

# City Of Hankow Practically Wiped Away By Fire

### In Desperate Attempt to Dislodge Rebels the Imperialists Set Fire to Ancient City—Destruction was Almost Complete.

### Great Alarm Felt Over Fate of Methodist Mission—Red Cross Steamer Driven Back by Shells—Armistice of Half Hour Granted.

Wu-Hu, China, Nov. 4.—Practically the entire native city of Hankow is in ashes tonight, the result of the fire started by the imperialists, in their desperate attempt to dislodge the rebels and there is great fear for the safety of the English Methodist mission, near the Han river, the latest advice reaching here stating that the flames had crept to within a short distance of that section of the new city. In the mission, which is in charge of Dr. R. T. Booth, are fifty blind boys and 150 wounded rebels, who were being cared for, in addition to the staff of the mission—in all a total of about 300 persons.

### Staff of Mission in Danger.

There is a great deal of anxiety here for the staff of the mission, which consists almost entirely of English people. Among them are: Rev. G. A. Clayton and wife; Rev. J. S. Helps and wife; Rev. W. A. Tatchell and wife; Rev. C. S. Minty, Miss Gooch, Miss Booth and Miss Wilkinson.

### Ask for Armistice.

Dr. Booth, realizing the approach of the flames, sent a committee under a flag of truce to the imperialists and asked for an armistice of two hours to permit the removal of the wounded from the mission. This was granted and the work of removal had just begun when the firing was resumed. The armistice lasted only thirty minutes.

### How Fires Were Started.

The fire in the native city was started by the imperialists who threw inflammable shells into the place. A strong wind carried the flames across the Han river to Han Yang and a strip of land on the water front a mile long was destroyed. The great arsenal there which is still held by the rebels, was not damaged. The rebels are still in possession of the unburned section of Hankow at last reports.

### Several Shells have landed in the possession of Hankow, piercing the walls of residences there.

### SPINSTER, 48, ELOPES WITH A BOY OF 17.

Sterling, Ill., Nov. 4.—Pursued by the angry father of the boy, Miss Jennie Wilson and Frank Spencer, both of Manly, Ill., arrived here and started for Chicago. The woman is forty-eight years old and the boy seventeen.

### John W. Spencer, the father, arrived in their train departed. He boarded then next train for Chicago, where, he believes, an attempt will be made to obtain a marriage license.

Miss Wilson, Spencer asserts, is a relative of his wife. A month ago she arrived from Brookings, S. Dak., and became attracted to the boy. Her admiration was returned. Her influence over the lad became so strong that she was ordered from the house.

### TAMES INCORRIGIBLE BOYS

A Reverend Who is Also a Copp to Be a Professional Parent.

### Mr. Copp is to be a professional parent. He said he would treat children who give their parents trouble just as a physician treats his patients.

"I will 'big brother' any boy whose parents needs that form of treatment," said Mr. Copp.

## Alabama And Texas Join With South Carolina In Cotton Holding Movement

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 4.—The states of Alabama and Texas are both in line on the movement to hold cotton for a price of 13 cents until September 1st, 1912, if necessary, and to reduce acreage to not exceeding 60 per cent of the available lands, according to telegrams received by Commissioner Watson today from Commissioners Kolb of Alabama, and Kone of Texas.

## Rogers Nears End of Journey

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 4.—Calbraith P. Rogers, who started on flight across the American continent from New York forty-nine days ago for the Hearst \$50,000 prize, today reached a point within seventy-five miles of this city, his goal on the Pacific open. On account of trouble with his motor he was obliged to abandon his purpose of finishing the flight this afternoon.

### May Excuse Juror For Ill Health

Los Angeles, Nov. 4.—Whether one juror of the 11 so laboriously placed in the box to hear the evidence against James B. McNamara, charged with murder through the alleged dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, shall be excused because of ill health, was a question raised today when a committee of four jurors called on Judge Bordwell to talk about the health of Seaborn H. Manning. On Monday Judge Bordwell will take the matter up further and the question whether Manning will be allowed to remain on the jury will be gone over in open court.

### Governor Removes Men From Office

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 4.—Governor O'Neal today removed from office, P. G. Bowman, tax commissioner of Jefferson county, and Dr. S. J. Vann and Dr. E. T. Field, state convict physicians of Jefferson county. The affair is said to be one of the most sensational in the history of Alabama. The governor's action grows out of the recent investigations in connection with public offices.

## ITALY USING AIRSHIPS TO DROP BOMBS.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Italy's use of aeroplanes in dropping bombs into Turkish camps, it was declared today by state department officials, is not a violation of the fourteenth agreement of the Hague conference of 1907, prohibiting the use of air craft in the discharge of projectiles and explosives "or by other new methods of a similar nature" in so far as that country is concerned.

### Coroner's Verdict on Cook's Death.

"We the jury find that A. S. Cook came to his death from a stab in the neck made by a knife in the hands of a party or parties unknown to the jury."

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The plan adopted by the South Carolina farmers in session here Thursday night and Mr. Kone states that the movement is already well under way in his state.



GEORGE A. CULLEN

### Charged With Murdering Policeman by Means of Poison She Eludes Detectives And Takes Poison Herself—In Desperate Condition.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Blending the vigilance of the detectives and nurses assigned to guard her, Mrs. Louise Vermilya, charged with the murder of Policeman Arthur Bissonette by means of poison was taken suddenly and violently ill at her home, 415 East Twenty-ninth street this afternoon and is declared to have poisoned herself. She is critically ill.

## Road Declines to Put On New Rates

Atlanta, Nov. 4.—Governor Hoke Smith today received an official communication from President J. W. Thomas, Jr., of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, lessee of the state-owned Western & Atlantic Railroad, declining to put in operation between Chattanooga and Atlanta the freight rates which the Governor has insisted on as being provided for under the terms of the lease. On receiving the notice Governor Smith began at once the preparation of an order directing Attorney General Felder and Special Attorney Hooper Alexander to institute legal proceedings against the N. C. & St. Louis Railroad in order that the courts may pass upon the controversy.

## Alleged Bank Robber Arrested

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 4.—John Bozoyk was arrested here today on suspicion of being implicated in the Newminster bank robbery. He had in his possession \$4,000 in bills, some of which were, according to the numbers, included in the sum obtained on September 16th, when the Bank of Montreal was robbed of \$258,000.

## SECRETARY WILSON COMMENDS WORTHY BUREAU

Washington, Nov. 4.—Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, today sent to the newspapers an interview commending the weather bureau in which he says: "Every important meteorological change that occurred in the United States during the year was forecasted by the weather bureau long in advance. Storm warnings to lake, sea-coast and West Indian stations, and frost warnings for the sugar, trucking, tobacco, fruit and cranberry regions were issued whenever conditions justified. These warnings were successful."

## RICHARDSON COMPANY NOW INDEPENDENT.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 4.—The R. P. Richardson Company, Inc., of Reidsville, has redeemed its bonds herebefore held by the American Tobacco Company and in return has received back the \$60,000 of its stock held by the American Tobacco Company. It is now in every way an independent company. The stocks were turned over to C. B. Watson, of this city, counsel for the Richardson Company by W. W. Fuller, counsel for the American Tobacco Company, on his recent trip to New York City, to be turned over to the Richardson Company on compliance with the terms of the settlement.

Mr. Richardson was in the city today and says all the terms were complied with.

## THE WEATHER.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North Carolina and South Carolina, cloudy Sunday; warmer in the interior; Monday fair.

## VERMILYA WOMAN DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

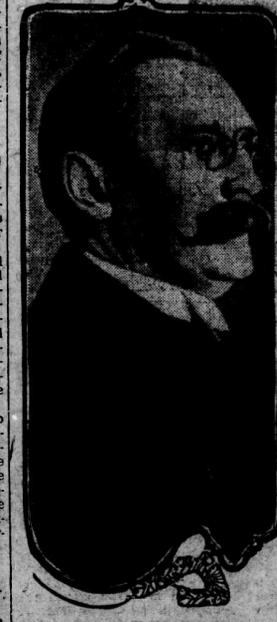
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Physicians who were hastily summoned prescribed antidotes. The only information vouchsafed by the physicians afterward was: "Mrs. Vermilya is a very sick woman."

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DR. WILHELM BODE

Dr. Wilhelm Bode, director of the Kaiser Frederick Museum of Berlin (in who is now in the United States visiting the various museums and galleries in the United States. He will visit Washington, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia. Dr. Bode was the storm center of an attack made on him by Dr. Ludwig of Vienna, who stated that a certain picture attributed to Rembrandt was a clever forgery. After the picture was put on sale at an exceptionally high figure by Charles Sedelmeyer, a dealer, Dr. Bode asserted that Dr. Bode had charged his opinion, declaring that the painting was a genuine Rembrandt.



MRS. W. W. PENFIELD

Mrs. W. W. Penfield who recently succeeded Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt as chairman of the Woman Suffrage Party. At the third annual convention held at Carnegie Hall New York City, Mrs. Penfield was presented with a gold and ivory gavel.

## STEPHENS LAND CO. PLANS GREAT DEVELOPMENT

A survey will begin Monday morning at the Elizabeth College gate for the extension of a car line from that point to the intersection of the Providence road and the Belt road, near the home of Mr. George Stephens. Permanent bitulitic or some other standard paving material will also be used, and put down with all possible rapidity in an extensive system of improvement and development of the Stephens Land Company's property in Myers Park.

The Stephens Company has also purchased 30 acres of land from Mr. M. C. Watkins, which will extend their present holdings of real estate all the way from the intersection of the two roads mentioned to the grounds of Elizabeth College. So that the entire length of the car line extension will be within the Stephens Company's holdings. A fine system of driveways and streets have already been laid by the company, under supervision that had a careful eye for the elegant and artistic. This system will serve as the outline of a residential suburb in every particular will be the most desirable of the many beautiful residence sections about the city.

The company, with an eye to the future, as well as the present, will leave no effort untried to secure every preliminary requisite to the building up of a purely residence section that shall be surpassed by none in any city in this state as adjoining streets, to this end the streets, boulevards, and driveways have been carefully laid out in advance of all the other work. To this end also permanent paving will be put at once, and that of the best and most approved modern type. An experienced landscape artist has had supervision of the laying out of the section and a regard to the beautiful has been the guiding principle in the whole scheme of development.

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## GENERAL PRIMARY ORDERED.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 4.—The independent democratic state committee here this afternoon ordered a general primary to be held some time between March 1st and April 1st, and invited the regular faction to participate. Among the matters to be voted for outside of the nominations for state officers and United States senator is the presidential preference.

## NEGRO KILLS WHITE MAN NEAR ZEBULON.

Wilson, Oct. 4.—Wednesday night, on the plantation of Henry Meelin, in the Zebulon section, at a corn-shucking, Charles Williams, colored, shot the tragedy killed Mr. Meelin. After and instantly Williams broke and ran and was pursued by a large crowd. Constable H. D. Meelin, cousin to the murdered man, was in the chase and shot at the wretch twice, but without effect. Williams is a notoriously bad negro and is wanted in Louisiana for breaking a contract with Mr. J. B. Williams, superintendent of Franklin county of the field. They culminated in a fall-five feet, eight inches; ginger-cake color; 28 or 30 years old; weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

# Italy Has Given Fake Impression Of Conditions

### LATE REPORT THAT THE TURKS RETAKE RIPOIL.

(Special Cable to The News.)

Malta, Nov. 4.—A rumor is in circulation here that the Arabs and Turks have retaken Tripoli, defeating the Italians with great slaughter.

## Prisoners of War Cruelly Treated

Constantinople, Nov. 4.—Heated denunciation of the alleged atrocities inflicted upon prisoners of war, the wounded and women and children by the Italians at Tripoli occupied the chamber of deputies today and resulted in the appointment of a committee to draw up a protest for presentation to parliaments of the world.

## Counsel Ask Bail For Mrs. McRee

Opelousas, La., Nov. 4.—After overruling the motion of the prosecution to set for rehearing next Monday the case of Mrs. Zee Runge McRee for the alleged murder of Allan Garland, Judge Pavy today took under advisement the application of Mrs. McRee's counsel to grant her bail, pending a new trial. It is expected that the application for bail will be granted and it is probable that a special term of court will be called for the second trial of the case, to convene about December 1st.

## Taft Undecided on Successor to Harlan

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 4.—Upon his return to Washington after he has finished his trip through the south, President Taft is expected to appoint a justice of the supreme court to succeed the late Justice Harlan. Speculation in various quarters as to who might be selected moved the president to remark today that he had no intention now of coming to any decision. His mind is entirely open on the matter. The names of many who would like to succeed Justice Harlan have been submitted to the president, among them the following, whose chances of appointment are regarded as best:

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Solicitor General Lehmans, Judge Hook, of the eighth circuit, Justice Sweeney and Gummere of New Jersey, Judge Rudkins, of the ninth district, Judge Noyes of the second district, Justice Carter, of the Illinois supreme court, Judge Hiseock of Cincinnati, Alexander P. Humphrey, of Louisville and Justice E. A. Buffington, of the third circuit.

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# Suicide Agreement Believed To Have Wiped Out An Entire Family

Chicago, Nov. 4.—A suicide agreement is believed to have wiped out the family of Henry Letch today. Letch, his wife Anna and their 12-year-old son, Leroy, were found dead in their home in Irving Park. There were no signs of violence nor escaping gas, and the first examination indicated they had died from mushroom poisoning.

That the deaths were the result of both father and mother becoming life-weary, and after at least three years of struggling to gain courage for suicide, was indicated by a note written in German, found in one of the rooms.

### Correspondent States That Rights Censorship Maintained by Italian Government Has Resulted in Giving World Wrong Impressions.

### Turks Have Gained Ground Rapidly And Now Hold Italians Prisoners—Over Thousand of The Latter Have Been Killed or Wounded.

Malta, Nov. 4.—A newspaper correspondent arriving here today from the city of Tripoli, makes the assertion that the Italian government has wholly misrepresented the situation there and that exercise of a censorship even more severe than that imposed by Japan during the Russo-Japanese war, has prevented information of the real trend of events from getting to the outside world.

The correspondent makes the startling statement that the Italians have lost in Tripoli and its vicinity considerably more than one thousand killed and wounded and that the Turks have forced the Italians back from positions they assumed soon after the occupation, until at the present time, the Italians occupy less than one-half of the ground they held three weeks ago.

### Italians Prisoners.

The Turks are on better war footing than the outside world was permitted to know and have extended their lines in such a manner and have so disposed their forces of Arab cavalry and native infantrymen, that the Italians are virtually prisoners, as far as the land position is concerned, in the city of Tripoli.

### Cholera Breaks Out.

To add to the seriousness cholera has broken out among the Italian troops and has already caused numerous fatalities. The exact extent of the scourge, however, is not known as all information on this, as on all other subjects is kept secret.

### Terrible Massacre Feared.

London, Nov. 4.—Wireless messages received tonight from Tripoli state that the Turks and Arabs are ready to attack Tripoli and that a crushing defeat for the Italians seems inevitable.

The messages state the attack is expected hourly. If the Turks and their Arab allies are victorious it is believed that one of the most terrible massacres in history will be the result. It is known now beyond the semblance of a doubt that the Italians subjected their prisoners to inhuman cruelties as reported and what will occur when the Turks reconquer Tripoli, Europe tonight shudders to think of.

### Italian Atrocities.

Delayed despatches reporting Italian atrocities are coming in from all points. English, French and German correspondents tell the same story of Italian barbarism, and pictures from the front give the details. Sliced statements of eye witnesses are also appearing in all the papers. In the face of today's developments Italy's official denials of the acts attributed to their soldiers are wasted words.

Several of the pictures received today show great piles of women and children, murdered and mutilated.

### England Indignant.

English indignation at the outbreak has reached a high pitch. Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, are severely criticized for prohibiting a discussion of the massacres in parliament and disgust is expressed generally at the foreign secretary's explanation that Great Britain could not interfere in Tripoli consistently with its declaration of neutrality.

"We have declared our neutrality as far as warlike preparations are concerned," answers the Daily Standard, "but our declarations do not free us from our obligations to the world."

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# Beattie's Lawyers File Petition For A Writ Of Error—Meaning Of This Action

Richmond, Va., Nov. 4.—Lawyers for Henry C. Beattie, Jr., under death sentence for the murder of his young wife, filed with the supreme court of appeals today a petition for a writ of error.

The judgment of the court at Chesterfield, which sentenced Beattie to be electrocuted on November 24. Unless the court gives a decision before the day set for Beattie's execution this move will act as a stay.