

MOBS IN FRANCE WRECK PROPERTY

Large Wine-Making Plants Ablaze and Many Cellars Wrecked—Houses and Offices Pillaged

CAVALRY SENT TO RESTORE ORDER

Military Resisted by Furious Crowds—Fear that Trouble will Extend to the Bordeaux Wine District

PARIS, April 12.—The storm raised by the vote in the senate yesterday regarding champagne districts, gave no signs of abating today. On the contrary, there seems a probability of the disturbances spreading to the Bordeaux wine regions.

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The Moët & Chandon wine presses at Epemery were burned. In addition, the straw covering for the protection of the vines against frost was set on fire and all vines in the region were destroyed.

Villages Threatened A regiment of cavalry arrived from Epemery, and is stationed around the village. The rioters have fled in the direction of Montreuil, pursued by troops.

In one of the collisions a lieutenant was severely wounded by a paving stone.

Death of Abraham Belasco SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Abraham Belasco, father of David and Fredk. Belasco, of theatrical fame, died in San Francisco today, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Mayer. Mr. Belasco was 80 years old. He was born in London, and came to California 55 years ago. He was first cousin to David James, at one time England's most famous comedian. Seven sons and two daughters survive him. Interment will be in San Francisco.

Starting Indians WINNIPEG, April 12.—Indians in the Hudson Bay district are almost on the verge of starvation, and have had to be assisted by the Hudson's Bay officers. A terribly severe winter, with scarcity of furs in the region around Churchill, Nelson and Trout Lake, is assigned for this state of affairs by Rev. H. T. Wright, of Nelson, who has been here since the suppression of the territorial delimitations of the Bordeaux region would be followed by the gravest consequences.

The latest dispatches describe the situation as greatly aggravated. Mobs continue to burn and ravage the property of unpopular merchants, whom they accuse of importing grapes from Aube and other departments, from which they manufacture a wine designated as Marne champagne. The authorities are hurrying reinforcements of troops to the affected districts, and the movement of the winegrowers has been so skilfully organized that the destruction has been done and the rioters have gone before troops reach the scene.

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TORNADO SWEEPS SEVERAL TOWNS

Twenty Known Dead in Path of Whirling Storm that Raged Through Oklahoma and Kansas

DEATH LIST MAY BE MUCH LARGER

Wounded Number More than a Hundred—Loss of Property Enormous—Towns Levelled in an Instant

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—Twenty persons are reported dead, with at least a hundred injured, two towns practically swept away, scores of buildings demolished and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property damaged as the result of a tornado that raged in Kansas and Oklahoma today.

The tornado was accompanied by rain, hail and lightning. Many buildings were struck by lightning and burned. Western Missouri was visited by a rain and hail storm, but this section was not in the main path of the tornado.

The tornado loved its greatest toll of dead at Big Heart, Okla., where eight persons were killed, ten injured and almost every building in the town wrecked. Nothing, Kansas, was practically wiped out, and 50 persons hurt and Mrs. David Stone killed.

A Pawhattan, Kansas, woman and her child were killed. A child was killed in a high school building near Broken Arrow, Okla., and a number of houses damaged and from 15 to 20 persons injured.

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AGAINST RECIPROCITY

Conservatives of Lingar, Manitoba, Vote in Condemnation of Proposed Agreement

PLUM COULEE, April 12.—W. H. Sharp, M. P. for Lingar, addressed a meeting of his constituents here last evening on the reciprocity pact, which he strongly condemned, claiming that it would not add a cent to the price of farm products and would open the door for American trusts to prey on Canadian resources. He ended by stating he would not vote for the pact, but if the Conservatives in Lingar wanted he would not vote against it.

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NO INCREASE IN PREFERENCE

Finance Minister Makes Announcement in Connection with Reciprocity—Mr. McDonnell Issues Challenge

WOULD OPEN TWO CONSTITUENCIES

Eastern Ontario Member Shows How the Reciprocity Agreement Would Injure Farmers

OTTAWA, April 12.—Various phases of the reciprocity question were discussed in the house today. Hon. Mr. Fielding took occasion to say that for the present there would be no increase in the British preference, and no reduction in the duty upon manufactured articles.

Mr. Claude Macdonell (South Toronto) challenged the government to open North York, and promised in that event to resign his seat in South Toronto so that sentiment upon the reciprocity agreement could be fairly tested in the city and in the country at the same time.

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MAY GET FORTUNE

Possible Heirs to Broadway Real Estate Live in Halifax, Boston and California

HALIFAX, April 12.—Whether certain Boston, California and Halifax people are heirs to a fortune of \$2,000,000 in real estate on Broadway, New York, is perplexing those concerned and several attorneys.

Salmon Fleet Sails SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The San Francisco salmon fleet is well on its way toward the Alaskan canneries. Yesterday's departures for Bristol Bay included the Alaska Packers' ship Star City, Cal., and Mrs. Robert Adams, of Boston, sisters of Mrs. McKay, are also heirs.

Starting Fire With Kerosene. SPARKS, Nev., April 12.—Mrs. Almandina Della Santa, 20 years of age, a housewife, was burned to death this afternoon following an attempt to start the kitchen fire with the aid of kerosene. The flames shot out from the stove, enveloping her and burning away her clothes. When, in a few moments, she was taken from the blazing house, she was dead.

U. S. Ambassadors. WASHINGTON, April 12.—President Taft will send to the senate tomorrow the nominations of former Governor Curtis Bull, Jr., of Massachusetts as ambassador to Russia, and of W. W. Rockhill, an ambassador to Turkey. Mr. Rockhill is at present ambassador to Russia. Governor Bull is a prominent trader in Portland. He was appointed as special ambassador to Mexico at the time of the centennial celebration of the foundation of that republic.

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MORE EFFORTS TO SECURE PEACE

Way Cleared for Rapid Telegraphic Communication Between Washington and the Camp of Leader Madero

DR. VASQUEZ GOMEZ TO BE MEDIUM

Large Force of Insurrectos Suddenly Appears Before Cananea—Measures Taken for Defence of City

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Initial steps to bring about peace in Mexico, supplementing informal advances so far made to that end, were taken here today. Dr. Vasquez Gomez, head of the confidential agency of the revolutionists in the United States, announced to the Associated Press that he had completed special arrangements for expeditious telegraphic communications between the camp of Madero in Chihuahua and Washington. The results of telegraphic conferences with his colleague, which will include definite terms by which peace may be effected, will be transmitted by Dr. Gomez to Mexico City.

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Estimated Revenue The comptroller's estimate of revenue for the year is as follows: Cash on hand in bank \$14,553.77 Water rates and rents 155,000.00 Licenses (liquor) 51,900.00 Licenses other than liquor 22,500.00 Cemetery fees 5,800.00 Dog tax 2,500.00 Fire insurance Co's tax 13,500.00 Market fees and rents 2,500.00 Police court fines and fees 7,500.00 Pound fees 750.00 Road tax 7,500.00 Education 51,250.00 Miscellaneous receipts and refunds 7,500.00 Int. from investments of sinking funds 28,000.00 Creosote account 5,000.00 Douglas St. telephone cond. Douglas St. sidewalk widening 2,000.00 Int. on overdrafts 2,000.00 Sewer rental and sewer tax fund 24,875.00 \$407,228.77

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