

# REDED TO RUINS

## A Famous Southern Hotel Devoured By Flames.

The St. Charles, Where Jefferson Davis and Other Confederates Hatched the First Plans for the Overthrow of the Government is Now More or Less a Pile of Rubble.

NEW ORLEANS, April 30.—The imposing front of the St. Charles hotel, on St. Charles street, with its spacious portico, surrounded by a dome of majestic dimensions and classic architecture, in the center of the most famous hotelery in the United States—within whose walls Jefferson Davis, Judah P. Benjamin and the other leading figures of the confederacy formed the first plans for the establishment of the new republic here less than six congressional months ago, where no less than six congressional committees have sat, trying to solve what became known as the Louisiana question after the war, where countless political, commercial and social meetings of national importance have been held, in the famous parlors of the king of the grand hotels, his headquarters during his brief reign in the Crescent City, and where presidents, kings and notabilities from every nation on the face of the globe who have visited New Orleans, have been sheltered.

The fire that raged behind those walls from 1 o'clock Saturday night until 3 o'clock Sunday morning was one of the most disastrous this city has ever experienced. Starting in the kitchen, which front on the small court in the very heart of the building, it got ten minutes after the employees left the room, the flames ate their way through the woodwork with amazing rapidity. The hundred or more guests had about retired, and though many had been awakened by the lusty shouts of "fire," the night-clerk Mason sent messengers to every room occupied and thus there was no possibility of any of them having been cut off from the escape, as the flames did not reach the main portion of the structure for fully half an hour after the fire had been discovered. Panic seized upon them, however, and they rushed about frantically, most of them in their night clothes—men, women and children, and although there was ample opportunity to get down the main stairways, it took all the efforts of the cooler heads to prevent the most impatient from throwing themselves from the windows. The only man who did jump from a window was an unknown, who leaped from a third-story window to a ledge on Common street, but was not injured.

The heart-rending spectacle of the unending fight for life that was made by the fire, employed as baker in the hotel, was witnessed by many helpless spectators. He occupied a room on the fourth story of the rear portion of the building. A great flame of fire suddenly burst from one of the rooms, when a scream was heard and from the door next to the room from which the flame was seen to escape, a man was discerned through the flames. Simultaneously a cry of horror went up from those below. For an instant the flames quieted and the man made a dash for the head of the spiral stairway which he reached in safety, but as he stepped upon the stairway he stumbled and fell. Rolling several times over as he tumbled toward the third story, he landed partly off the stairway and remained holding to the broken banisters. He attempted to regain his lost foothold, but it seemed that he was blinded by the heat and smoke and was unable to pull himself up. Finally he was holding only with one hand to the banister, suspended fully fifty feet in the air. After making several efforts to throw himself upon the stairway, his strength gave out, releasing his hold, he fell with a crash upon the stone pavement beneath. His body was frightfully mangled and he was breathless again.

Bridge Mulligan, a chambermaid; Mrs. M. a domestic, and John Finlay, an assistant engineer, are the only ones missing from the center of the square the flames in their way in all directions, touching the corner of the row of the office building on Crescent street and burning clear through to the street on Common and over the streets, and leaving nothing but a smoking front on St. Charles street. Over a dozen women women were rescued from the roof just in time to save their lives. The total loss on the fire will reach half a million dollars and may go over that amount. The hotel property, exclusive of the ground, was worth \$400,000 and was insured for \$200,000 in foreign companies.

### Against Woman Suffrage.

NEW ORLEANS, April 30.—A number of women have drawn up and signed a protest against woman suffrage which will be presented to the constitutional convention. The reasons cited as to why they do not favor suffrage are: That the energies of women are engrossed by their present duties, that political equality will deprive them of special privileges hitherto accorded to her by law, and that suffrage involves the holding of public office and officeholding is inconsistent with the duties of most women. Among the signers are some of the most prominent women of the city. All women citizens in the city are asked to join in sending a protest to the constitutional convention to meet in May.

### Yale's New Runner.

HAVEN, Conn., April 30.—It is believed that Yale that during the past winter has developed a coming runner in the person of Fred, Jr., of Detroit. He is a freshman and played half back on the '97 eleven. In the games last October he ran for 19 1/2 seconds, and was named as a contender for the title.

# MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS

## Why She Is Not Given a Pension by Southern States.

RICHMOND, Va., April 30.—The delegates from the confederate camps to the reunion of the United Confederate veterans at Birmingham indignantly deny the statement made in a Birmingham special that the committee appointed at the New Orleans meeting to secure a pension for Mrs. Jefferson Davis recommended that the movement be dropped because she resides in New York. Mayor Ellison, who is president of the Davis Monument association, said that the report was far from the truth as possible. The committee in making their report stated that they had been unable to secure the necessary legislation from the southern states because, in the first place, the constitutions of a number of these states forbade appropriations for pensions to any persons not residents of the state, and in other states where this prohibition was not expressed in the constitution, it was the opinion of eminent lawyers that an appropriation could not be made except to a resident. The committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject because of the legal difficulties in the way. There was no reference to the fact that Mrs. Davis resides in New York and there is not the slightest foundation for the report that the reunion gave her the "cold shoulder."

# SCORES EXPOSED TO SMALLPOX.

## A Plague-Stricken Man Travels About Waterbury and Danbury.

DANBURY, Conn., April 30.—William Daragan of this city is at the pesthouse suffering from smallpox, and scores of people have been exposed to the disease. Daragan was in Waterbury, and feeling ill, consulted a physician in that city, who told him he had smallpox. The doctor asked Daragan where his home was, and on being told that it was in Danbury, the physician advised him to get there with all possible haste. Daragan went to a doctor as soon as he reached the city, who sent him to the selectment in the city hall. He was there some time before officials could attend to his wants, then it was learned he had the dread malady. He was carted to the pesthouse. All of the city officers are in the city hall, and most of the officials were in there. The building was quarantined and all the occupants, including Mayor Andrews, were vaccinated. The train on which Daragan arrived was crowded with passengers, and in the mile walk from the station to the city hall scores of people were exposed.

# MURDER AT BUFFALO.

## Mysterious Shooting of a Well-Known Lawyer and Journalist.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 30.—Montgomery Gibbs, lawyer, formerly a newspaper man and well-known in Buffalo, was murdered Saturday evening. The affair is mysterious and probably will puzzle the police considerably to unravel it. Mr. Gibbs was found lying on Delaware avenue in a driveway leading to the grounds adjoining the house of Agnes Squire, at No. 864 Delaware avenue. A ghastly bullet hole in the left temple told the story when discovered five minutes after the reports were heard by people in near-by houses of the revolver shots. Mr. Gibbs was breathing heavily. Physicians were summoned but nothing could be done for him. He was taken to the general hospital and died as he was being placed on the operating table. No one has been found who absolutely saw the firing. The police believe it to be a case of highway robbery.

### Historic Pictures.

BOSTON, April 30.—Rev. Father Field of St. Augustine's church has brought to public notice two paintings which, it is said, are believed to be the work of St. Luke, the evangelist. One is a picture of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the other is of Christ. The latter portrait is the face of an Aramaic Jew, with hair and eyes that belong to the purest type of the Jewish race. That of Mary represents a portrait, Semitic in character, with the veil covering the face and pearl ornaments. The pictures were brought to America by a Frenchman who accompanied Lafayette on his visit here, and are wonderfully preserved. They have been in the possession of the late Edward Wentworth, to whom they were given. The fact of the existence of these paintings has been known for a long time by the artists of Boston, but there are great doubts about their authenticity.

### Injunction Against Nuns.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, April 30.—A preliminary injunction was granted by Judge Barker here restraining six Catholic nuns from teaching in the public schools at Gallitzien, Cambria county. The injunction was applied for by citizens of that borough who allege that the nuns are engaged in proselytizing their pupils. They distribute catechisms among the children and teach it during school hours. A school rule is for the pupils to call their teacher "sister," and the black garb and religious emblems are worn by the nuns in the school room. Judge Barker will hear a motion to dissolve the injunction on Thursday, May 3.

### Athletics at Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 30.—Harry Cornish of the Chicago athletic association has mapped out a lively season for athletes at Chicago. He proposes holding athletic matines on the South Side baseball grounds on Saturdays, and on every holiday until late in the fall. The Chicago athletic association and the associated cycling clubs have joined in hiring the grounds. Mr. Cornish is also at work upon a meeting to be held in Chicago on June 3, which is to be a revised edition of the games that are held annually at Mott Haven.

### Football at Cornell.

ITHACA, N. Y., April 30.—Cornell college has begun light football practice this spring and a large number of men have appeared as candidates. Several cups have been offered in kicking contests. Each football candidate is required to play a game, as this is the test to judge the

# GOSSIP FROM BERLIN

## Von Waechter Finds Himself in Disfavor.

May Be Prosecuted for His Duel With Editor Polstorff—Germany to Build an Eiffel Tower—An Old Rumor About Bismarck's Return to Office Revived.

BERLIN, April 30.—Herr von Kiderlen Waechter, chief of the press department of the foreign office, and for several weeks putative successor to the Prussian embassy in Hamburg, has virtually ruined his political prospects. His duel with Dr. Polstorff, editor of the Kladderatsch, is justified only by a certain military clique on the ground that the attacks of that journal were unendurable for any man of honor. The emperor, however, does not take this view, and although Kiderlen-Waechter was long his favorite and close friend, he is now even little inclined to save him from prosecution for violation of the laws against duelling. Such a prosecution would land Kiderlen-Waechter in a fortress for a term of a year or two. The whole Kladderatsch affair has been an ugly mess for the foreign office and its inmates. While the Kladderatsch has never proved conclusively that Kiderlen-Waechter and Herr von Holstein really nurtured the ill feeling between Bismarck and the emperor, there is no doubt in anybody's mind that they exerted undue and harmful influence over his majesty.

Prince Bismarck was exceptionally gallant at the reception of the women from the Duchy of Berg on Thursday. He shook hands with every member of the deputation, gave her a rose and his autograph and invited her to visit Friedrichsruhe again. He spoke at length with one of the deputation concerning his life in the Saxon Forest. He never felt so lonely when wandering among his trees, he said, as he had felt throughout the 30 years which he had passed in big cities, at court and in parliament. The forest solitudes must have a soothing influence upon Germans, he thought, as the German rangers were the happiest and most contented persons in the world, while the German politicians were without exception dissatisfied and miserable. He had always wished to pass the last ten years of his life in rural quietude.

Bismarck has grievously offended the liberals by his exceptional courteousness to the conservatives. He telegraphed on Friday to Count zu Limburg-Stirum, thanking him for the birthday congratulations sent by the conservative groups in the reichstag and adding: "Please bring my thanks to the notice of our political friends." It was only last week that national liberal deputies were in Friedrichsruhe and in view of their party's prolonged co-operation with the old chancellor, they object to being classed with his political opponents. Emperor William has ordered that the bullet-proof cuirass of Tailor Dowe be tested before him at the new palace on Thursday. Rifle Sergeant Kolmar experimented at the Winter garden with the cuirass Saturday. After the cloth had been fitted over an iron block, he fired fifteen shots at a range of thirty feet. One bullet stuck in the coat and the others fell to the floor. The inside of the cloth was hardly dented. Among the onlookers was A. S. Jackson.

Col. Somefeldt will soon begin the construction of an Eiffel tower in Frederichsberg, a suburb of Copenhagen. The tower will be 600 feet high, and the Danish minister of war has reserved the right to use the top as a military observatory. A crowd of friends and admirers welcomed Emil Thomas upon his arrival from New York Saturday evening. In the utter dearth of political news several newspaper correspondents have started the threadbare canard of Bismarck's return to office. One correspondent has gone so far as to put in the prince's mouth the assertion that he will be chancellor again ere long. Although this is known to be mere moonshine, it has been discussed by serious political journals and is still a subject of feeble interest.

# AGAINST BRECKINRIDGE.

## Campaign Circulars Issued in the Interest of No Candidate.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 30.—The anti-Breckinridge people in the seventh congressional district have issued a pamphlet containing 12,000 words, written by Prof. J. B. Jones of Hamilton female college here. The book is entitled "An appeal to the people of the Ashland district for purity in the home and morality in public life, and a protest against the election of W. C. P. Breckinridge." At the bottom of the title page appears: "Righteousness exalts an alien, but sin is a reproach to any people." Twenty thousand copies of the pamphlet have been issued and their circulation begun. In the introduction it is stated: "This pamphlet is printed and distributed in the interest of no candidate in the field nor hereafter to be announced."

### English Must Be the Language.

LACROSSE, Wis., April 30.—Rev. Dean William White, of the Catholic diocese, furnishes the following information: Mgr. Satali has ordered that English be the language of all Catholic cathedral churches in America. The order applies particularly to Lacrosse, nearly all other cathedral churches having one English service.

### Big Crowd of Chinamen Want In.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Six hundred and eighteen Chinese, 416 of whom are expected to be landed at this port, have just arrived from China on the steamship Oceanic. Nearly all of them wear red caps, but it is strongly suspected that some of them are common cooks and laundrymen.

# MARKET PRICES.

## New York Quotations for Produce of Various Kinds.

BUTTER—State dairy, extra, per lb.	23
Penna. Creamery, fancy, per lb.	24
Western Creamery, extra, per lb.	24
Western Creamery, new choice, per lb.	23
Factory, fresh, choice, per lb.	18 1/2
BEANS & PEAS.—Beans, mar., ch.	2 40
Beans, peas, choice	1 50
Beans, medium, choice	1 50
Beans, red kidney, choice	2 35
Beans, Lima, California, per 80 lb.	1 55
Green peas, foreign, per bushel	1 20
CHEESE—State factory, large fancy	12
State factory, small fancy, lb.	12 1/2
State factory, part skims, lb.	8
State factory, full skims, per lb.	2
DRIED FRUITS, &c.—Apples, fancy	11
Apples, sun dried, per lb.	15
Apples, California, per lb.	14
Raspberries, evaporated, per lb.	16
Peaches, evap., peeled, per lb.	15
Cherries, per lb.	10
Hickory nuts, 50 lbs.	65
Peanuts, shelled, Spanish, lb.	2 1/2
Pecans, ungraded, per lb.	3 1/2
Eggs.—Western, fresh, per doz.	12
Near-by, fresh, per doz.	13
State and Pa. firsts, per doz.	12 1/4
Duck Eggs, Md., per doz.	22
Goose Eggs, Southern, per doz.	25
FRUITS.—Apples, Greening, bbl.	4 25
Apples, Baldwin, per bbl.	4 75
Apples, Russet, per bbl.	3 50
Cranberries, N. J., per crate	2 25
Oranges, Florida, bright, per box	3 50
Oranges, Florida, russet, per box	2 75
Strawberries, Fla., per qt.	25
HAY & STRAW.—Hay, No. 1, 100 lb.	85
Hay, Clover, mixed	65
Hay, salt	45
Hay, shipping	60
Long Rye Straw	60
Short Rye Straw	50
Oat Straw	40
Wheat Straw	40
POULTRY, ETC.—West'n Geese, pair	125
Fowls, West'n State & Pa., per lb.	10
Roosters, old, per lb.	6
Dressed Phila. chickens, per lb.	20
Capons, Phila., large, per lb.	20
Dressed Western fowls	10
Dressed Turkeys, prime	10
Turkeys, Western, per lb.	11
Golden Plover, per doz.	1 75
Live Pigeons, per pair	45
VEGETABLES.—Cabbage, Fla., new, per bbl.	85
Potatoes, Southern N. J., per bbl.	1 45
Potatoes, Bermuda, per bbl.	5 50
Potatoes, Fla., new, per bbl.	6 75
Sweet Potatoes, N. J., per bbl.	2 25
Onions, red, per bbl.	2 50
Onions, yellow	3 00
String beans, Southern, per crate	2 25
Tomatoes, Florida, per crate	2 75
Lettuce, Florida, per hf-bbl.	75
Asparagus, Charleston, doz. bun.	5 50
Egg Plant, Fla., per bbl.	7 00
Edible Beans, South'n, 100 bunches	85
Beets, Charleston, per bbl.	1 75
Green Peas, Fla., crate	1 50
Kale, Baltimore, per lb.	50
Squash, Florida, crate	1 85
Celery, Charleston, doz. b'ches.	75
Cucumbers, Florida, crate	3 50
CONDRIES.—Maple Sugar, prime	8
Honey, white clover, per lb.	14
Honey, buckwheat, per lb.	11
Maple Syrup, per gallon can.	55
Balsam, Western, pure, per lb.	28

# COKE STRIKERS DETERMINED.

## Preparing to Resist Desperately Any Attempt to Fire the Ovens.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., April 30.—The report that a number of coke operators will attempt to resume has spurred the strikers to activity in perfecting their organization. The Vanderbilt section has been thoroughly organized by the men sent into the region by the national board and the men will all join the strike. Rainy & Cochran, who own the plants in the Vanderbilt region, say they will work and asked Sheriff Wilhelm for protection. A large force of deputies was sent there. The strikers are preparing to resist any attempt to start up the idle plants. Meetings are in progress all along the Mount Pleasant branch and in the Dunbar and Leisenring districts to prepare the strikers for an attack in case the ovens are fired up. The report is that the McClure, Rainey and Cambria Iron companies, Cochran & Sons and some of the Frick plants will attempt to fire up at once.

### Life-Saving Season Closes.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., April 30.—At midnight to-night all of the forty-two life-saving stations on the New Jersey coast from Sandy Hook to Cape May will close for the season. The crews at the stations comprise 336 men. The people of the state are now endeavoring to have the stations kept open until June. The Rev. Dr. Young will deliver his annual sermon to the life savers next Sunday, when he will preach his farewell sermon, he having accepted a call to the Central Presbyterian church of Newark.

### Creedon Knocks out Moore.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 28.—Twelve hundred patrons of the "manly sport" filled the amphitheatre of the Twin City Athletic club last night and witnessed Dan Creedon, the Australian, knock out Dick Moore, of Boston, formerly of St. Paul, in nine rounds. The men were rival claimants for the middleweight championship of America, and the second time they faced each other in the arena, the previous meeting at Boston having been declared a draw in the tenth round.

### Gen. Grant's Birthday Celebrated.

GALENA, Ill., April 28.—This city, the home of Gen. Grant during that part of his life when he was a citizen of peace, celebrated yesterday the anniversary of his birth with music, oratory, feasting, flags, flowers and general rejoicing on the part of the former fellow citizens of the war commander. It was the second celebration under the auspices of the Grant Birthday association, formed in this city for the purpose of making it a fixed event and keeping the hero's memory green.

### Odd Fellow Celebration.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 28.—The 76th anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship in America was celebrated here last night by a grand parade, a meeting at the opera house and a grand banquet at the new state armory, in which 900 persons took part.

### Reading Shutting Down.

READING, Pa., April 30.—Owing to the breaking of one of the departments of the Reading and Potomac R.R. the train service has been suspended for the past three days.

# GREECE AGAIN SHAKEN

## Not a House Left Standing in the Town of Thebes.

The Work of Destruction Begun By the Previous Shocks at Atalanti Now Completed—Panio in a Cathedral at Athens—Stone Walls Split and Roofs Rent in Several Towns.

ATHENS, April 28.—A heavy shock of earthquake was felt here at 9:20 last night. It lasted 15 seconds. The weekly epiphany procession was in progress at the time and the cathedral was crowded. The windows of the cathedral rattled ominously and several objects fell to the floor. Women screamed and somebody shouted that the building was falling. A terrible panic was averted only by Premier Tricoupi's presence of mind, in inducing the people to leave the building quietly. Dispatches received so far indicate that the earthquake was felt throughout Greece. The town of Atalanti, 3,000 inhabitants, which had been but slightly injured by previous shocks was nearly levelled to the ground. Two-thirds of the buildings were reduced to heaps of ruins and the rest were badly damaged. The destruction of Thebes was completed. Not a house in the town was left standing. Lamia suffered less, although scores of houses were damaged so badly as to be uninhabitable. Part of the prison collapsed and about 50 convicts were caught in the wreck. The number of dead and injured is not known. Larissa, Volo, Chalcis and Patras were shaken more severely than Athens. Stone walls were split and roofs were rent in hundreds of buildings in the four towns. Terror reigns on the island of Syra and Zante. Repeated shocks have been felt there in the last two days. Small villages have been half ruined and hundreds of families have been driven to live in the fields, unsheltered and underfed.

# THE GREAT NORTHERN STRIKE.

## Tie-up More Complete Than Ever—Union Pacific Involved.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 28.—The American Railway union has ordered a strike on the Northern Pacific, but the order is held back for the present for some unknown reason. The strike on the Great Northern is playing havoc with other roads. The Soo eastern train cannot get out of St. Paul today. ST. PAUL, April 28.—Precisely at noon the Great Northern strike went into effect at St. Paul and at all points on the line from this city to the coast. The Eastern Minnesota is also involved. Within five minutes after the committee had arrived at the decision to call all the men out, the order had been sent out by President Debs, and the fight is now on in dead earnest. The company claims that it has sufficient men now in its service who will remain at work, while the American Railway union asserts just the contrary. At the St. Paul shops the couplings were sealed with United States seals. On board were 41 passengers, some of them children. Nearly all were destined for the far west. There was only one marshal on board, but it was given out that the train would be met at the stations by deputies. The baggage car was loaded with spikes, ties, sledges, etc., in readiness for a wreck. A big crowd gathered at the depot to see the train off. In spite of the calm demeanor of the railroad men it was evident that they were under a heavy strain and all were heavily armed. At 9:45 the train reached Osseo all right. The officials expected trouble west of Minot and had prepared for it.

# For Her Husband's Lost Affections.

## Reading, Pa., April 28.—Mrs. Maria Lauer, wife of George F. Lauer, the well known brewer, has brought action against Rebecca Potteiger of this city to recover damages for the alienation of the affections of her husband. No declaration of the particulars of the plaintiff's case has yet been filed. Miss Potteiger while abroad some years ago married Sir Henry Reed, an English baronet, who died while traveling in this country and from whom she inherited a large fortune. Subsequently she assumed her maiden name. Miss Potteiger, otherwise known by friends as "Lady Reed," in girlhood was a woman of wonderful beauty.

# Rough Cruise in Arctic Waters.

## St. Johns, N. F., April 28.—The steamer Neptune, bound for the coast of Labrador, was in a badly damaged condition. Her forefoot was torn out, part of her keel gone, her stern torn asunder and general damage done to the hull. The weather during the voyage was the worst her crew ever experienced. She was caught in the ice several times, and her crew had all their belongings packed, ready to abandon her on several occasions.

# Rome Locomotive Works to Rebuild.

## Rome, N. Y., April 28.—The Rome Locomotive and Machine works, which were nearly destroyed by fire in December last, are to be rebuilt at once and general machine work is to be done in them, including locomotives and repairs of the same. The business will be largely increased.

# Locked Up for Murder.

## Kingston, N. Y., April 28.—James