 26.—A student of the University of Kazin was shot by an official of Ekaterinburg tribunal in revenge.

Rochester, 26.—At the Whitecomb House, this morning, Mrs. Bussey, of Troy, shot another woman who, she alleged, was her husband's mistress. The wound is not fatal.

Terre Haute, Ind., 26.—Fifteen sisters of St. Francis Little Sisters of the Poor, are expected here to-night, to enter St. Antonio's hospital. These sisters are from Mother Home order, Olpe, Westphalia, and came over in the steamer *Servia*.

The Lords passed the bill for the better prevention of the introduction of foot and mouth disease by foreign cattle.

London, 27.—The *Times*, referring to the explosion at the Victoria railway station, says: It is clear we have to deal with one of those cowardly outrages whereby Irishmen imagine they are furthering independence. We have in our midst a set of cowardly desperadoes not ashamed to abuse their freedom by reckless attacks upon life and property.

Washington, 26.—When Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, appeared before the sub-committee of the Senate committee on post offices and post roads to-day, Senator Hill asked that all contracts with the Press Association be laid before the committee. Dr. Green said the question of furnishing a sub-committee with copies of contracts be referred to the whole committee. He claimed that neither the sub-committee nor the whole committee nor the Senate had power to require witness to produce said contracts. The inquiries were inquisitorial in their nature.

The Omaha *Republican* will tomorrow publish replies from 300 leading republicans, covering every county of Nebraska. The replies indicate the first choice for the Presidential nomination as follows: For Blaine, 107; for Logan, 69; for Arthur, 51; for Edmunds, 18; for Conkling, 15; for Lincoln, 12; for General Sherman, 10; for Senator Harrison, 6; for Grant, 4. There is nearly a unanimous preference for Robert Lincoln for the vice-Presidency. Commenting on the returns the *Republican* will say: If Blaine continues in his present position as not an avowed candidate, the Nebraska delegation will undoubtedly go to the National convention uninstruced.

The House committee on invalid pensions agreed to report favorably Representative Mason's bill increasing the pensions of widows and dependent parents of deceased soldiers and sailors from \$8 to \$12 per month.

Commissioner Loring laid before the President a report of the commission appointed to examine the swine industry of the United States. It is emphatic in the statement that there is no condition surrounding the industry which tends to propagate diseases or render pork unhealthful.

Representative Hewitt has been authorized by the ways and means committee to report a bill to prevent the importation of adulterated teas. The bill is based upon the recent recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, 26.—Speaker Carlisle received a letter addressed to him personally by several of the most prominent members of the liberal party in the German Reichstag, expressing their high sense of appreciation of the action taken by the House of Representatives as a token of the death of Lasker. The letter expresses the hope that the two nations may develop and continue in friendship.

JULE FISHER'S RESCUE.

It had been an unusually severe winter, even for northern Aroostook. Snowfall had succeeded snowfall, with no interval that could really be called "thaw," till the "loggers" had finished their work; and as they came plodding home on snow-shoes, they all agreed that the snow lay from ten to twelve feet deep on a level in the woods.

No wonder, then, when the warm March sun came to shine upon it day after day, and the copious spring showers fell, there should have been a very unusual "flood," or freshet. Every one predicted that when the ice should break in the river there would be a grand spectacle, and danger, too, as well; and all waited with some anxiety for the "break" to come.

One morning we at the village were awakened by a deep roaring, booming, crashing noise, and sprang from our beds, crying:

"The ice has broken up! The ice is running out!"

In hardly more time than it takes to tell it, we were dressed and at the back windows, which looked down upon the river. It was indeed a grand sight!

Huge cakes of ice of every shape and size were driving, tumbling, crashing past, as if in a mad race with each other. The river, filled to overflowing, seemed in angry haste to hurl its icy burden down the falls below.

But after a few days the river ran clear, save for the occasional breaking of some "jam" above. Along the margin of the broad stream, however, there were here and there slight indentures, or notches, in the banks, where the ice had escaped the made rush of waters, and still clung in considerable patches.

It was on one of these still undisturbed patches that "Jule" Fisher, a rough boy of 14, with several of his equally rough comrades, was playing on the lovely morning upon which my story opens.

The lads were not the sons of the steady, intelligent, church-going inhabitants of this quiet northern hamlet, but were the sons of "lumbermen," "river-drivers" and "shingle-shavers." For some time they had been having boisterous sport, venturing out upon the extreme edges of the ice, and with long poles pushing about the stray cakes which occasionally came within their reach.

At length they grew tired of this, and began to jump upon ticklish points of ice; and as these began to crack and show signs of breaking away, the boys would run, with wild whoops, back to shore, the very danger seeming to add to their enjoyment. Then, with poles and "prys," they would work upon the cracking mass until it floated clear and went whirling down the rapid current.

"Aho, boys!" called Jule, who was seemingly their leader. "Up yender's a big cake that only wants a shove! Come on! Let's set 'er a-going!"

No sooner said than done. Away went the noisy fellows to the protecting point of ice. A few smart jumps sent it creaking and groaning, as though still unwilling to quit its snug winter bed. One more jump, and the boys all ran with a shout beyond the place where the ice was cracking off—all save Jule.

It had not broken clear, and he was determined to set it going, when he would spring on the firm ice beyond, as he had done once or twice before.

By this time he was over-bold and not sufficiently watchful. A large cake of ice had come floating down the river unnoticed either by him or his friends, and striking the end of the nearly loosened mass, shoved it out into the swift, black water.

Poor Jule! He ran quickly to the