

The theme of Winston Churchill's new novel, "The Crossing," just from the press of the Macmillan Company of New York, deals largely with the peaceful conquest of the great Louisiana territory by American settlers during the years from the purchase of Louisiana onward. The book's timeliness is obvious, but what is more to the point is that the story portrays the immigration of Americans into Louisiana territory, their settlement therein, and the gradual sure way in which they brought the empire sold to us by France under American rule and implanted in it American social and political ideas. Mr. Churchill describes the life of that age in the states bordering on the east bank of the Mississippi and puts into the form of fiction the whole American spirit of the early years of the nation.

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NEW HOMES IN THE WEST

Almost a half million acres of the fertile and well-watered lands of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, in South Dakota, will be thrown open to settlement by the Government in July. These lands are best reached by the Chicago & North-Western Railway's direct through lines from Chicago to Rosebud, S. D. All agents sell tickets via this line. Special low rates.

HOW TO GET A HOME

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BIG DISTILLERY IS DESTROYED

Corning Company Plant at Peoria, Ill., Is Scene of Death.

EXPLODING LANTERN IS CAUSE

Flaming Spirits are Thrown in all Directions, the Fire Communicating to Other Buildings With Great Rapidity, Killing Fourteen Persons.

Peoria, Ill., special: Fourteen men were killed and six injured, property worth \$2,000,000 was destroyed and 3,000 cattle were burned to death in a fire that swept the Corning Company's distillery, the second largest in the world, Saturday afternoon. A stream of burning spirits spread the fire to the Peoria stockyards, a block distant, but by hard work the yards were saved.

The fire was caused by an exploding lantern, which set fire to 30,000 barrels of spirits in the warehouse. The burning spirits communicated the flames to the entire plant and every building was destroyed, save one.

Dead and Missing.

Eight bodies were recovered from the ruins Sunday, four of which were identified. The identified are: George Gebhardt, Peter Lettemeyer, Thomas E. Montgomery, Samuel Parsons.

The list of missing is as follows: Ernest Brown, Milton Crowl, William Finley, Jr., John Hobaker, Frank Knoll, Alec. Powell, Louis Sox, Joseph Zimmerman.

It was at 4:20 in the afternoon when the large warehouse, eleven stories high, built of corrugated iron, burst into flames. It contained 30,000 barrels of proof spirits and as the barrels exploded the burning spirits were thrown in all directions. The fire spread with lightning rapidity and was soon communicated to the cistern room, a brick building three stories high, and to the fermenting rooms, two brick buildings three stories high. The cattle sheds were in the path of the flames and burning spirits flooded the pens. The suffering of the animals was terrible. The entire distillery plant, save the cookers, was swept away.

Blown From Seventh Story.

Frank Phelan was in the seventh story of the warehouse and was blown to the ground, a distance of a hundred feet, but was only slightly hurt.

Abe Feinberg was hurt by a falling wall, his back and head being cut and bruised.

A few minutes before the fire Foreman Finley sent an entire gang of workers to one of the upper floors. One of the gang was his own son, William Finley, Jr., who is among the dead.

A team of the National Coöperage Company, with two men, was in the building at the time of the explosion, unloading barrels, and nothing has been seen of men or horses since.

Carried by Stream of Whisky.

Elmer Hogan died at the Cottage Hospital. He was washed to the river in a stream of whisky, receiving many cuts and burns.

The warehouse B, where the explosion that did the damage occurred, was an eleven-story structure, 100x200 feet in dimensions, and at the time of the fire contained in the neighborhood of 30,000 gallons of spirits.

Warehouse A and the cistern room, a three-story brick building, 100x200 feet, contained in the neighborhood of 52,000 gallons of spirits. In the two fermenting rooms, 100x180 feet, were eighteen tubs, with a capacity of 1,000 bushels of mash each. They were all filled and contained about 5,000 gallons of spirits each. All this went up in flames and added to the general loss.

FATAL FOLDING BED ACCIDENT

Banker's Wife Dies as Result of Having Her Vertebrae Crushed.

Minneapolis, Minn., dispatch: Mrs. A. M. Woodward, wife of the president of the South Side State bank, is dead as the result of a fatal folding bed accident. Three vertebrae of the neck were crushed, and other serious injuries made it impossible for the surgeons to save her life.

The accident happened after midnight while Mrs. Woodward was asleep. Early in the morning the bed suddenly closed. Mr. Woodward was unhurt, and managed to get one hand out the side of the closed bed, and by pounding awoke the other occupants of the home.

A consultation of surgeons determined that an operation alone could relieve the pressure on the spinal cord and save Mrs. Woodward's life. Two surgeons performed the operation. A slight improvement was followed by a collapse, resulting in death.

VISITORS MUST KNEEL TO POPE

New Rule Due to Action of Americans Who Refused to Obey Custom.

Rome cable: The vatican authorities have given the strictest notice to those who recommend people for audiences of the pope that they must guarantee that such persons will conform to vatican etiquette in kneeling and kissing the hand of the pope. This notification was issued as a result of the conduct of some Americans a few weeks ago, who refused to kneel when the pope appeared.

25,000 SETTLERS TO TAKE CLAIMS

ROSEBUD RESERVATION MECCA OF LAND SEEKERS FROM EASTERN CITIES.

The management of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway is planning to carry between 20,000 and 25,000 people to the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota, to be operated by the United States government for settlement late next month. A very large percentage of the land-seekers will come from the crowded sections of the east, and special trains will be run from this city to accommodate them and those from the central west who will participate in the drawing of lots.

President Roosevelt's proclamation specifies approximately 382,000 acres to be distributed to the lucky ones in tracts of 160 acres each. This means that there will be about 2,400 quarter-sections parceled out. Judging from the inquiries being received by the railroads directly interested, it is believed that more than 50,000 people will try for the lucky lots on the day of the drawing.

Many of the unlucky ones will return to their old haunts, but the railroads believe that thousands of them will buy lands in districts adjacent to the reservation. The industrial department of the St. Paul system is planning to care for the disappointed ones by arranging for them to visit other lands.

Frederic A. Miller, general passenger agent of the St. Paul said: "We are receiving an average of 400 inquiries a day from all parts of the east and central west, and after the first of next month this average will certainly be at least a thousand. It will be one of the greatest movements of the kind in the history of the nation, for the Rosebud lands are about the last of the government's desirable farming property to be opened for development.

"Nothing will be left undone to care for the great crowds, and every attention will be shown both the lucky and the unlucky ones. We expect a big movement of farmers from the cramped parts of the east, and many of these men are going to South Dakota determined to take up settlement whether they get free lands or not. I believe that such places as Yankton, Geddes, Platte and Chamberlain are to become good, hustling, substantial cities, and that within a very short time. Much important building for these towns has already been planned and the structures will be put up to stay."

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Colorado Water Exhibit.

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Preparing for Emergency. Perhaps as the following anecdote would seem to indicate, not all authors belong to the mutual admiration society said by a recent writer to exist among the members of the craft.

At a dinner given some time ago in honor of Hall Caine, Thomas Nelson Page was invited to introduce the English novelist. One of the guests next to Mr. Page, just before the toasts began, passed his menu card around the table with the request that Mr. Caine put his signature on it.

"That's a good idea," said Page: "I must do that, too. I've got to introduce Caine in a few minutes, and I want to be able to say that I have read something he has written."

The jealous Montreal Gazette remarks: "The new United States cruiser Denver has twice failed to come up to the contract speed requirements. The world is, therefore, spared the infliction of being told that she is the fastest vessel of her class afloat. This is the distinguishing characteristic of every new United States warship."

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Miss Helen Rolof, Kaukauna, Wis., writes: "Several times during the past two years or more my system has been greatly in need of a tonic, and at those times Peruna has been of great help in building up the system, restoring my appetite and securing restful sleep."—Helen Rolof.

Miss Muriel Armitage, 36 Greenwood Ave., Detroit, Mich., District Organizer of the Royal Templars of Temperance, writes as follows: "I suffered for five years with uterine irregularities, which brought on hysteria and made me a physical wreck. I tried doctors from the different schools of medicine, but without any perceptible change in my condition. In my despair I called on an old nurse, who advised me to try Peruna, and promised good results if I would persist and take it regularly. I kept this up for six months, and steadily gained strength and health, and when I had used fifteen bottles I considered myself entirely cured. I am a grateful, happy woman to-day."—Miss Muriel Armitage.

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MRS. EVA BARTHO.

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