

# A THEATER BURNED

## Ten People Killed and Four Seriously Injured.

### FATAL FIRE IN MICHIGAN TOWN.

#### Blaze That Destroyed a Vaudeville Play House and Threatened to Exterminate the Town.

Ironwood, Mich., Special.—Ten lives were lost and four buildings destroyed by a fire which started in the Klondike Theatre, at Hurley, Wis., Wednesday. The dead are: C. W. Cleveland, H. P. Clifford, Thos. Leclair, George Benert, H. D. Emery, Timothy Ryan, F. L. Gay, St. Louis; Thos. Ozanne, Harry Raymond, Clara Bone. Seriously injured: Jennie Bender, Annie Scott, Laura Russell and Billy McLaughlin. The Klondike was a vaudeville theatre and all of the dead and injured were connected with the theatre as performers. Most of them lived at Hurley, and Thomas Leclair was a brother of the proprietor of the theatre. The fire started on the stage and in a few minutes the entire structure was a mass of flames. The third story was used as sleeping quarters and the rapid spread of the fire cut off the escape of the occupants. The theatre building was entirely consumed and the flames spread to adjoining structures. The Ironwood fire department was called to the assistance of the Hurley firemen and only by the hardest work was the town saved from being wiped out.

The charged remains of six of the victims have been recovered and search is being made for the others. The Klondike Theatre burned once before, in July, 1887, when eleven women lost their lives.

#### Speech for Schley.

Washington, Special.—The climax of the Schley court of inquiry came Wednesday afternoon when Mr. Ryner, the chief counsel for Admiral Schley, concluded a brilliant argument of over three hours with a peroration so eloquent and impassioned, that all within the sound of his voice were profoundly touched. In vivid colors he painted the picture of the Brooklyn with Commodore Schley on the bridge, fighting the entire Spanish fleet until the Oregon appeared out of the smoke. "The thunders of the Brooklyn, music for the ears of his countrymen," he said, "aroused, Admiral Schley's envious foes." He pictured the victorious sailor suffering as few have suffered for three long years while the fires of persecution leaped around him and now awaiting the hour of his vindication in the verdict of the court.

The scene in the court room as Mr. Ryner finished was thrilling. The attendance had been large all day and at the morning session, a lady had fainted from excitement.

#### Boer War Taxes.

London, By Cable.—What appeared as an important announcement preparing the people of Great Britain for new taxes and fresh loans, was made Monday night by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in a speech at Bristol. After alluding to the enormous increase in the ordinary expenditures of the government, he reviewed the war taxes and said that the ever-increasing demand of the national exchequer gave reasons for careful thought and even anxiety for the future. "The cost of the war in South Africa is enormous," said Sir Michael. "It still drags on. It may be when next year comes, that I may have to ask the people of this country to bear even greater burdens and make greater sacrifices."

#### Virginia Postoffice Burned.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The postoffice at Princeton, county seat of Mercer county, W. Va., was robbed Tuesday morning. The safe was cracked and between \$300 and \$350 in stamps and \$150 in money stolen. Some tools taken from a blacksmith shop were found in the postoffice and Lewis McNutt, a colored employe of the blacksmith shop, has been arrested.

#### Human Bodies in Crates.

Chicago, Special.—Eight human bodies were taken Wednesday evening from two crates at the freight depot of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. They were consigned to R. J. Jones at Brasher, Mo., and were marked as second-hand laundry machinery. The bodies were purchased during the day from the Harvey Medical College, of this city, and were being shipped to Missouri for purpose of dissection. The police are looking for Jones, but so far have been unable to locate him. The only charge that can be brought against him is the shipping of bodies in a manner contrary to law.

#### Bank Cashier Shot.

London, By Cable.—Monday afternoon a man named Linscoe entered the Kennington branch of the London and Southwestern Bank, and shot the cashier dead. He then called upon the clerk to deliver the contents of the till. The clerk grappled with the robber, who, finding that escape was impossible, shot himself. Another clerk was wounded in the struggle.

# THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

## The President Designates November 28th as Thanksgiving Day.

President Roosevelt has issued his proclamation fixing Thursday, November 28, as a day of national thanksgiving. It follows:

### A PROCLAMATION.

The season is nigh, when, according to the time-hallowed custom of our people, the President appoints a day as the special occasion for praise and thanksgiving to God.

This thanksgiving finds the people still bowed with sorrow for the death of a great and good President. We mourn President McKinley because we so loved and honored him, and the manner of his death should awaken in the breasts of our people a keen anxiety for the country and at the same time a resolute purpose not to be driven by any calamity from the path of strong, orderly, popular liberty, which, as a nation, we have thus far safely trod.

Yet in spite of this great disaster, it is nevertheless true that no people on earth have such abundant cause for thanksgiving as we have. The past year in particular has been one of peace and of plenty. We have prospered in things material and have been able to work for our own uplifting in things intellectual and spiritual. Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected of us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds. We can best prove our thanksgiving to the Almighty by the way in which, on this earth and at this time, each of us does his duty to his fellowmen.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the 28th of this present November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their wonted occupations and at their several homes and places of worship, reverently thank the Giver of all good for the countless blessings of our national life.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this second day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-sixth.

#### "McKinley, The Forgiving."

Washington, D. C., Special.—In the new book, "On the Great Highway," which appeared Saturday, James Creelman, after describing the death of President McKinley, says that when he last visited the White House Mr. McKinley said: "My one ambition is to be known as the President of the whole people. I have no other desire than to win that name. After all no American can harm his country without harming himself. This government has created by the people for themselves, and, night or day, that thought is always in my mind. We are all together in this great political experiment. Some hard things have been written and said of me, but that sort of thing is a necessary incident of popular government. It must always be so. My plan is to forget the evil and remember only the good. I never despair of converting an opponent into a supporter. The bitterest critic I have can come to see me and he will find a warm hand to greet him. It is the only way for an American to live." "So he lived and so he died," adds the author. "Men of all parties will remember him as McKinley, the forgiving."

#### End of Commission.

Washington, Special.—The industrial commission will cease to exist on December 15 by operation of law. The members of the commission are now at home mostly to vote in the coming State elections. A full meeting of the commission will be held next Wednesday, and the commission probably will remain in session most of the month, going over its final report. This will be embodied in one volume and will be submitted to Congress about the time the official existence of the commission expires.

#### Exposition Lost \$3,000,000.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.—The Pan-American Exposition ended at midnight Friday night. President John G. Milburn pressed an electric button at 12 o'clock and the lights in the famous electric tower grew dim for the last time. Slowly, one by one, the lights on post and pinnacle and tower faded away. A corps of buglers standing in the tower sounded "taps," and one of the greatest glories of the exposition, the electrical illumination passed away, and the exposition was ended. The financial loss will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. The total number of admissions for the six months was close to 8,000,000. The government exhibit, which is a beautiful and instructive collection, will be at once shipped to Charleston, S. C.

#### Brief Mention.

Both British and Boers had severe losses in a fight near Great Marico river, in the Western Transvaal. Lord Kitchener says the Boers retreated.

British correspondents who traveled with the Duke of Cornwall compare the people of the United States unfavorably with the Canadians.

# TUESDAY'S VOTING.

## Seth Low Elected Mayor of Greater New York.

### DEMOCRATS CARRY MARYLAND.

#### Results of Tuesday's Election in a Number of States—Gorman May Go Back to the Senate.

The returns from Tuesday's election show that in New York, where probably the hottest campaign of the year was carried on, the fusion ticket, headed by Seth Low, Republican, for mayor, was elected over the Democratic, or Tammany, ticket, headed by Edward M. Shepard, by about 30,000 majority. The Republicans were successful in Ohio, carrying that State by a plurality which will aggregate more than that of two years ago, when Nash had over 49,000. In Nebraska the Republicans have probably defeated the fusionists by a larger vote than that of last year. The Democrats claim Maryland, which probably insures the return of Gorman to the United States. The Republicans, however, maintain that they were successful. The Democrats also seem to have been successful in Kentucky, and the Louisville Courier-Journal claims that they have a majority in both branches of the Legislature, which will elect a successor to United States Senator Deboe. The Republican candidate for Governor of New Jersey, Murphy, is elected by about 7,000. Returns from Iowa indicate that the Republicans have carried the State by pluralities as large as their estimates. Virginia and Mississippi are of course Democratic, as Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are Republican. In the latter contest the Democrats made gains in Boston, which foreshadow to some extent success in the coming municipal contest.

#### Mississippi Democratic.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—The weather has been clear and cold and had a general election been on a large vote would have been polled in Mississippi, but under the circumstances, with only the offices of State Treasurer and Secretary of State to be filled, no active canvass has been made, and no interest has been manifested in the election. Private telegrams from larger towns indicate that the temporary incumbents, George W. Carlisle and Joseph E. Powers, who are appointees of Governor Longino, has been elected State Treasurer and Secretary of State, respectively. Full returns will not be received for a day or two, as numerous precincts are off the railroads and without telephone connection. All the candidates were Democrats.

#### Iowa

Des Moines, Ia., Special.—Returns from this State are coming in very slowly, the polls having been held open until 7 o'clock in most precincts. The figures from the first ten precincts show a Republican vote of 1,251; Democratic, 741. The same precincts two years ago gave the Republicans, 1,233; Democrats, 918. This shows a net Republican gain of 147, which, if continued in the same ratio will make about 31,000 net Republican gain in the State and give Cummins, for Governor, a durability of \$7,000.

#### Virginia Goes Democratic.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Although in the election the Democrats polled only about 75 per cent. of their vote, the result surpasses their most sanguine expectations. The negroes took little interest in the contest and the indications now are that the Democratic majority on the State ticket will be more than 25,000. The Legislature will be overwhelmingly Democratic. On the legislative ticket the Democrats made gains in the southwest, where they feared they were weak.

#### Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Special.—Returns up to 2 a. m., indicate the election of the Republican State ticket, Frank G. Harris for State Treasurer and Wm. P. Potter for Supreme Court Judge, by from 60,000 to 70,000 plurality. The vote in favor of the proposed constitutional amendments in the interest of ballot reform is overwhelming.

#### Connecticut.

New Haven, Conn., Special.—Connecticut chose delegates to the first constitutional convention to be held in the State since 1818. Of the 168 towns in the State, 165 have been heard from, showing that Republican delegates were elected in 105. Democrats in 44 and citizen or non-partisan candidates in 16.

#### Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Special.—At midnight Chairman Lindsay, of the Republican committee, said: "We have elected Judge Sedwick by a plurality at least as large as that given William McKinley a year ago." Chairman DeFrance, of the fusion committee, had no statement to give out, but said he was hopeful.

# SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

## New Enterprises That Are Enriching Our Favored Section.

### The Charleston Exposition.

On October 24, 1900, the board of directors of the South Carolina, Interstate and West Indian Exposition gave instructions that work should begin on the exposition building. That work has been steadily pushed, and within the year forty fine buildings have been started, and many of them are now all but completed. In an interview last week Mr. Bradford L. Gilbert, the architect-in-chief of the exposition, said that he was confident that he could have the exposition grounds and buildings in order by November 15, and that when the work was completed there would be no cause for complaint, especially as it had been done at less expense than was originally calculated upon. Within five weeks the exposition will be opened, and the men of Charleston who have furthered its plans are confident that during the six months of the exposition its purposes—the cultivation of closer trade relations between the United States and the West Indies—will be fully realized.

### The South's Climate.

In an interview at Knoxville not long ago Mr. W. R. Brown of Boston, speaking of the possibility of New England print mills moving to the cotton fields, said that print goods may be successfully manufactured in the South, but that the day would never come when fine bleached domestic may be turned out by Southern mills, because of climatic or atmospheric conditions. Climatic or atmospheric conditions have been a great standby for half a century in arguments intended to prove the limitation of the South in cotton manufacturing. But the South, with some interruption, has gone on manufacturing cotton, passing from lower to higher grades, going into the print business, and even daring to try bleaching. As a matter of fact, the South has the most superior climate in the country, as far as cotton is concerned, especially cotton-growing.

### Brick Works at Wilmington.

The manufacture of bricks by a new and economical process is about to be undertaken at Wilmington, N. C. Andrew Smith is organizing the company for this purpose, and will incorporate as the Hydraulic White Pressed Brick Co., with capital stock of \$50,000. Site has been purchased, and arrangements to build the works are now being made as sufficient capital to ensure the enterprise has been subscribed. The plant will have a daily capacity of 20,000 bricks, and building ornaments will also be produced. The process comprises the use of sand and chemicals as invented by a German inventor, and it is claimed the product has many superior merits that have been demonstrated in practice in Europe.

### Textile Information.

It is announced that a new company will be organized to rebuild and re-establish the Randleman (N. C.) Hosiery Mills, recently burned.

Chatham Manufacturing Co., of Elkin, N. C., has completed the installation in its woolen mills of an equipment for producing cotton blankets.

The Business Men's Club of San Antonio, Texas, is in correspondence with Eastern parties relative to the establishment of a large cotton factory.

The Extract Wool & Merino Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn., has found the demand for its product so increasing that a doubling of its production is necessary. The force of employes will be duplicated and a night shift of hands will be operated.

Endeavors are being made at Vicksburg, Miss., for the organization of a company to build a cotton factory. It is proposed to interest Eastern capitalists, and one of the local promoters has gone North for the last-named purpose.

The scholarship presented by Mr. Firth to the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association will be tenable at the New Bedford (Mass.) Textile School, which already has drawn students from all parts of the United States.

The Orient Mills of Charlotte, N. C., is now completing the installation of the 7000 spindles and 160 dobbie looms decided on some time ago for its new addition. As soon as this machinery is in operation another 7000 spindles and 180 looms will be purchased and put in position, thus bringing the plant up to 20,400 spindles and 520 looms (the old portion of the plant having 6400 of these spindles and 160 of the dobbie looms). The total investment for these improvements will be \$250,000.

The Itasca (Texas) Cotton Manufacturing Co. will use Beaumont oil for fuel. Three tanks are being constructed under ground, and the necessary equipment is being installed.

The Waxahachie (Texas) Cotton Mills has discarded coal as fuel for its furnaces and now burns Beaumont natural oil. The change is said to give entire satisfaction to the company.

The Manchester Cotton Mill Co., of Rock Hill, S. C., is reported as contemplating the installation of additional machinery, to include 6000 spindles and 240 looms. This company's plant now operates 18,240 producing spindles 3840 twisting spindles and 300 looms in the manufacture of brown sheetings.

# SHOT HER BETRAYER

## Prominent Asheville Man Got What He Deserved.

### YOUNG GIRL USES HER REVOLVER.

#### The Target a Man Who She Claims Accomplished Her Ruin—He Was Shot Three Times.

Asheville, Special.—Great excitement was created in the central part of the city Wednesday morning by a shooting affair. The victim was Houston Merrimon, assistant cashier of the Blue Ridge National bank and son of ex-Judge James H. Merrimon.

The Bailey street car had reached the court square at 9 o'clock. In it were the two persons concerned. As young Merrimon started from the car the girl fired, but the shot only took effect in the side of the car. When he reached the ground three other shots were fired. One entered the left arm splintering it, and the young man partially fell. As he rose, the fourth and last shot again sent him to the ground. The bullet entered about the center of the back and passed almost through his body. The injured young man was carried at once to the Mission Hospital and a number of prominent physicians summoned. He may recover.

The whole tragedy was enacted in a few moments, and no one could reach the girl until she had accomplished her purpose. Chief of Police Fullam rushed through the crowd, and was as on shed beyond expression when the girl, a mere child, said in a clear voice: "I shot him. He ruined me, and I wanted to ruin him. God told me last night to do it." Even then Chief Fullam would have turned away, but in her hand was a 38-calibre blue steel revolver which bore evidence that she spoke the truth. With a steady step and dry eyes she walked to the police station with the chief, not once losing her nerve. In fact, the girl exhibited a self-possession that is past all human understanding. She will not be 15 until next month, and in a few weeks she will become a mother, but not once has she shown a trace of nervousness.

The girl was at once placed in a cell at the police station, and everything possible done to make her comfortable. Apples and other eatables had been taken to her and it is said a number of ladies will fit up the cell in an attractive manner. Sympathy is usually with the girl in such cases, but in this instance the sympathy has been more pronounced, partly because of the tender age of the girl, and partly because the opinion prevails that she has been very much wronged by Merrimon. The girl lives near the Merrimon residence on French Broad avenue, with her mother, and she has at various times been employed to do light work at the Merrimon home. The girl claims that Merrimon took advantage of her presence in the house and enticed her to her ruin. Among those who called on the girl in her cell was J. G. Merrimon, brother of the young man who was shot. Mr. Merrimon told the girl that he would be glad to be of service to her in any way and would aid her in making a bond for her release. Able counsel has been employed to defend the girl.

At the hospital the bullets which had entered Mr. Merrimon's arm and back were extracted. The one which entered the back was extracted from the left breast, it having lodged under the skin. Late at night the physicians said that Merrimon has an even chance to recover.

#### Tar Herd Notes.

A blanket charter has been granted by the State to Summer Bros. & Company, of Asheville, giving them power to operate a department store, to generate and sell electricity in all its forms, and also to do various other things. The capital is \$50,000. A charter was also granted to the Amos Owens Cherry Tree Company, of Henrietta, Rutherford county, capital \$10,000.

The commissioner was advised that C. R. Hassell, under arrest at Smithfield, on the charge of soiling insurance, for unlicensed companies, had waived examination and that \$500 bail is demanded for him. He admits that his name is C. R. Hassell. The commissioner says there is no doubt that he is the man who was sent to the penitentiary from Beaufort, Carteret county, for "graveyard insurance" swindling.

A special civil term of Haywood Court is ordered. Judge Jones to preside.

The Agricultural Department is busy this week packing its exhibits for the Charleston Exposition.

#### Progressive Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, Nov. 5.—At the election the entire bond issue in the sum of \$110,000 for water-works, lights, street improvements, city hall and market house was adopted by a good majority. The Goldsboro Argus rooster Tuesday evening, with wide-open mouth, is crowing: "We have the most progressive citizens in the world; no wonder that Goldsboro is the best town in the State."