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## POWDER SHOP EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR IN ILLINOIS

### Big Blast Before Daybreak In Works Controlled By Du Pont's Trust

### NIGHT FORCE QUITTING

### Just as Crash Came---Day Gang of 150 to 200 Not Quite Due

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Chicago, April 13.—Many men were  
injured and a number missing in an ex-  
plosion early this morning at the  
nitro mills of the Dupont Powder  
company, near Millers, Ill.

The shock of the explosion was  
heard 18 miles away. The wrecked  
mill employed from 150 to 200 men in  
the day time, but the full force was  
not at work when the disaster occur-  
ed.

The night shift had just completed  
its task when the death-dealing blast  
tortured the town. Houses were dis-  
mantled and windows broken hundreds  
of yards from the scene. At Chester-  
ton, Ind., Harbor, Gary and Dane  
Park, a dozen or more miles distant,  
citizens thought an earthquake was  
upon them.

Physicians and nurses were hurried  
to the scene. A number of the in-  
jured were removed to the new hos-  
pital in Gary on trains over the Lake  
shore, Baltimore & Ohio and Wabash.  
At 7:30 o'clock four were reported  
dead.

## SAN DIEGO EAGER FOR THE FLEET

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

San Diego, Cal., April 13.—San  
Diego is filled to the overflowing  
point with people and to the burst-  
ing point with enthusiasm and it's all  
on account of the approach of the  
day when the battleship fleet will  
slay into line, anchor fore and aft  
and turn loose 15,000 men for three  
days' enjoyment ashore. The city  
looks like a flower garden—there it  
is color in every direction one looks.  
Flags, thousands and thousands of  
them, are flapping in the breeze, and  
at night, being tested for the great  
event, more thousands of electric  
bulbs in various colors. San Diego  
surely expects to have a great time  
and to show the boys of the fleet a  
real American welcome.

Every hotel, boarding house and  
rooming house and every home is  
filled with visitors, and if the trains  
keep bringing people, some of them  
will have to sleep outdoors.

The fleet arrives tomorrow and,  
while the ceremonious welcome does  
not begin until then, today is a hol-  
iday. Everyone is wearing holiday  
clothes and manners. Everyone is  
swayed by boundless enthusiasm.

## Chelsea Fire Loss Will Go to \$12,000,000-Six Deaths

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Boston, Mass., April 13.—Ten  
thousand persons are homeless, 1-  
000 buildings are smoking in ruins,  
six persons are known to have lost  
their lives, 85 are missing and 80  
were injured as a result of a fire  
which broke out at Chelsea, a north-  
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day is estimated at \$12,000,000.

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across the creek and ignited the  
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sions, and the concentrated efforts  
of the East Boston firemen, who had

## HARRIMAN ERIE BOSS FOR SURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Peoria, Ill., April 13.—Through a  
friend of S. M. Felton, formerly  
president of the Chicago & Alton and  
vice-president of the Mexican Central  
railway, it was learned that an offer  
had been made him by E. H. Harriman  
to become president of the Erie road,  
which recently passed into Harriman's  
hands, by the taking of the note issue  
of \$5,500,000.

The man who made the announce-  
ment expects Mr. Felton will accept,  
as the Erie is a more important road  
and is located in this country, and more  
of Mr. Felton's time could be spent in  
Chicago.

## CONVERTED GAMBLER TURNS IN HIS CARDS

Sunday afternoon was the great-  
est service of all the revival at the  
Pilot Mills Baptist Church. Rev. P.  
G. Elsom spoke to men only and 10  
men confessed Christ. There was  
great feeling in the audience, strong  
men in tears, making confession of  
their sins and asking for prayers.  
Two gamblers were converted. One  
of them gave his pack of cards up  
to Mr. Elsom when he came forward  
to accept Christ.

Mr. Elsom says he never has had  
such an experience in all his preach-  
ing. He will keep this pack of cards  
to use as an illustration of how Jesus  
blesses man when they give up their  
sins.

Over 75 made a profession of faith  
during this revival.

## HUGHES IS STILL AFTER GAMBLING

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, April 13.—Angered at  
the refusal of the legislature to kill  
racetrack gambling, Gov. Hughes is  
said to be preparing a coup for the  
opening of the season at Aqueduct  
Wednesday which will make racing  
men sit up and take notice. Accord-  
ing to a report from Albany, he is  
preparing to use force to end betting  
in the bookmakers' ring, and there  
are hints that he may go to the ex-  
treme of calling out the militia.

The governor is now moulding  
sentiment in favor of his position  
just as he did in the public utilities  
bill matter.

The governor is said fully to re-  
alize by this time that only the most  
drastic, radical measures will suc-  
ceed, but he is certain that as chief  
executive he can employ such mea-  
sures and that, as nobody else will, he  
must.

Gov. Folk, it will be remembered,  
was fussed out in Missouri trying to  
stop racetrack gambling and finally  
threatened to call out the militia, but  
the gambling stopped before the mil-  
itia got started.

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## HEFLIN'S VICTIM MAY DIE TODAY

### McCreary Has Pneumonia and Lockjaw---Doctors Hold Out no Hope

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 13.—Thomas  
McCreary, the New York horseman  
accidentally shot by Representative  
Hefflin, of Alabama, is slowly dying  
of lockjaw at the George Washing-  
ton University hospital. Pneumonia  
has developed and the physicians say  
he cannot survive the day.

Representative Hefflin's brother,  
who is a physician, is among those  
attending the sick man. The bullet  
which struck McCreary was intended  
for a negro Hefflin was ejecting from  
a street car March 23.

The congressman, who is under  
\$3,000 bond, has called repeatedly  
to inquire about McCreary's condi-  
tion.

## BISHOP WALTERS WHACKS TEDDY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, April 13.—Bishop Alex-  
ander Walters, head of the African  
Methodist Episcopal Zion church in  
New York, created something like a  
sensation among the colored worship-  
pers of his denomination yesterday by  
relieving himself of a bitter attack  
on President Roosevelt for the part  
he played in the Brownsville affair  
and by declaring Taft was unfit to  
be the negroes' candidate for the pre-  
sidency because he was, with Roose-  
velt, a party to what the bishop term-  
ed "a deliberate plot to discredit the  
negro race for political purposes."

That the bishop's denunciation of the  
president and secretary of war did  
not fall on ears altogether apprecia-  
tive was evidenced before the last  
clauses of his letter had been read.  
Several of those present allowed them-  
selves the privilege of groans of dis-  
approval and at the end Rev. Dr.  
Parker, chairman of the meeting, called  
attention as delicately as he could to  
the fact that the meeting was not to  
discuss politics but to consider the ed-  
ucation of the race.

## NEWS SUMMARY OF COMING WEEK

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, D. C., April 13.—  
While the republicans held the lime-  
light in national politics this week,  
by reason of the state conventions in  
New York and Massachusetts, the  
democrats will have their share of  
publicity during the next seven days.  
The birthday of Thomas Jefferson,  
which falls on Monday, will likely be  
celebrated more generally than in re-  
cent years and more important ut-  
terances may be expected. By far the  
most important of these celebrations  
will be the banquet of the national  
democratic club in New York. A  
quarrel over the question as to  
whether William Jennings Bryan  
should be invited to speak at the din-  
ner threatened for a time to disrupt  
the club, but it is now likely that the  
Nebraskan, if present, will add to the  
oratory of the occasion. The other  
speakers will be President Woodrow  
Wilson, of Princeton University; Sen-  
ator Owens, of Oklahoma; and Sen-  
ator Simmons, of North Carolina.

Two important democratic state  
conventions will be held Tuesday,  
those of New York and Delaware.  
The latter gathering will likely as-  
sume an importance not warranted  
by the importance of the state in na-  
tional politics, owing to the fact that  
it will mark the launching of a boom  
for Judge Gray for president. For  
several months the Delaware jurist  
has occasionally been mentioned as  
the "logical leader" of the eastern  
democracy in opposition to the can-  
didacy of William J. Bryan, and his  
endorsement by the convention of his  
home state is expected to result in  
crystallizing sentiment in his favor  
among those who desire an eastern  
candidate.

The New York state democratic  
convention will also meet on Tues-  
day. Carnegie hall, New York, hav-  
ing been selected as the scene of the  
gathering. Sentiment among the

## COMPLETE FAMILY KILLED IN TEXAS

### Big Posse Goes Searching for Mexicans Suspected of Murdering Gersells

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Dallas, Tex., April 13.—The people  
of Wautoga, a little village in Tarrant  
county, are greatly agitated today over  
the brutal killing of an entire family.

Early this morning neighbors discov-  
ered that the home of M. F. Gersell  
had been broken into and further ex-  
amination revealed the dead bodies of  
Gersell, his wife and infant daughter.  
Their bodies were a mass of bruises  
and their heads were so horribly beat-  
en that their features were almost un-  
recognizable. Several Mexicans are  
suspected, and a posse which was  
quickly formed is now searching for  
them.

## DELAWARE SOLID FOR JUDGE GRAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Wilmington, Del., Apr. 13.—There  
is no opposition among the democ-  
rats of Delaware to the boom of  
Judge Gray for the presidency. The  
Bryan followers, it was declared to-  
day, has capitulated. So unanimous  
is the feeling in New Castle county  
for the jurist that there are no con-  
tests for delegates to the state con-  
vention at Dover on Tuesday and  
consequently it will not be necessary  
to hold the primaries in New Castle  
county.

The only exception is one ward in  
Wilmington where the election will  
be a formality. In Kent and Sussex  
counties the Gray men are also in  
control. The state convention there-  
fore, which will elect six delegates  
and as many alternates to the Den-  
ver convention, will strongly instruct  
them for Gray.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—Con-  
sideration of the naval appropriation bill  
under the five-minute rule was begun  
in the house today.

## INTERSTATE COMMERCE LIQUOR BILL IN SENATE

### GOES TO CHURCH JUST TO STEAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, April 13.—As she rose  
from her knees, crossed herself de-  
voutly and walked out of St. Eliz-  
abeth's Roman Catholic church, 11st  
street and Wabash avenue May  
O'Hara, alias May Miller, was ar-  
rested by a police sergeant and three  
patrolmen for stealing the purses of  
worshippers.

The woman's rooms on state  
street, which she occupies with Frank  
Cunningham, a former jockey, were  
found to contain between 40 and 50  
purses and handbags, all of which  
are supposed to have been stolen by  
May O'Hara while pretending to be  
in prayer, but in reality searching  
the seats in front of her for plunder.

Nelson-Gans Negotiations.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

San Francisco, Cal., April 13.—  
"Batting" Nelson, after signing up  
with Promoter Glenshaw of the Occi-  
dental club Saturday for the second  
time within a week to meet Joe  
Gans in a 20-round fight for the  
latter part of May, has again broken  
his agreement. Nelson in giving his  
excuse for repetition of balking tac-  
tically announces he will have a better  
chance in a 45-round or finish fight  
with the old master. Gans had  
agreed to weigh in at 135 pounds  
ringside stripped, permitting Nelson  
to come into the ring with whatever  
weight he saw fit.

## CAUCUS CALLED FOR CURRENCY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 13.—In the sen-  
ate today Mr. Scott urged that the gov-  
ernment build army building in the  
District of Columbia for housing its  
department officers, instead of renting  
quarters for them.

Senator Knox, for the majority of  
the judiciary committee, reported a  
bill to regulate the C. O. D. business  
in liquor shipments by express com-  
panies.

The conferees on the army bill held  
their first meeting.

Senator Rayner introduced a reso-  
lution expressing the sense of the sen-  
ate upon the powers delegated by the  
constitution to the United States must  
be so enlarged as to encroach on the  
rights of the states guaranteed by the  
tenth amendment.

Boings of the House.

The house considered the naval ap-  
propriation bill.

The committee on mines and mining  
agreed on a bill for the establishment  
of a bureau of mines in the interior  
department.

Republicans circulated today call  
for a caucus on the Aldrich currency  
bill.

Steel Works to Run Again.

Johnstown, Pa., April 13.—It was  
announced today that several depart-  
ments of the Cambria Steel com-  
pany's plant would resume work  
this week. About 1,000 men will  
return to work during the next few  
days.

## Hard Sunday for Mrs. Duke Locked up in Chicago Jail

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Ill., April 13.—In her cell in  
the county jail Mrs. Alice Webb Duke,  
former wife of Brodie L. Duke, head  
of the tobacco trust, a woman used to  
luxuries of every kind and formerly  
possessed of unlimited wealth, spent  
the longest Sunday of her life. Mrs.  
Webb is locked up on a charge of  
passing worthless checks at the Great  
Northern hotel. She was committed  
to jail Saturday in default of \$2,000  
bail.

The woman is practically penniless.  
No visitors, save the newspaper men,  
came to see her.

"What a day for me this has been!"  
exclaimed Mrs. Duke in the afternoon,  
as she stood behind a wire netting in  
the corridor of the woman's depart-  
ment. "I shall go crazy if I am kept  
in here much longer."

### Common Carrier Delivering to Person Other Than Consignee Takes Big Chances

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 13.—Senator  
Clark of the committee on judiciary  
this afternoon reported to the senate  
the committee substitute for all the  
pending bills to regulate interstate  
commerce shipments of intoxicating  
liquors. The senator explained that,  
while there was no minority report,  
this document represented the view  
of only a majority of the committee  
and Senator Bacon, of Georgia, ad-  
ded that the views of the minority  
represented in a bill would be moved  
as a substitute for the minority  
measure. The bill of the majority  
is substantially the same as that of  
the minority, excepting the minority  
measure includes an additional sec-  
tion considered greatly to strength-  
en the act by providing that state  
powers over liquors shall attach at  
the place to which the goods are con-  
signed, but before delivery to the  
consignee.

(Continued on Page Three.)

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

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a suburb of Philadelphia, was the  
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The union employes are on a strike  
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## TROLLEY STRIKE SEES BLOODSHED

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