



A BAD BLAZE.

LOUISVILLE VISITED BY A BAD FIRE LAST NIGHT.

The Store of Alex Semple & Co. Was Damaged and Nunemacher Printing Co. Narrowly Escaped.

Louisville, March 30.—The fine sporting house of Alex Semple & Co., on Main street, was badly damaged by fire last night. The loss will foot up \$25,000. It was caused by the explosion of gas originating from a freshly oiled floor. A number of small casks of powder reached by the fire exploded before the fire department got the blaze under control. The building, which is a four story affair, was badly damaged. The upper floor is leased by the Nunemacher Printing Co., where two hundred men are employed. This portion of the building, however, escaped the flames. The loss is entirely covered by insurance.

MANCHURIAN TREATY.

IT WILL BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—It is said in St. Petersburg that the Manchurian convention will not be signed before next week, and that the Chinese minister will be able to call at the foreign office whenever he is invited to do so. The Manchurian convention is now being diplomatically explained as a modus vivendi. Its chief purpose, it is claimed, is to permit the withdrawal of Russian troops from Manchuria, and it is claimed the integrity of China is to be preserved.

ST. LOUIS FAIR COMMISSION.
Washington, March 30.—President McKinley today appointed the St. Louis fair commission. The appointees are: Thomas H. Carter, of Montana; William Lindsay, of Kentucky; John M. Thurston, of Nebraska; George W. McBride, of Oregon; John M. Allen, of Mississippi; Frederick Betts, of Minnesota; Martinn H. Glynn, of New York and P. D. Scott, of Arkansas. Joseph Flory, of Missouri, is appointed secretary of the commission.

ALLEGED CUDAHY KIDNAPER.
Omaha, Neb., March 30.—James Callahan waived preliminary hearing in the district court today on the revised complaint in connection with the Cudahy kidnaping case. His trial is set for April 22. Callahan's lawyers, it is said, will offer as testimony a deposition of H. C. Henderson, the Dallas man who is alleged to have confessed to a complicity in the abduction.

BOWLING PRIZES.

The prizes this week at the bowling alley went to Mr. J. L. Dempsey, for ten pins, score 210, Messrs. Leon Gleaves and Clint Wilcox, in cocked-hat, each made 45.

ARRESTED FOR BREACH OF PEACE.

The patrol wagon was sent out last night by Captain Henry Bailey for Marshall Owen, colored, wanted for a breach of the peace.

Unloading millions is hard work, and Mr. Carnegie is entitled to a vacation.

GOOD THING.

MUSICIAN CALVIN P. TISTUS TO GET ONE.

Washington, March 30.—A petition signed by all officers serving with the Fourteenth infantry regiment has been sent to Adjutant Gen. Corbin requesting the appointment of Musician Calvin P. Titus, company E, Fourteenth infantry, the first American soldier to enter Peking, during the recent troubles in China, a cadet at large to the Military academy.

LUCKY FUNSTON.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS HIM TO REGULAR ARMY.

General Wheaton's Appointment as Major General and General Jacob H. Smith as Brigadier General Also Given Out.

Washington, March 30.—President McKinley tonight announced the appointment of Brig. General Frederick Funston, U. S. V., to Brig. General, vice Gen. Lloyd Wheaton, in the regular army. Gen. Wheaton's appointment as major general is also announced along with that of Gen. Jacob H. Smith as Brig. General.

Washington, March 30.—The president will reward General Funston by making him a brigadier in the regular army. This was practically decided upon at the cabinet meeting today, where the capture of Aguinaldo was discussed for two hours. A careful examination will be made to determine the methods of war advocated by the insurgent chief before a decision will be reached disposing of him. It is to be ascertained from the records and papers now in possession of General MacArthur whether his blood-thirsty policy at the outbreak of hostilities has been followed. He advocated a general massacre of residents of Manila then, and if he has since been guilty of savage practices he will be punished. If he has not he will be leniently dealt with.

STRUCK OIL.

WAYNE COUNTY, KY., REVEALS HIDDEN WEALTH.

Well Has a Capacity of Two Hundred Barrels a Day and Oil is of Good Quality.

Somerset, Ky., March 30.—The latest oil strike is in Wayne county. The oil was struck at a depth of 800 feet and the well has a capacity of 200 barrels a day. A pipe line will be laid from this place to Rentfross county, Tennessee. The oil is of good quality and the strike made today has caused a good deal of excitement.

CANNING FACTORY.

CONTRACT LET FOR MR. WM. CHESTERFIELD'S NEW ESTABLISHMENT.

The contract for the canning factory at Creal Springs, Ill., which is to take the place of the one here operated by Mr. Wm. Chesterfield, was let a day or two ago and work begins on it Monday. The factory will begin June 10. Mr. Wm. Chesterfield, of the city, is vice president and general manager.

COSTLY BLAZE.

KANSAS CITY HAS \$200,000 FIRE.

Kansas City, March 30.—The Jacob Dold Packing plant was destroyed by fire tonight, causing a loss of \$200,000 and the injuring of five firemen.

TO RIDE KENTUCKY HORSES.

Taylorville, Ky., March 30.—Mr. J. F. Jewell, the well known horseman of this place, has just received from the California commandery, Knights Templar, an order for one hundred black saddle horses, "Kentucky thoroughbreds," to be used by them during the conclave in Louisville, next August.

STOLEN MULE.

MR. ED TERRELL LOSES A MULE AND FINE BUGGY.

Will Hill, colored, drove in from Terrell's farm last night driving a red mare mule, white nose and black tail and feet, to a rubber tired buggy. He hitched the animal near the city scales, and left it, returning in about fifteen minutes. The rig was gone, and the theft was reported to Captain Bailey. At an early hour it had not been found.

THRO' WINDOW.

WES WOFFORD ALMOST ASSASSINATED AT RAGLAND LAST

Night—Henry Tillman is Alleged to Have Fired Into His Window.

Captain Henry Bailey last night at police headquarters received a telephone message from Ragland, Ky., asking him to keep a lookout for Henry Tillman, a white man about 35 years of age who last evening shot into Wes Wofford's residence at Ragland.

The bullet tore a portion of the window away and lodged in Wofford's pocket, but did not injure him. An old grudge caused the shooting.

MAY BE MERGED.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 30.—The N. B. Forrest camp of confederate veterans is preparing a new constitution and bylaws, which will allow all sons and grandsons of Confederate veterans to become members of the organization. An effort will be made to have the convention at Memphis in May adopt the plan so as to make it a national law of the organization. It is thought that this, if adopted, may merge the organization of the Sons of Veterans into the United Confederate Veterans and dissolve the individuality of the Sons' camps.

Colonel Edward O. Leigh returns to Frankfort in the morning.

SALE CONFIRMED

GAS PLANT TO BE TURNED OVER TO MR. COFFEE TOMORROW.

Judge Evans Will Confirm the Sale—Mr. Coffee, Now at the Palmer House.

Mr. Thomas Coffee, of Peoria, Ill., purchaser of the Paducah Gas plant, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to take charge of the plant tomorrow.

The sale on March 20th to Mr. Coffee, for \$68,200, will be confirmed by Judge Evans tomorrow, and the balance of the purchase price will be paid over in cash.

Mr. Coffee will make extensive improvements, and give the people better and cheaper service.

"I am very favorably impressed with Paducah," he said to a reporter at the Palmer last night, "or I should not have come here. One unusual thing for a city of its size that I notice, however, is the limited lighting of your principal street. In other cities the main thoroughfare is so brilliantly lighted as to make it almost as light as day. It brings out the people, and consequently increases business. I should think the merchants would demand more street lights."

Mr. Coffee is an affable gentleman and will without a doubt enter the front ranks of progressive citizens.

OPERATOR RESIGNS.

MR. W. B. HERBST GOES WITH J. L. HUTTER & CO.

Mr. W. B. Herbst, operator at the Postal telegraph office, has resigned, effective today, and tomorrow accepts a position with J. L. Hutter, the broker. He will be succeeded by Mr. Chas. Rogers, now in the Postal office at Louisville.

MINERS WON'T STRIKE.

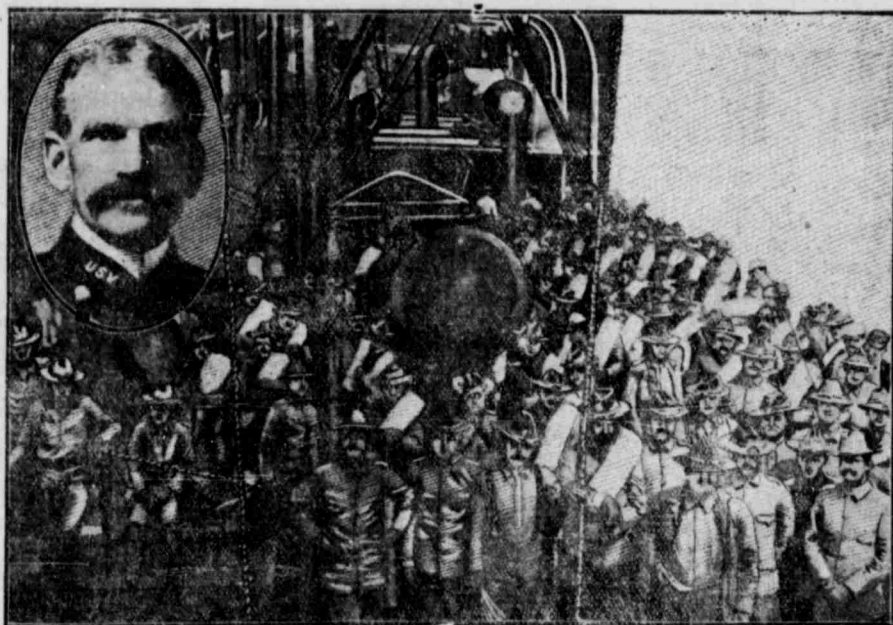
Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 30.—There will be no strike of the 143,000 miners in the anthracite district April 1. This was decided today at the miners' convention, and the announcement is received with much rejoicing by all classes.

In a statement to the miners the general committee announces that it was unable to bring the operators into joint conference. However, it succeeded in getting an audience with representatives of all the big companies, who made a number of important concessions.

This committee was given arbitrary power by the general convention of miners, held at Hazelton in the fore part of the month, to declare a strike if the circumstances warranted it. In the opinion of the committee the circumstances did not warrant a strike at this time.

NO LEGAL WAY.

At Monday night's council meeting the matter of extending the sewerage from Ninth street to the Illinois Central hospital on Broadway, will be settled. Mayor Lang gives it as his opinion that there is no legal way to make the extension, hence the probability is that it will fall through. The council and school board committees meet Monday afternoon to discuss it.



GENERAL CHAFFEE IS NOW PREPARING TO EVACUATE CHINA.