

# SIX PERSONS DIE IN CHICAGO FIRE

### 4-STORY APARTMENT BUILDING BURNS; ANOTHER LARGE STRUCTURE RUINED.

Chicago.—Six persons were burned to death and half a dozen others were injured, one probably fatally, in a fire which virtually destroyed a four-story brick apartment building on the South side housing 34 families.

Another fire did damage estimated at several hundred thousand dollars, attacking the railway Terminal Warehouse Company, a mammoth seven-story structure where liquor valued at several thousand dollars was destroyed. One family was wiped out in the fire. Anthony Hardie, his wife and their 19 months old daughter, Doris, perished. The other victims were Mrs. Elizabeth Prior, her daughter, Loretta 16, and Mrs. Dora Jones.

While it is believed all the victims have been accounted for, firemen still searched the ruins. Several persons were carried from the burning building by students of the University of Chicago, which is nearby.

Three investigations of the fire were started, one directed by Coroner Oscar Wolff, the second by James Donohue, fire attorney, and the third by the police.

The flames, which had gained headway on lower floors when discovered, spread through the old building so rapidly that many of its tenants were forced to jump into nets to save their lives while others crawled from window to window to adjoining buildings on boards placed on the sills.

### Baking Companies Merge.

New York.—Then Continental Baking corporation announced it had acquired the Corby Baking company, of Washington, D. C., founded in 1891 and said to be one of the leading independent bakers in the United States. It operates plants also in Richmond and Alexandria, Va. Karl W. Corby, 31 years old, who has just been elected president of the Corby Baking company, will be a vice president of the Continental.

### Widow Dies of Wounds.

Calksburg, W. Va.—Mrs. George Warder, 23-year-old widow who was shot by Neeson C. Woods, 22, a former Yale student, when she refused to marry him, died in a hospital. Woods killed himself after sending two bullets into Mrs. Warder's body.

### Employees Get \$439,000.

Yonkers, N. Y.—The Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet company, whose factories here cover two square miles, distributed the sum of \$439,000 to its 6,974 employees. It was the twenty-eighth semi-annual bonus paid by the company since its inauguration of its profit-sharing policy in June, 1911.

### Baptist Meet in Memphis.

Memphis.—Leading Baptist ministers, educators and editors from all parts of the south will attend the annual convention of the Southern Baptist Education association here February 3-5. Many prominent Baptists are expected to deliver addresses. The subjects announced were confined principally to problems being encountered by those in charge of the church colleges.

### Vote to Suppress Vatican Embassy.

Paris.—Suppression of the French embassy to the Vatican was voted by the Chamber of Deputies, 314 to 250. It was the realization of part of the program upon which the left groups of radical Socialists were elected May 11 and which Premier Herriot, refusing to accept advice from self-termed well-wishers, or bitter criticism from his avowed political opponents, carried through with firm determination, "for the interest of France."

### Chamber's Party Lines Stood Out Well Defined.

The Chamber's party lines stood out well defined, the majority following M. Herriot solidly. The Premier pacified the opposition of the Alsace Lorraine deputies by giving an official understanding that a diplomatic agent would be maintained at the Vatican to represent the recovered provinces. The measure must be passed by the Senate before it becomes final.

### Meet Thursday, Wed Friday.

Rocky Mount, N. C.—Introduced at 12:30 last Thursday afternoon engaged that evening and married before 1:30 Friday afternoon is the history of the whirlwind romance of Victor C. Snyder, traveling man, of Kansas City, and Miss Elizabeth Cox, of this city, who were married last Friday at Nashville.

### Mrs. Harding's Estate is \$324,884.

Marion, Ohio.—The estate of the late Mrs. Warren G. Harding was appraised at \$324,884.90 according to a statement filed for probate. The bulk of Mrs. Harding's wealth was in stocks and bonds. They have a value of \$210,330. She had real estate holdings valued at \$55,000. Moneys in banks and building and loan associations amounted to \$36,717.22; certificates of deposits \$12,337.50 and one outstanding note of \$500.

## TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACK DURING GALE.

Belfast.—Four persons were killed and ten injured when during a fierce gale a train was blown from the rails while crossing the Owen Garrow viaduct. Late advices said the cars were leaning precariously against the viaduct.

Only one passenger on the train escaped injury. Two of the four persons killed were Philip Boyle, lighthouse keeper on lonely Arranmore Island, and his wife. They were taking home their son, a patient in the London derry infirmary. The son escaped serious injury and was returned to the infirmary.

## ANOTHER CHARGE TO DAVIS

### INVOLVES ALSO PETERSON AS AGENT IN ALLEGED BRIBERY CASE.

Topeka, Kan.—Jonathan Davis, former governor of Kansas, was arraigned in the court of Topeka with Carl J. Peterson, former state bank commissioner, to answer charges of bribery. Warrants for their arrest were issued on complaint of Capt. W. A. Smith, assistant attorney general, after Attorney General C. B. Griffith had obtained permission from Gov. Ben H. Paulen to investigate and prosecute where he deemed proper.

It was the second criminal action brought against the former governor in little more than two weeks. Two hours before he retired from office Governor Davis was arrested with his son, Russell, on conspiracy and bribery charges, alleging that Russell had accepted \$1,250 for delivering a pardon to Fred W. Pollman, convicted banker.

The complaint filed was based on an affidavit made by Anthony L. Oswald, Hutchison attorney, who stated that Peterson solicited a bribe of \$2,500 for a pardon for his client, Walter Grundy, then serving a penitentiary term for bank embezzlement. It was alleged that Peterson was acting as "agent" for the governor.

### Debutante is Kidnapped.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Mary Ellen Mellon, 19-year-old debutante, was kidnapped, gagged, bound and left on the roadside by two burglars who entered the home of her step-father, R. D. Halliburton, head of a large department store.

Miss Mellon was hysterical when found by a watchman for a hospital and was suffering from shock. She said the men entered the house soon after the rest of the family had retired and left her downstairs alone. They dragged her to their car, she said, and, after taking her several blocks, deposited her unharmed at the roadside near a hospital.

### Named Infantry Commander.

Washington.—Col. Robert H. Allen has been selected to be chief of infantry with the rank of major general on the retirement of the present chief, Maj. Gen. C. S. Farnsworth, on March 27. Colonel Allen is now on duty at the Leavenworth general staff school. He began his army career as an enlisted man of the eighth cavalry in 1893. During the world war he was chief of staff of the eighth division and later commanded the 337th and 356th infantry.

### Rescue From Fire Debris.

Montreal.—After having been entombed in the smoldering wreckage of the building of Poulin and company, grocers, on DuMoine street, for six hours, Lieutenant Louis Desjardins, of the city fire brigade, was rescued alive and removed to a hospital. Seven other firemen, who were trapped in the burning building when the walls crashed in following an explosion, were taken to hospital earlier.

### Urge Park at Mammoth Cave.

Washington.—The proposal that Mammoth Cave in Kentucky be made the center of a national park was renewed by the Kentucky delegation in Congress at a conference with President Coolidge. The delegation asked the President to approve designation of a commission to survey the proposed park area and members said they had received an encouraging response from the President.

### Mother and Five Children Burn.

Rimouski, Que.—Mrs. Adelard Morneau and her five children were burned to death when fire destroyed their home near here. The children were in bed and the mother died in attempting to rescue them. The fire started with an explosion of gasoline in a tractor stored in a shed near the Morneau home.

### Veteran Marries Negro Woman.

Washington.—Friends of Henry W. Faison, said to be the son of the late John M. Faison, once a member of the house from North Carolina, are preparing plans to have annulled his marriage here several days ago to Annie Nelson, 37 year old negro. Faison, who is a World War veteran, now is in Saint Elizabeth's hospital, having been placed there by the veteran's bureau. His friends declare he is suffering from shell shock and that he has asserted he knows nothing of the marriage.

## OFFICER KILLS ALLEGED AGENT

### DEAD MAN SAID TO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT UP HOTEL BEFORE DYING.

Herrin, Ill.—Another pistol fight stirred Herrin and when the smoke had cleared away it was found that a man representing himself as an officer seeking to arrest a clansman had been shot to death in the Lyman hotel by policeman Rufus Whitson after the alleged officer had wounded Policeman Sim Stephens and terrorized hotel employees. The latest affray came while Sheriff Galligan was seeking martial law in Herrin.

The dead man had given his name as Joseph Phillips and also as Johnson, and one said that he came from Springfield, Illinois. He was accompanied by two unidentified men, when he was slain, who escaped. Phillips wore a cap that belonged to Sheriff Galligan of Williamson county, and it was said he had called to the latter several times lately.

Sheriff Galligan, who had gone to the hospital to confer with General Black about the need of troops here, said Phillips had called frequently but did not divulge any particular business.

The shooting came on the heels of the slaying of S. Glenn Young and Deputy Sheriff Ora Thomas, who shot each other to death in the lobby of the European hotel a few days ago. As soon as their funerals had been held and a coroner's jury had returned a verdict that they killed each other, Sheriff Galligan requested troops\* be returned to Herrin to prevent a serious outbreak. This request was under consideration when Phillips appeared in Herrin with two companions and began a search for Glenn Young, a close friend of Young's. Phillips had made his presence known Saturday night by trying to induce the numerous newspaper reporters here to help him find Ross Lizenby, a policeman, averring that Lizenby had been slain by clansmen. Lizenby, who fled in the Young shooting, had taken refuge in the Herrin jail when trouble had broken out between the Herrin chief of police and the clan.

Phillips charged that Lizenby had been taken from the jail and killed. The reporters refused to join in the search, as they said they were convinced that Phillips and his companions had been drinking. Phillips then went to the hotel lobby and telephoned to Glenn Young to come to the hotel and be arrested. He told Young that he was an officer named Johnson and had brought a warrant from Springfield for his arrest. Young refused to go and hung up the receiver.

### Two Die in Train Wreck.

Mexico City.—The engineer and fireman were killed and 18 persons injured when a passenger train from Mexico City bound for Vera Cruz was derailed near Jalapa. The accident is said to have been due to the train's high speed while turning a sharp curve. Several of the cars left the track and tore down telegraph poles.

### Shoots Son to Death.

Pittsburgh.—Albert J. Tilles shot and killed his son, Albert, Jr., 18, at Ingram, a suburb, and then shot himself through the head. The father was taken to a hospital in a serious condition. Tilles and his son were alone in a room on the second floor of their home when the shooting occurred.

### Bandits Get \$19,000.

Mexico City.—Arthur Wesley, paymaster of the trans-continental oil company, was riddled of \$19,000 on the Tampico aviation field. Six masked bandits attacked him as he was leaving a motor car with the pay roll to board an airplane for the oil camp. Five of the bandits escaped in boats. The sixth was found half submerged in a nearby swamp. The money was not recovered.

### Sees Adoption Child Labor Bill.

Atlanta.—Ultimate adoption of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution was predicted here by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, en route to Miami to attend a meeting of the executive council of the organization.

### Honduras President in Office.

Tequiguapa, Honduras.—Miguel Paz Barahona was inaugurated as president of the republic of Honduras. Barahona is the first chief executive in 20 years to enter office through peaceful elections.

### Trend of Stock Prices Continues.

New York.—The main trend of prices still is upward as the stock market enters upon the second month of the year. Most of the oil and southern railroad shares are at their highest prices since 1924, or longer. The average of 20 leading industrial shares which fluctuated within a range of 4.36 points during January showed a net gain of 1.41 points for the month while the average of 20 leading rails which moved within a range of 3 points was only 0.15 points above that at the beginning of last month.

## WOMAN KILLED AND 20 INJURED IN WRECK.

Memphis, Tenn.—One passenger was killed and about twenty other persons were injured when the St. Louis-San Francisco passenger train No. 104, the Memphis Express, northbound, was derailed several miles north of Winfield, Alabama, according to dispatches received here. A baggage car, two day coaches and two sleepers were reported to have left the rails and overturned.

A relief train with surgeons and nurses was sent from Amory, Miss., and the injured were taken to that city for emergency treatment, but it was stated that most of the injured were brought to Memphis hospitals. A broken rail is said to have caused the wreck.

## U. S. TO DEFEY CHINESE FORTS

### AMERICAN ADMIRAL WARNS GENERAL WANG NOT TO FIRE ON BOATS.

Washington.—American vessels in Shanghai waters have been ordered to escort American or British merchant ships which desire to leave Shanghai at night even in the face of guns of the Woosung fort commanded by General Wang.

Among other ships, the American naval craft are guarding the steamship Beigenland, which has 400 American tourists aboard. General Wang has advised Rear Admiral McVay, commanding the American Yangtze patrol forces that the Woosung fort will not fire on foreign vessels entering or departing from Shanghai during daylight. Admiral McVay replied that his government desires Shanghai kept open to commercial ships, and that he will furnish convoys at any hour.

The admiral's report to the state department did not say what he would do if commercial ships were fired upon, but it is assumed here that he would permit no damage to be done to them without prompt retaliation.

### Wheat Prices Soar High.

Chicago.—Wheat entirely eclipsed \$2 a bushel. In a widely excited market with speculative buying of such volume as might suggest almost world famine conditions, prices here made a perpendicular rise of 6 3/4 cents, reaching as high as \$2.05 7/8 for May delivery and \$2.20 1/2 for spot cash. Every peace time record reaching 58 years back was exceeded.

Before the day in the pit was a minute old, \$2 per bushel wheat sparked into history and the market began a series of giant swings, smashing upward frequently a cent at a time, and breaking through every reaction until just before trading ended.

### Indictments in Prison Probe.

Atlanta.—New indictments charging conspiracy and bribery were returned by a special grand jury investigating conditions at the federal penitentiary. A. E. Sartain, former warden, and L. J. Fletcher, former deputy warden, who were indicted by a federal grand jury here in December on charges of accepting bribes, were named in indictments returned, together with an unnamed third person.

The name of Father Thomas P. Hayden former prison chaplain, previously mentioned in connection with the investigation at the prison, was brought out in the indictment against Sartain, Fletcher and the person whose name was not divulged by authorities but no indictment was returned against the former chaplain.

Two indictments were returned, one names Sartain, Fletcher and the person whose identity is being concealed and the other is against Sartain alone.

It is charged in the indictment alleging conspiracy that Sartain, Fletcher and the third person, yet unknown, conspired with Father Hayden to "accept and receive bribes" of \$1,500 each from William H. Haar, C. C. Tatum, C. Graham Baughan, Richard Bailey, Sam Golberg, F. P. Haar, Jr., and Carl Haar. The money, according to the indictment, was to be paid in exchange for use of the officials' influence in having the prisoners assigned to easy tasks and other special privileges. The prisoners are said to be wealthy bootleggers.

### Will Work Sulphur Deposits.

Washington.—Public lands would be opened to location and development of sulphur deposits under a bill introduced by Senator Ransdell, democrat, Louisiana, subject to regulations promulgated by the secretary of the interior.

### Bomb Exploded in Chicago.

Chicago.—A bomb was exploded in the doorway of a democratic club in the stockyards district in the Fourteenth ward, where factional political differences have been running high, according to the police, as the February aldermanic election approaches. The explosion rocked the three-story brick building, rudely waking several families in the building, tore the floor of the club from its supports and shattered many windows in that and nearby buildings.

## POSTAL MEASURE GETS APPROVAL

### SENATE VOTES TO INCREASE SALARIES OF MAIL CLERKS.

Washington.—The postal pay and rate increase bill was passed by the senate. It carries the same provisions for salary increases, effective as of July 1, 1924, as the measure passed last session and vetoed by President Coolidge.

The rate increases would apply to practically every form of mail service, but these were considerably modified from the original recommendations of the post office department, particularly on second class mail.

The rate increase would become effective April 15 of this year and expire February 15, 1926, with a provision for an investigation by a joint congressional committee with a view to enactment next session of permanent legislation.

The vote on passage was 70 to 8, with Senators Borah, Brookhart, Norbeck and Norris, republicans, and Glass, Harrison, Swanson and Underwood, democrats, opposing it.

The senate passed the bill shortly after house leaders had served notice they would ask for its immediate return from that body on the ground that it was revenue raising legislation and as such could be initiated only in the house under the constitution.

Return of the bill to the senate, if effected by the house, will make it necessary, in order to enact it, for the house to initiate the legislation, pass it and send it to the senate for re-approval. The measure has yet to be considered by the house post office committee and some time is expected to elapse before it reports to the house.

Representatives Longworth, Ohio, and Garrett, Tennessee, the republican and democratic leaders, respectively, both declared against acceptance of the bill from the senate, and were supported by the unanimous opinion of a house ways and means sub-committee that the measure constituted, through its rate increases, revenue raising legislation, despite the senate opinion that it had the right to act first on the bill as expressed in votes defeating proposals by Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, to enlimate the rate section.

### Gaston Means Gets Two Years.

New York.—Gaston B. Means, one time confidential agent of the department of justice under Director William J. Burns, was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to two years in the federal prison at Atlanta when a jury found him guilty of having conspired to obstruct justice.

Thomas B. Felder, Means' former attorney and co-defendant on the conspiracy charge, was fined \$10,000, but got no prison term. Both men were granted permission to apply for writs of error, automatically staying execution of their sentence.

Sentence was imposed by Judge Lindley on a sealed verdict returned by a judge picked jury after five hours' deliberation. The sealed verdict declared the defendants guilty on all counts. Mercy was recommended for Felder, but no recommendation was made in the case of Means.

### Higher Gasoline Price.

New York.—Gasoline prices in several sections of the country was raised a cent a gallon and crude oil from 15 to 35 cents a barrel by another series of advances announced by important companies. The increases, which are the third to be initiated this month, are expected to become general throughout the country tomorrow.

New gasoline price schedules were announced by the Standard Oil companies of New York, New Jersey, and Indiana, the Gulf Oil company and the Humble Oil and Refining company. The changes established new tank wagon prices of 19 1/2 cents a gallon in New York and New England; 17 cents a gallon in Chicago; 17 cents a gallon in New Jersey.

### Pays Death Penalty.

Michigan City, Ind.—Peter Vergolini, a steel worker of Gary, Ind., was electrocuted at the state prison here for the murder of a ten-year-old Serbian girl, whom he assaulted and then strangled to death at Gary last September.

### Calling For Coins.

Washington.—With the minting of the first of the Stone Mountain memorial half dollars by the Philadelphia mint, the mint bureau has suddenly been flooded with requests for the souvenir coins.

### Department Store Burns.

Wilmington.—Damage estimated at \$75,000 was done by fire here which destroyed the Fuchs department store and damaged a paint establishment in the rear. One fireman was overcome by smoke and taken to a hospital later going to his home. icy streets hampered the firemen.

Firemen fought desperately for nearly two hours before the flames, discovered at 2 o'clock, were brought under control. Every piece of fire fighting apparatus in the city was called out.

## DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

### NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Wilson.—The Wilson Tobacco Board of Trade report for the week ending Jan. 29, 1925, shows sales for this week, 692,320 pounds, sold for \$178,661.43 at an average of \$25.85.

High Point.—Shubal Evans Spencer, one of High Point's oldest and best known citizens, died at his home on Hawthorne street. His death, which was caused by a complication of diseases, followed a long illness.

Rocky Mount.—Sales on the Rocky Mount tobacco market last week, during the greater part of which the weather was most unfavorable, totaled 240,214 pounds which brought an average of 23.30 cents a pound.

Clinton.—The board of county commissioners through their chairman, Hon. Ed Crumpler, have announced that they plan to erect, as soon as is possible a new and modern county home for Sampson. The building planned will be modern and will give Sampson one of the best homes of this nature in the State.

Durham.—A lone burglar entered the home of Otis D. Kirkland, manager of Swift and company's office here, and carried away an iron safe, a shotgun, pistol and rifle, before dark. No money was in the safe at the time.

Greensboro.—Mrs. J. F. Kirk, wife of Rev. J. F. Kirk, pastor of West Market Street Methodist church, died as the result of injuries sustained when struck by an automobile driven by a young white man, Joseph Taylor, of this city.

High Point.—Herbert White, negro workman employed by the Hill Vereer company, died here as the result of burns sustained when he fell into a vat of boiling water. The negro was at work near the vat when his foot slipped and he fell into the tank. He was badly burned about the body and died several hours later in a local hospital.

Charlotte.—The Charlotte branch office of the bureau of investigation of the Federal Department of Justice will be discontinued and the personnel of the office will be transferred to Atlanta, Ga., and to Norfolk, Va., it is learned from authentic sources.

High Point.—Because of the prevalence of children's diseases, and colds among the pupils in the city schools, a ban has been placed on the weekly movies in the various school buildings of the city.

Elizabeth City.—Clinton Cartwright, age 45 years, of this city fell dead while at work painting a fence at the home of Grandy Bright near Corinth Church. The body was taken to his old home at Nixonton.

High Point.—Randolph Jordan, prominent manufacturer of High Point, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. Despondency over ill health and financial difficulties are attributed as the cause for the act.

Raleigh.—Mrs. Martha Smith, who has been living with her son, Ransom Smith, near Cary, was found lying unconscious in the road near Ephesus church on the Cary road by P. W. Thompson, salesman for the Rawls Motor Co. She is believed to have been run down a passing automobile, whose driver didn't have the decency to stop.

Statesville.—M. E. Ramsey, Sr., one of the principal stockholders in the Ramsey-Rowles-Morrison Company, owners of the department store in this section, died at his home on Davis avenue, death resulting from hardening of the arteries.

Salisbury.—Prohibition officers from the central office here raided Wilkes county Wednesday and Thursday nights, pouring out 35,000 gallons of mash and beer, and destroying a number of stills, sixteen large steam outfits being included, according to information received from State Director Coltrane's office. No arrests were made, but a number of cases have been made out and arrests are expected to be made shortly.

Concord.—Judging by remarks heard on the streets here the conviction of Gaston B. Means in a New York federal court, came as a surprise to Concord people. Testimony offered at the trial of Means, who was tried jointly with Thomas B. Felder, his former attorney, was read very closely by Concord people and many of them were frank to admit that they read nothing on which the Concord man could have been convicted.

Roanoke Rapids.—Jeff Hill and William Thomas, the two Durham negroes who were in the Hudson car that killed Sam Haynes, near Weldon, several weeks ago, were tried at this week's term of Halifax Superior Court, and were freed of all the charges against them.

Goldsboro.—There were 27,762 bales of cotton ginned in Wayne county from the 1924 crop prior to January 16 of this year. Up to January 16, 1924, there were 30,262 bales ginned from the 1923 crop, the comparison of figures showing a loss of 2,500 bales.



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