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RICE FIVE CENTS

FIRE AND FLOOD.

GREAT DESTRUCTION IN NORFOLK AND SAVANNAH.

The Loss in the Former City Estimated to be \$300,000, and in the Latter \$1,250,000. The U. S. S. Pensacola Sunk—A \$500,000 Fire at Pittsburg.

NORFOLK, Va., April 7.—The storm of thunder, lightning and hail, which broke over the city yesterday morning, changed at 10 o'clock last night, turning into a cyclone, the wind blowing at the rate of fifty-four miles an hour until 5 o'clock this morning. The wind came from the northeast and blew into the harbor and its tributaries, the tide, which at high water this morning, at 1:30 o'clock, was eighteen inches higher than ever recorded before.

The lower part of the city was flooded and a fire broke out on water street, caused by slacking lime on the wharf of John O. Gamage & Son. The entire block, with the exception of Savage, Son & Co., commission merchants, was in flames. All the cotton exchange building, containing about 500 bales of cotton, and the warehouse of J. W. Perry & Co., containing about 600 bales of cotton, were totally destroyed. Santos & Bro., coal dealers, lost everything except their office building. Batchelor & Collins, coal lumber and lime, are damaged to the amount of \$4,000.

John O. Gamage's loss including the building was \$70,000. The loss on buildings and stock destroyed in this block is estimated at \$150,000, partly insured. It is probable that the losses sustained from the water forced into their warehouses by the unprecedented tide, will nearly equal this amount. Hundreds of barrels of sugar and flour and other goods are ruined. Simpson's dry dock was flooded, and the damage may reach \$40,000.

The wires along the coast are all down. No reports can be had from shipping. It is feared that serious damage has been done, as there was no warning of the storm given.

During the storm the roofs of the Opera House, Masonic Temple and many dwellings were torn off, and the Virginia Railroad depot is badly injured, and the track for hundreds of yards is seriously damaged.

In Portsmouth a fire destroyed the lime and lumber yard of Frugi & Hill.

The United States ship Pensacola sank in the dry dock last night, where she was being repaired for sea. Her sea valves had been opened for inspection and another one was being cut. The tide flooded the dock and she filled with water, and getting off her keel sank before she could be gotten into position again. A diver will have to be sent down and her valves stopped up and the ship pumped out.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 6.—At five minutes to 7 o'clock to night fire broke out in the show window of D. H. Hogan's dry goods store, corner of Broughton and Barnard streets, while a man was lighting a gas jet. A moment later the fire had run to almost every part of the building, and those in it had hardly time to escape with their lives. A high wind fanned the flames, and there was no possibility of checking them. The building is one of the finest business blocks in the city, and its destruction represents a loss, with its contents, of at least \$100,000.

The fire then jumped to the four story brick building known as Odd Fellows Hall. It was totally destroyed. It represents a loss of \$125,000. Among its occupants was the Young Men's Christian Association and several storekeepers on the ground floor. The second and third stories of the basement brick dwelling immediately west of this hall were also destroyed; loss \$85,000 to \$100,000.

The fire next spread from the corner of Barnard and State streets, through twelve or fifteen brick dwelling houses, completely destroying them. They represent a loss of not less than \$75,000, including contents. The air was filled with sparks, one of which lodged on the steeple of the Independent Presbyterian Church, corner of Bull and South Broad streets, four or five blocks from the starting point of the fire. The church was totally destroyed, as was also its handsome brick Sunday School building and four or five contiguous dwellings.

The city has only four fire engines and all were needed in the business part of the city. No attempt was made to fight the fire at the church. The loss on church, chapel and contents will be \$200,000. The loss on dwellings in the vicinity is at least \$35,000.

In the meantime the fire had communicated to the cupola on the large four story brick building used as a store for paints, oils and builders' materials by Andrew Harley. The loss on this building and its contents will be probably \$80,000. Across the street from this was the handsome new brick arsenal of the Savannah Guards battalion, which was totally destroyed. It represents a loss of fully \$85,000. Ten or fifteen wooden dwellings have also been burned on which the loss is probably \$15,000.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 7.—In addition to property mentioned as burned out by last night's fire in dispatches to associated press papers of this morning, four stores running west from Barnard street, and facing north on Broughton street, were destroyed. Three of these buildings were the property of J. D. Weed and were fully insured. The corner store was occupied by J. T. Cobden in general merchandise, whose loss is \$15,000 to \$20,000, with light insurance. G. W. Allen, crockery dealer, in the next store, lost \$17,000, but is three fourths covered by insurance.

Cornwell & Chipman's stock of stoves and household furnishing goods in the next store was completely destroyed. Lindsay & Moraan, furniture dealers, in next store had a stock valued at \$55,000 and carried an insurance of almost three fourths that amount. The building occupied by the last named firm was owned by the estate of Edward Hovell. The total number of buildings burned is estimated at fifty.

The prospect is that the larger and finer ones will be replaced by new ones equally as good as those destroyed. The sites of many inferior structures now gone will be covered by buildings that will be a great improvement over the old ones. The loss of the Independent Presbyterian Church and Chapel, the Guard's Armory, Odd Fellows' building, Hanly's building and Hogan Douglas' block, however, are generally to be regretted. No loss of life and serious injury to person occurred.

Only partial reports of the insurance are obtainable, but the principle companies are as follows: Williamsburg City, \$26,000; Fire Association of Philadelphia, \$6,000; Southern Mutual, \$85,000; Savannah Fire and Marine Insurance, \$20,000; Home Insurance, \$6,400; Queen, \$37,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$6,500; Phoenix of London, \$3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$9,500; Guardian, \$13,500; Sun \$10,000; Niagara, \$6,000; Atlanta Home, \$18,200; Georgia Home, \$14,300; Rochester German, \$45,500; Orient, \$4,500; Western, \$4,000.

London, \$11,000; Macon, \$500; Continental, \$10,000; Queen, \$37,100; Hamburg and Bremen, 3,500; Etwa, \$10,000; North British, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$5,500; Lancashire, \$10,000; Connecticut, 20,000; America, \$5,700; German American, \$2,900; Germania, \$5,800; North American, \$6,000; Royal, \$5,000; Scottish Union and National Lion and Westchester together \$35,000. The total loss will aggregate \$1,250,000.

PITTSBURG, April 7.—The extensive axe, shovel and saw factories of Hubbard & Co., located at the foot of Forty-eighth street, was totally burned this morning. Loss fully \$500,000.

The fire was discovered in the shovel factory about 10:30 this morning, and spread so rapidly that soon after the fire department arrived four immense buildings were in flames. The two main buildings were each 320.60 feet long, and the other two buildings formed as an L, each being being about 250 feet long.

The building were all frame and being more or less saturated with grease, burned with such rapidity that the most heroic efforts put forth by the firemen failed to check the fire in the least, and in two hours and a half the entire plant, with its valuable machinery was a mass of ruins. Only a small section of what had been used as the office was left standing, and this was so badly scorched and damaged that it was in danger of falling at any time.

The wind was blowing a stiff breeze and it was feared the adjoining foundry of McConway, Tooley & Co. would go also, but after a noble fight the firemen saved it and prevented the flames from spreading further. The loss is nearly covered by insurance. Mr. Murphy, general manager, states that there was an immense stock of goods on hand, which had been piled up during the winter because of lack of orders, and that 950 dozen of axes were boxed for shipment to-morrow.

The firm employed 350 men, who will be thrown out of employment pending the rebuilding of the plant, which will be done at once. The large plant of the firm at Beaver Falls will also be forced to close down, as the stock for the axe factory there is furnished from the works in this city. The origin of the fire is a mystery. No fires were burning about the works to-day.

An Insane Woman Detained at Castle Garden.

NEW YORK, April 8.—This morning for the first time under the new regulation of the Board of Emigration Commissioners, compelling steamship boarding officers to inspect and examine first class passengers, a saloon traveler was detained and placed in confinement in Castle Garden. The prisoner was Madame Albert L. Homme Boughinvalle, an educated and refined woman of nearly 70 years. She occupied one of the most costly suites of state rooms on the French steamer La Gasconne. She had sixteen large trunks filled with property on board. The boarding officer found that she was insane, and caused her removal to Castle Garden. The physicians there said that her malady was incurable. Her maiden name, Susan Kennedy, was marked on her baggage. She said she was a widow, her husband, Albert L. Homme Boughinvalle, having died in Paris ten years ago.

She comes from an excellent Cornish family. Her brother Hugh Kennedy was for many years British Consul at Louisville, Ky., where her three nieces, whom she was on her way to visit, now reside. Another brother was a graduate of the Royal College of Surgeons at Dublin. She is a fluent conversationalist and speaks French, Spanish and German. Her relatives in Louisville have been telegraphed to, and they sent word that one of them would come at once to this city.

They Plead Not Guilty.

NEW YORK, April 8.—John O'Connell, ex president, Thomas Riordan, president, and Patrick S. Close, walking delegates of the Ale and Porter Brewery Employees Association, who are charged with felony in wrecking Stevenson's brewery with dynamite on February 8th last, were arraigned in court to-day and pleaded not guilty. They furnished bail in \$5,000 each to await trial.

IN THE HOLY LAND.

THE AMERICAN PILGRIMS PROBABLY IN JERUSALEM

Boulangier Said to Have Been Ordered to Leave Belgium—The Russian Governor of Turkestan Leaves Merkt—Jack the Ripper—at His Work Again.

BAYFA, April 8.—The party of American Catholic pilgrims reached here yesterday from Ismailia. The sea was fortunately smooth and the landing was made without delay. The pilgrims proceeded at once toward Jerusalem. They will reach there to-night and will remain until April 23, when they will return to this point en route for home.

PARIS, April 8.—The Senate will hold its first session as a tribunal for the trial of General Boulanger on Friday next.

HAMBURG, April 8.—The body of a boy named Steinfalt was found at an early hour this morning on a road near this city. The boy's throat had been cut and his abdomen ripped open and his entrails removed. The body was otherwise shockingly mutilated. It had evidently been laid on the road during the night.

MONTREAL, April 8.—Andrew Mantelle, for attempting an outrage on a ten year old girl, was given fifteen lashes on the bare back in the jail yard this morning. He has yet to serve eighteen months imprisonment for the same offense.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 8.—Gen. Rosenbark, Governor of Turkestan, has left Kerkik, near the frontier of Afghanistan, and is returning to Tashkent. He reports that tranquillity prevails along the Afghan frontier. The Amer of Afghanistan is returning to Cabul.

PARIS, April 8.—The Mal Doredo says that the Belgian authorities have notified Boulanger to leave Belgium and that he will go to-morrow to Brighton.

Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Owing to Major Arms' absence from the city, the Court Martial before which he is to be tried will not meet until Thursday. Meanwhile a messenger will be sent to him in Virginia, bearing an order to appear before the court for trial.

By direction of the President, the Secretary of War has ordered that the new military post near Denver shall be known as Fort Logan, to honor the memory of the late General John A. Logan.

The President enjoyed a quiet time this morning, and with the exception of Senators Morrill, Sherman and Voorhees, denied himself to all callers on business. The three Senators named called by appointment. At 1 o'clock the President went down to the East Room and received several hundred persons who desired to pay their respects.

The Secretary of the Treasury has approved the bond of Mr. Huston as Treasurer of the United States, but he will not qualify and assume the duties of the office until after Treasurer Hyatt is relieved of his duties at the New York Sub-treasury, and probably not until after the count of the moneys and securities at that office has been completed. Assistant Secretary Roberts expects to take charge of the New York Sub-treasury next Monday, and the count will be probably completed in about three weeks. The Washington office will then be transferred. The examination of the treasury vaults will occupy several months owing to the immense quantity of silver dollars to be counted.

The Secretary of the State is informed that Ecuador will be represented in the Conference of American States to meet at Washington October 4th next.

She Trusted Well But Not Wisely.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.—A despatch from Avoka, Minnesota, says: Nothing further is known of the whereabouts of the absconding cashier Pratt. As near as can be learned now the amount of his stealing is \$35,000 from Mrs. Nell, \$45,000 from St. Paul and Minneapolis correspondent of the bank, and \$25,000 raised by the sale of his own and other people's stock. The New York and Chicago correspondents of the bank are yet to be heard from.

Mrs. Nell, who is nearly eighty years old, has always trusted Pratt as a son, and left the management of her affairs almost entirely in his hands. She can hardly believe that he has robbed her, and attributes all his trouble to the "woman in the case."

Death of a Former Naval Surgeon.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Dr. J. H. Kidder, of the Smithsonian Institute, died this morning at his residence in this city from an attack of pneumonia. Dr. Kidder served as a surgeon in the navy until he resigned about twelve years ago, since which time he had been connected with the scientific branch of the Government service under Professor Baird. He was connected with the fish commission and latterly was director of the International Exchange in the Smithsonian Institution. He leaves a wife, daughter of the late Postmaster General Maynard, of Tennessee, and three children.

Accepts the Regency.

LUXEMBURG, April 8.—The message of the Duke of Nassau, accepting the regency of the Duchy of Luxembourg, was read in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The Chamber unanimously resolved to assent to the regency.

SNOW AND STORM.

UNPRECEDENTED WEATHER IN THE CITY OF OAKS.

Alarm of Fire Caused by a Broken Wire—No Damage Done by the Storm—Destructive Fire in Smithfield—Another Afternoon Paper for Raleigh.

MESSANGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., April 8, 1889.

The weather Saturday was un-matched in this latitude. After the thunder storm of Friday night the morning was rather soft. By noon a gale was blowing, and in an hour and a half the temperature dropped fifteen degrees. Soon after 4 o'clock in the afternoon snow flakes began to fly, nor did they stop flying until 9 o'clock. They melted as fast as they fell, as a rule. The wind blew a gale and at night was really frightful to timid people. Yesterday was fair but cold and not a bit spring-like. The blossoms on the peach trees seemed to fairly shrink and shiver in the blast. Last evening the weather was so cold that frost and ice were predicted for this morning. But the wind rose after midnight. In some places near here frost is reported. Col. Heck said he had been at his vineyard this morning, but had not observed any frost. He noticed that delicate plants, etc., were nipped, but thought this was caused by the very cold wind.

Right in the midst of the howling storm Saturday night the fire alarm rang out "23." It was a terrible time for a fire and the firemen made quick time. There was no fire. No alarm was turned in. No wire could be seen to be broken. Here was a puzzle, which it required half the day yesterday to solve. It was found that a fire alarm wire was at one point attached to the trunk of a tree. The high wind had broken the wire in such a peculiar way that it would open and close the circuit and thus tap the alarm each time. The stroke was a perfect imitation of "23."

Just after this damage had been repaired, yesterday afternoon, another alarm was turned in. It was given on account of a fire on the roof of a negro tenement, which was put out without damage. The firemen have been on the ragged edge three days now, for to-day is very windy and at the same time cold. It was remarked to-day that the fear of frost was greater for to-morrow morning.

The storm of Saturday did no damage here, strange to say. At Cary it blew the roof off the old Page factory. The worst news which came here to-day was of the almost complete destruction of the town of Smithfield, the county seat of Johnston, by a fire yesterday afternoon. It was stated that the court house and jail and a few stores were spared. Of course there was no fire department and no water supply of value.

Why is it that any town of over 500 people is unfurnished with a hand engine and some sort of a water supply? Yet this protection from fire is about one of the last things looked after.

It was learned to-day that the heads of several of the postal route agents had fallen and that Republicans had taken their places.

Joshua G. Wright, of Wilmington, was to-day appointed a notary public. Raleigh is to have another afternoon paper. It will be published by Mr. D. H. Browder, who is in the office of the Progressive Farmer. He has ordered the material and says he has a good opening. The newspaper business in this city appears to be quite uncertain thing. Many a wreck has occurred, and it is said that only three of the papers here are really making money; that is in a handsome style.

The executive committee of the State Press Association has decided that, officially, the Association will not visit Avoca. No doubt many newspaper people will attend the celebration.

The Prohibitionists are at work again, attempting to get up more petitions for a local option election here. They are discouraged, but will not yet give up. It was generally thought that the order for the holding of such an election to be legal must be made at the April meeting of the board of County Commissioners, which was held last week, and which rejected the petitions then presented it, because there were not enough names of voters.

The Durham Knights of Pythias came here this afternoon on a visit to the Raleigh Knights, and were handsomely entertained.

The forest fires between here and Hamlet are the largest ever known.

There was a fire at Laurinburg last night, which burned the residence of a man named Edwards.

The smoke of the Smithfield fire was visible yesterday afternoon from here. Telegrams this afternoon put the loss by this fire at \$150,000. This is probably an overestimate.

Suicide of a Respected Citizen.

EATON, Pa., April 8.—Jacob Sandt, Eminent Commander of the High Degree Commandery of Knights Templar, committed suicide at his home here this morning, by hanging. The act is believed to have been due to melancholy over the return of an old sickness. He was in the grocery business, and one of Eaton's most respected citizens.

Secretary Tracy Visits the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Gen. Benj. F. Tracy, the newly appointed Secretary of the Navy, paid his first official visit to the navy yard to-day. The place presented a holiday appearance and the flags were flying. Commodore Ramsey welcomed the Secretary and he was saluted on all hands.

SMITHFIELD IN ASHES.

A Devastating Conflagration on Sunday

GOLDSBORO, April 8.—[SPECIAL]—On Sunday night word came that a terrific fire was raging at Smithfield, but there was no means of communication open, and nothing definite was learned until the arrival of the train this morning.

Even now the information is meagre, and very unspecific, for an event of such magnitude and from a point so near, but there is no direct line of telegraph, and the people there are all engrossed over their dread happening, and are in no condition for calm communication of facts and circumstances. The fire started on Sunday last in the very midst of the raging wind-storm. In rear of the carriage factory of S. R. and J. A. Morgan, spreading as wildfire to the livery stable of D. W. Fuller, the Postoffice, the store of Sasser, Woodall & Co., druggists, H. D'anneburg, dry goods; Williamson & Blake, general merchandise, etc. Hood's drug store, Peacock Bros., general merchandise, D. H. Graves, grocer, W. M. Sanders, grocer, and John Gurley hotel and saloon, are the only business houses left.

The fire broke out at 4 o'clock and raged till it exhausted itself, the wind being so high that all effort on the part of the citizens of the stricken town to stop the flames were without avail.

The destruction was rapid by reason of the wind storm that prevailed to fan and spread the flames, and the loss is estimated to be at the lowest calculation \$100,000. Fifty eight buildings went up in smoke right in the business centre of the town, and the scene is said to be one of great desolation, sad to look upon, and upon many hop-les ruin is entailed, while all the sufferers are heavy losers.

The burned area covers the territory from Morgan's store, by the postoffice to the courthouse corner; all the courthouse block; all the street opposite the courthouse from Sasser & Woodall's drug store, and Danjen berg's to and including Dr. G. J. Robinson's bar and stables, with his handsome flower garden and beautiful surroundings together with his apary. The loss to Dr. Robinson is very heavy, including one of his fine horses and a buggy, which were in his stables, he being in the country on a sick call at the time and saving only the team he was driving.

Mr. Tom Hood's drug store, in which is Dr. Robinson's office and suite of rooms, up stairs, took fire several times, but by strenuous efforts it was saved, though the stock is much damaged by water and draggage.

Mr. D. W. Fuller is one of the heaviest sufferers, his loss being estimated at \$10,000.

Fled From Elmira—Captured at Susquehanna.

ELMIRA, N. Y., April 8.—Ella C. White is a music teacher in this city, who has succeeded in borrowing amounts estimated at from \$3,000 to \$15,000 from various Elmira citizens. She borrowed money in several cases from friends, by representing that she could invest it profitably; in other cases by offering notes signed, some by fictitious names, and others signed by her self, and endorsed by her father, who, she said was wealthy. Her father is an employe of the shops of the Erie road at Susquehanna, Pa., and has transferred his property amounting to \$2,600. She was arrested on four warrants charging her with forgery in the second degree.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., April 8.—Miss Ella White, an Elmira music teacher, was arrested here this morning by Chief Little, of Elmira, for defrauding various people in that city, of sums aggregating \$15,000, on fictitious mining and silk mill stocks, and other pretenses. She confesses that she lost the money in an Elmira bucket shop. She waived a requisition.

Will Prevent a Deficiency if he Can.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Rusk finds the roll of employes of the Agricultural Department so largely in excess of the resources for the current year that until after June 30, there will be far more dismissals than appointments. In the seed division alone eighty of the employes have been dismissed, and the force will be further reduced, Secretary Rusk says he is determined that there shall be no deficiency in his department for Congress to provide for if he can help it, and he thinks he can.

Preferred Death to a Life of Shame.

CHATTANOOGA, April 8.—A young girl, aged 18 years, to-day committed suicide here under distressing circumstances. She had been rescued from a life of shame by the Women's Christian Union. She was impertuned by a man named Hodges to leave a pleasant home and reenter a bagnio. Hodges seemed to have a wonderful influence over her and saying that she would rather die than live the life he wanted her to lead she fired a pistol shot into her heart. The affair has created a genuine sensation here.

Sparks from the Telegraph.

Attorney General Miller has appointed Wm. E. Haisen, of Kentucky, as special examiner in the Department of Justice, vice Wm. Fisher, resigned. Mr. Haisen is a well known resident of Covington, and is said to possess excellent qualifications for his new office. It takes effect April 16th.

The President has designated Assistant Secretary Tichenor to act as Secretary of the Treasury in the absence of Secretary Windom and Assistant Secretary Bacheelder.

Rev. Benjamin Hall Kennedy, Professor of Greek at Cambridge, England, and a member of the University Council, died yesterday.

BECOMING ANXIOUS.

OKLAHOMA BOOMERS FEARFUL OF LOSING THEIR CLAIMS.

The Santa Fe Railroad Authorities Anticipate that the Bridges over Their Line Will Be Destroyed—Large Crowds Congregating on the Border, Waiting for the Train.

CHICAGO, April 8.—A dispatch from Arkansas city, Kansas, says: "The officials of the Santa Fe Railroad were busy yesterday investigating the story, that the boomers concealed in the woods of Oklahoma had loaded together for the purpose of destroying the railroad bridges on the night of April 21, in order to obstruct the influx of homesteaders until the men concealed in the country could make perfect their claims."

It appears that the boomers in hiding are desperate. They have selected and watched their claims for years, and they now fear that the newcomers, with the assistance of rapid transit, may get the best of them. There was a meeting of those boomers held in the timber near Oklahoma City last Thursday, and they canvassed the situation. After the meeting adjourned the Santa Fe Agent received notice that the bridges would be burned and the trains stopped on April 21, as the old boomers did not propose to jeopardize their chances by allowing a flood of tender feet to drop in the land they had picked out. Detectives have been sent along the line through the country and every precaution will be taken to prevent railway obstruction.

There are twice as many people now on the borders as can be accommodated under the homestead act in Oklahoma. Many of them represent colonies and are here as the advance agents. There will be men here representing colonies from Washington, California, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Alabama. The colonies number from twenty to five hundred persons. Last evening twenty empty passenger coaches pulled into this city on the Santa Fe, attached to the regular freight train, and were run into the yards to await the 22d.

A railroader said that the Santa Fe had four hundred cars already engaged by parties who desired their household goods removed to this point before the 23d. The crowd has increased to such proportions that persons who get their mail at the free delivery windows at the postoffice are compelled to form into a procession, and then it is frequently five or six hours before they all get through for their mail. As a consequence of this large influx of people here real estate commenced changing hands. The sales of Saturday amounted to \$62,000.

The River Land Trouble Not Yet Ended.

CHICAGO, April 8.—A dispatch from Fort Dodge, Iowa, says: The situation in the river land country grows more serious from day to day, and every day of delay on the part of the marshals makes the work they have to perform more tedious. All hopes of a peaceful enforcement of the eviction has been abandoned. Marshal Holbrook, who organized a posse in the city to commence evictions Monday, has sworn in fifteen instead of six, as he had last year, and instead of being armed with shot guns they are being furnished with Winchester rifles. Bradshaw, whose posse of six were forcibly ejected from the lands Thursday, is recruiting men in Dabaque armed with Winchesters instead of revolvers.

Yesterday when the settlers who have purchased their lands of the River Land Company, and who are prosecuting the settlers for conspiracy, awoke, they found warnings posted on their doors. Strangers going into the river land country are stopped by armed men and compelled to state their business before being allowed to proceed on their way. Among those stopped to-day was United States swamp officer Torsey, and it was difficult for him to convince the settlers that he was not on river land business.

Indians Willing to Give up their Reservations.

CHICAGO, April 8.—A dispatch from Bismarck, Dakota, says: "The report that the commission would soon be appointed by the President to confer with the Indians for the opening of the Great Sioux reservation, is received with much interest among the Indians at Standing Rock, who are headed by Sitting Bull, Gall, John Grass and other notorious chiefs. The Indians are pleased with the action of the government in increasing the price to be paid them from 50 cents per acre to \$1.25, and many of them have expressed their willingness to accept the terms of the treaty. Even Sitting Bull and Gall, who were so bitterly opposed to the treaty submitted last year, have given utterance to friendly expressions, and there is little doubt of success among the whites who visit the reservation. A recent arrival from the Standing Rock agency says he is positive that Sitting Bull and Gall will accept the treaty."

Knocked Out in the Second Round.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Billy Piper, the colored light weight of Chicago, and Jimmy Conners, a light weight of New York, fought last night with the ounce gloves for a purse of \$100. Conners was knocked out in the second round, being badly used up.

Saw Mill Burned in Beaufort County.

WASHINGTON, N. C., April 8.—[SPECIAL]—The steam saw mill of the Pamlico Lumber Company, at Blounts Creek, in this county, was burned on the night of the 6th. Cause unknown. The loss is about \$10,000, fully insured.