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CROSBY CHARACTERIZES ASSERTION OF LORD BALFOUR REGARDING LOAN GUARANTEES AS MISA REHENSION

Former Assistant Secretary Of Treasury Declares British Guarantees Were Not Required.

YOANS MADE WITHOUT CONSULTING BRITISH

Only One Incident on Which Misapprehension Could Be Based, He said; This Was Relatively Small Loan to Russia at Time When Only a Charge d'Affairs Represented That Nation-In Washington.

NEW YORK, March 9 .- (By Associated Press.)-Oscar T. Crosby, assistant secretary of the treasury during the war, emphatically characterized today as a misapprehension the assertion of Lord Balfour yesterday, in the house CASE AGAINST SACCO demanded a British guarantee before financing other allies.

Entering the controversy in London between Lord Balfour and Ambassador Harvey, Mr. Crosby, who discussed war loans with Lord Balfour when the latter came here in 1917 as head of the British high commission, and who later served in Europe as president of the nter-allied council on war purchases and finance, declared he could recall ut one incident on which the "misaprehension" might be based.

This incident, he said, was the granting to Russia of a relatively smal loan of \$170,000,000 upon British indersement, at a time when Russia was postponement was added today to the een left to the charge of Great Bri-

Referring to the Russian loan, Mr. Crosby said that the situation seemed to have been so dominated by British to have been so dominated by British induced. The following following the following followin

while he has not kept pace with the claring "I want to eat." This was rortland, Me. 3 per cent; Boston, Kanther vastly larger transactions, in taken to mean that as soon as a new which his government was not asked trial had been granted or denied he Baltimore, Butte, Dallas, Milwaukee, st. Louis and St. Paul, I per cent; Philotopic assume any responsibility whatever for allied purchases, other than British vanzetti, on the other hand, appear-

"I can recall but one incident, which,

remaining in Lord Balfour's mind, may have given rise to the misapprehension appearing in his last statement. occurred while Lord Balfour was in Washington and discussion concerning was had, in part, with him. Shortly after our entrance in the

war, it became my duty to obtain a various allied governments for materials under contract in the United States. This statement was had from J. P. Morgan and company, who were acting as fiscal agents for Great Bri-When the Morgan statement .

was received. I reported to the secre-tary that it showed about \$170,000,000 of contracts for deliveries to Russia but with British indorsement. Russia was at that time represented only by large d'affaires holding over from the ezarist regime. He had no authority then to sign obligations for the pro-visional government of Rüssia. Secetary McAdoo could not lend money without having corresponding obligaons of the borrowers. As soon as the necessary authority was given, loans were made directly to the new Russian government without indorsement of ing other government, commitments of the big belligerhits were at once taken over by them from loans made directly to them, this one just mentioned for Russia was left charge of Great Britain.

"There was no discussion as to Brish responsibility for the purchases here of the other allies. But as to this Russian affair, it seemed to have been o dominated by British influence (necsary doubtless in the confusion of he times) that Secretary McAdoo felt was wise to leave the account as we

"Lord Balfour thought we should ave taken over this relatively small nount, and I fancy his memory has retained the impressions resulting from the incident, while he has not kept sides with the other vastly larger Tansactions in which his government was not asked to assume any responbility whatever for allied purchases ther than British) in our markets.

Lord Balfour says we explained to American government that d be able to find all the dollars cessary to purchase our own wa alteriais without borrowing from the affed States or anybody else. Cerno such statement came to my On the contrary, the need thou ledge. berrowing dollars for British refuntries) was always to the fore in

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- Treasury esmen, answering inquiries toda; the house of lords by Lord Baifour, lared this government's position desired to let the controversy

secretary Mellon reiterated that the nited States had exacted no guarantees from Great Britain and referred mestioners to the August statement in ich the treasury secretary asserted that the British government had not even been informed in most cases when governments had requested ad-

Samuel Gompers Is Seriously Ill In New York With Pneumonia

NEW YORK, March 8 .- Samuel Gompers, 73 years old, president of the American Federation of Labor, is at Lenox Hill hospital, this city, suffering from influenza and bronchial pneumonia, it. was learned tonight.

His secretary, W. C. Roberts, announced that Mr. Gompers's physician, Dr. Gustav Fisch, reported the patient's condition as serious, his advancing age greatly retarding convalescence."
Mrs. Gompers arrived from

Washington today and went at once to her husband's bedside. After a later consultation with other physicians, among them Dr. Evans, a noted specialist. Dr. Fisch announced Mr. Gompers

no immediate danger although he is a very sick man." Overwork

had combined with age to lower his vitality, they said.

Mr. Gompers came here from his headquarters at Washington last Saturday against the advice of his personal physician, to attend the annual banquet of "The Inner Circle," an organization of news-

He was confined to his bed at the Astor hotel from Monday until Wednesday trying to fight off his illness. His secretary then called in Dr. Fisch, a long-time friend of Mr. Gompers. Dr. Fisch hustled his patient off to the hos-

During the time which intervened before Mr. Gompers permitted the nature of his illness to be made public his condition has been "very grave," it was said at the

FOOD PRICES PAST AND CANZETTI AGAIN TWENTY-TWO CITIES **CONTINUED BY COURT**

der Case Made At Defense Counsel's Request.

dorsement, at a time when Russia was postponentell was added today to the represented here only by a charge long list of delays ensuing after the draffaires holding over from the czarist regime, with no authority to sign of the provisional govobligations for the provisional govthe request of counsel for the defense ernment of Russia. Mr. Crosby admit-erd later, however, that this loan had tion for a new trial was laid over for one week.

Armed state constabulary were stationed about the court house when court convened while within the build-ing police officers were on duty to

this relatively small amount, and I to hear from the defendants as to 1922, to February 15, 1923, these insured his memory has retained the imwhether they were willing to have the creases were reported: Pittsburgh, 4 pressions resulting from the incident, postponement at first he refused, deper cent; Denver, Little Rock and while he has not kept pace with the claring "I want to eat." This was

ed eager for the postponement and cent. Mr. Crosby's statement, in part, fol- with Fred H. Moore, attorney for defense, earnestly entreated his fellow prisoner to agree to his counsel's request. Finally Sacco acceded to the postponement.

Today's postponement resulted when Judge Thayer learned that counsel would be unable to agree as to the admissability, as evidence, of an affidavit of Jeremiah McAnarney, an attorney, which had to do with statements atstatement of the commitments of the tributed to one of the jurors in the murder trial. The prosecution held that the affidavit was founded on hearsay and the defense contended that it should be admitted.

Packing Plants Merger Is Virtually Complete

CHICAGO. March 9.—Merger of the Armour and company and Morris and company packing plants was virtually February Building completed today and the consolidation awaits only formal announcement to become effective, it was announced here tonight when it was learned that arbitrators had fixed a price on the value of Armour stock to be exchanged as part of the purchase price for the Morris interests. Announcement of completion of the merger probably will be made next Tuesday or Wednesday it was said.

Filing of a complaint against th merger by Secretary Wallace, of the department of agriculture, will not hold up the deal, it was said here today, it being expected that the merger will have been completed before hearings on the complaint begin. The packers, it is said, stand ready to go into court in an effort to prove the consoli-dation legal in every respect if this be-

Muscoutin Towing In a Disabled Schooner

NORFOLK, Va., March 9 .- The coast guard tug Muscoutin passed in Cape Henry at 9:40 o'clock tonight with the lisabled four masted schooner Jesse G. Moyes in tow. The schooner last her foremast and main top mast in a storm off the North Carolina coast Thursday.

The five masted schooner City Portland reached Norfolk early this morning in tow of the coast guard cutter Manning. She lost a mast in the gale off the coast Thursday, but was not otherwise seriously damaged.

Old Graham Home At University Is Burned | you, a candidate, what way do don't win that way. It is what you do yourself that wins winning is positive, not neg-

CHAPEL HIL, March 9.—The Graham house, home of the late Edward K. Graham, and held in affectionate memory by many who were students of the university of North Carolina during Mr. Graham's lifetime, was destroyed by fire this afternoon.

MONTH FALL OFF IN

Postponement of Famous Mur- Prices February 15, However, Considerably Higher Than Same Period in 1913.

> WASHINGTON, March 9-Retail food February 15, according to figures compiled by the labor department. Compared with the average prices in 1913, however, the range was 21 per cent to 50 per cent higher.

Decreases for January 15 to February 15 were: Salt Lake City, 3 per cent; Denver, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Scranton, 2 per cent; Baltimore Boston, Butte, Little Rock, Manches ter, N. H., Memphis, Milwaukee, Norfolk, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Portland, Mo, Providence, St. Louis, St. Paul and Washington, decrease 1 per cent; Dallas and Kansas City, less than fivetenths of 1 per cent.

For the year period February 15

Eight cities showed a decrease as follows: Omaha, Salt Lake and Scranton, 2 per cent; Memphis and Washington, 1 per cent; Manchester, Norolk and San Francisco, less than fivetenths of 1 per cent.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, the retail cost of food on February 15 was 50 per cent higher in Providence and Washington, 49 cent in Scranton, 48 per cent in Balti-more, 47 per cent in Boston, 45 per cent in Philadelphia, 44 per cent in Manchester and Pittsburgh, 42 per cent in Dallas, Milwaukee and St. Louis; 39 per cent in Kansas City, 37 per cent in Little Rock, Omaha and San Francisco; 35 per cent in Memphis, 31 per cent in Denver and 2 1per cent in Salt Lake

Prices were not obtained from Butte Norfolk, Portland, Me., and St. Paul in 1913, hence no comparison for the ten-year period was given for these cities.

Permits Take Jump

NEW YORK, March 9.—Building permit values in 149 cities of the United tSates in February were 13.7 percent higher than in January and 62.2 percent greater than in Bebruary 1922, according to bradstreet's. The total value permits filed in the 149 cities last month was \$216,748,197.

OPPORTUNITIES IN

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RUHR SITUATION IS SUBJECT OF SPEECH BY FRENCH PREMIER

Poincare Tells Foreign Relations Committee of General Conditions.

PAYING INVASION COSTS WITH MARKS

German Money Confiscated Devoted to Expenses of Invading Expedition.

PARIS, March 9 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Premier Poincare today addressed the foreign relations committee on the subject of the situation in the Ruhr. The premier went into details with regard to the Ruhr railroads, the organization of the customs, the putting into force of import and export licenses, and expulsion of German officials, the liason established between the Bridgeheads, the relations between OFFICIALS OF LOCAL the occupation troops and the population and the arrangements made to insure progressively the delivery of

coal and coke to France.

M. Poincare renewed his declarations, before the chamber of deputies that France would not accept any mediation in the situation nor enter into indirect conversations. He added, however, that the day when Germany understood the situation, France would be ready to listen and examine into all official propositions made by In any case, the premier declared, France would not abandon the security and guarantees she had been forced to take in return for a simple promise by Germany.

DUESSELDORF, March 9 .- (By the Associated Press.)—The French and Belgian armies of occupation are paying their expenses by means of requisitioned marks, it was announced today costs in all of 22 representative cities at French headquarters. More than decreased between January 15 and 14,000,000,000 marks have been collected by the occupation forces, all of which will be applied toward expenses incurred since the Ruhr troop movement began just two months ago.

The largest sum seized by the French, near Hagen, was 13,000,000,000 marks in Rechsbank hands being shipped by train from Berlin to Cologne. Included in the amount confiscated is a ed in the amount confiscated is a stock billion marks taken at Duisburg, which tion. also was a Reichsbank shipment, and hundreds of millions of German gov-ernment strike funds. There are also fines against individuals amounting to is,000,000 marks and a fine of a hundred million marks against the town of

PARIS, March 9 .- (By the Associated Press.)—The British government has delivered to the French government an amicably worded note on the situation In the newly occupied territory between Rhine bridegheads.

The question to be settled is whether

this territory is to be under the adgian military authorities. The expectation in official circles is

that this question will be easily determined after an understanding is reached in the spot by representatives of Great Britain and France. GELSENHIRCHEN, March 9 .- Bel

gian patrols at Buederich, across the consigned to Dortmund, Essen, Rotthausen, Muelheim-all Ruhr and this city, according to reports received through German sources.

FORECAST BY STATES

WASHINGTON, March 9 .- Virginia: Increasing cloudiness and warmer Saturday followed by rain Saturday night or Sunday colder Sunday. North and South Carolina Georgia: Increasing cloudiness and warmer Saturday, Sunday rain and colder fresh south and southwest winds. Florida: Fair and slightly warmer Saturday, Sunday cloudy, probably local rains in extreme north portion; moderate east and southeast shifting

to southwest winds. Extreme northwest Florida: Fair Saturday; Sunday local rains followed vest winds.

Alabama and Mississippi: Increasing cloudiness in south and local rains in north portion Saturday; Sunday local rains and cooler; fresh south shifting to west, winds.

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TURKS' REPLY TO ALLIED PEACE PROPOSALS HANDED TO HIGH COMMISSIONERS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 9.—The Turkish government's reply to the allied peace proposals arrived here by courier from Angora this afternoon and was handed to the British, French and Italian high commissioners. Copies will also be delivered to the American and Japanese representatives.

The whole note is couched in most moderate language and suggests resumption of the negotiations in some European town, preferably Constantinople. The note comprises 115 pages.

The note says there are no fun-damental modifications proposed in the political clauses of the draft treaty. Turkey, however, desires sovereignty of Castelloritza (off the southern coast of Asia Minor) and the small islands dependent upon Tenedos Island (off the west coast of Asia Minor). She also suggests the Maritza "Thalweg" (lowest point of the valley) as the

frontier of Thrace, rather than the right bank of the river.

of the draft treaty the note proposes that clauses 71 to 117, upon which agreement has not been reached, should be disjoined from the draft and substantially dis-

dealing with communications and slight modifications. Part five, dealing with prisoners of war, is integrally accepted.

ers in Turkey, the note suggests that the title of this section should read "Convention of regulations between Turkey and the allied powers" and insists on the same prerogatives for Turkish subjects in allied states as for foreigners in

the draft treaty, therefore has been modified to avoid disposition contrary to international practice.

PACKING PLANT ARE TAKEN IN CUSTODY

President of Southern Packing Corporation Held in Default of \$50,000 Bail.

Charged with the embezzlement of onds in the amount of \$20,000. Robert M. Williams, president of the Southern Packing corporation, operators of the Carolina Packing plant in this city, has been arrested in New York on a warrant forwarded by the local police, and is being held pending the action of the governor of New York state on extradition papers prepared by County Solicitor J. A. McNorton.

Chief of Police Cashwell forwarded the warrant to New Pork for the arrest of Mr. Williams after he had been informed of the alleged action of the head of the Southern Packing corporation regarding certain bonds by local stockholders in the packing corpora-

Warrants have also been prepared against five others connected with the corporation. In Orangebure, S. C. where the Southern Packing corporation operates a plant, G. E. Mengel and A. P. Morgan, connected with the corporation, have been arrested, charged with breach of trust with fraudelent

R. C. Horne, Jr., of Beaufort, N. C., secretary and treasurer of the company, has caused to be sworn out warrants charging conspiracy with intent to defraud against John M. Warner, official; in director of publicity ministration of the Rhineland inter-allied commission or the French-Bel-with the two under arrest in Orangewith the two under arrest in Orangeburg, conspired to defraud the Southern Packing corporation of \$100,000 in bonds, and also with intent to make away with all records and files of the corporation.

Mr. Williams is being held by the New York police because of his inability to place a bond of \$50,000 following his arrest upon the arrival of the warselzed shipments of milk from Holland rant from this city. As soon as the governor of New York honors the extradition parers Mr. Williams will be brought to his city for trial.

> ORANGEBURG, March 9 .- The arrest n New York of Robert M. Williams, | president of the Southern Packing ompany, is the latest development in stormy career that has marked the existence of the concern and its predeessor in South Carolina over a period of several years.

Two days ago a group of South Carolina stockholders seized the local office of the concern under a warrant of claim and delivery and yesterday caused the arrest of G. E. Mengel and A. P. Morgan, employes of the firm, on the charge of hiding away an automoboline belonging to it.

The Southern Packing company is in part the successor of the Orangeburg Packing company which was formed several years ago. The original comseveral years ago. pany did not last long, being placed in the hands of receivers within a few months. The creditors sold the plant o State Senator Niels Christensen, of Beaufort, S. C., and Messrs. Love and Calder, of Walmington, N. C., and others. A new company was organ-ized and named the Carolina Packing company. Soon afterward, however, it was announced that a merger had been was announced that a merger had been staying of watter and a ard. They were R. A. Whetstone, Miss charter obtained in Delaware under torney General T. Semmes Walmsley. charter obtained in Delaware under the name of the Southern Packing company with R. M. Williams as presilent, and with offices in Orangeburg and New York. Later dissension among the stockholders and one of the actions elected Senator Christensen pres'dent. oday is agog over the Star-News' one hates a coward. And, how about Mr. Williams, it is said, however, still claims to be in possession of the plant

Promises won't get you there. Noise as president. One subscription in this big vote period gives you 12,000 votes. Ten Fire Building To **Delay Examinations**

LEWISTOWN, Pa., March 9.—Nor-man Deuel and Nelson Hanawalt, seniors, and Walter Harshbarger, a nember of the junior class, confessed today, school authorities said, that they had set fire to the Lewistown nigh school building in order to delay examination for which they were not

prepared. Lighted sulphur candles were found early yesterday in waste paper baskets in '14 rooms of the bu'lding. The fires were discovered before serious damage was done.

CAROLINA BEACH REPORTED BURNING EARY TODAY

Residents of Carolina Beach, at 2:30 o'clock this morning, notified police hendquarters here that "Carolina Beach is burning up." No details were given.

Regarding the economic clauses

Part four of the draft treaty, sanitary questions, is accepted with

As regards a regime for foreign-

Turkey.
The note states that the text of

HARDING GOES INTO **JUNGLES OF FLORIDA** FOR GAME OF GOLF

Chief Executive Enjoying Splendid Vacation in "The Land of Flowers."

STUART, Fla., March 9 .- President Harding had to go into a Florida jungle for a game of golf but he got it. The morning of the fourth day of his higher than both courts in these two Florida vacation trip dayled with counties. The clerk of the superior Florida vacation trip dawied with the houseboat Pioneer on which the President is cruising down the Indian river, anchored just above Vero about 10 o'clock. The President and his golfing companions came ashore there and motored to the Rio Mar golf course.

The trip to the golf course was over road running through a Palmeto jungle and ended in a cleared space be tween the Indian river and the ocean hence the name Rio Mar given to the golf course. The President unexpectedy found himself among veritable weigh-bors as the winter resort there is populated largely by people from Cleveland.

The golf course which northern in genuity has carved from the jungle also proved a surprise, members of the Presidential foursome pronouncing it about the best they had played on since coming to Florida.

The President liked it so well that he made two rounds of the nine holes. The golf game over, the executive and is party motored to Fort board the Pioneer which had continued on to that little city in the heart of the St. Lucie grape fruit growing indus-

Elaborate preparations had been made there to entertain the Presidential party, Mr. Harding having favored town with a visit while in Florida two years ago just before he entered the

Today, however, he decided that he had enough golf for one day and went aboard the houseboat directly upon reaching the town. The cruise down the Indian river then was resumed and tonight the Pioneer was anchored off Hobe sound. The party's tentative plans provide for a game of golf here tomorrow morning and then resump-tion of the trip southward, arriving a Palm Beach probably tomorrow even-

Morehouse Grand Jury Adjourns Until Monday

BASTROP, La., March 9 .- (By Asso ciated Press).-The Morehouse parish grand jury adjourned late today until Monday with indications that its investigation into the operations of hooded bands in this parish would be concluded next Tuesday or Wednes-

Witnesses today include three per sons who, at the open hearing in January, gave testimony regarded as of high importance in the effort of the state to fix responsibility for floggings, the issuance of warnings, abductions, deportations and the kidnaping and slaying of Watt Daniel and T. F. Rich-

Harold Teegerstrom, who disapreared shortly before the hearing began and did not return until after the close of the investigation, also was among today's witnesses. At the time of his disappearance Teegerstrom was timekeeper at the plant of the Southern Carbon company at Spyker, and the most popular of the state officials, his testimony at the hearing was in but his business administration is connection with persons who declared they had recognized T. Jeff Burnett as in government. one of the masked kidnapers of Daniel

Wealthy Wake Farmer Gets Prison Sentence

RALEIGH, March 9 .- Niles O'Neal, wealthy Wake county farmer, today was sentenced to 18 months on the county roads by Judge Cranmer in Wake county superior court when a jury found him guilty of having sold whiskey to two detectives employed by Solicitor W. F. Evans. O'Neal took an appeal and gave bond for \$3,500.
O'Neal served for many years chairman of the Democratic executive ommittee of New Light township. The two detectives operated in Raeigh and in Wake county several weeks ago, their activities resulting in the arrest and conviction of a rum ber of alleged bootleggers

COUNTIES ARE GIVEN POWER TO ESTABLISH COURTS UNDER BILL

Authority Contained in Measure Passing Legislature At Closing Sessions.

ANSWERS FOR JUDICIAL DISTRICTS MEASURE

Court Will Have Criminal and

Civil Jurisdiction; People Must Vote On It.

Morning Star Bureau, 312 Tucker Building.

RALEIGH, March 9.- The general assembly killed the judicial districts bill. but it gave counties burdened with conested superior court dockets authorty to establish general county courts having civil and criminal jurisdiction and conducting trials by jury.

By BROCK BARKLEY

Little was heard of the measure at the time it was slipping through, but it has been duly recorded and filed in the official shelves of Secretary of State Everett's office, and only a vote of the people of a county is necessary to establish a court that will possess nearly all the powers of the superior courts. The bill was introduced after the chances of passage of the judicial districts bill went a-glimmering and the opinion of lawyers is that it gives counties virtually the relief sought in the re-districting bill.

Two Counties Have Courts Forsyth and New Hanover counties already have county courts, but lawyers say the new general court would ave greater jurisdiction and rank could would be ex-official clerk of the general county court and the sheriff would be there to "oh, yes."

The county court, it is pointed out. could displace the city recorder's courts, which in the cities of the state have worked successfully in clearing many cases that might have flooded the superior courts. The county court also ould take over many of the cases now handled by the magistrates.

People Must Decide To get this court, the county commissioners will have to call an election and let the people say if they want one. If the proposal carries, the duty then evolves upon the commis-sioners to establish the tribunal through the appointment of a judge, who shall receive a salary of not less than \$3,600 per year, and a prosecutor who shall not be paid less than \$1,000 The law specifies that the court shall convene in the county courthouse on the first Monday of each month and continue in session until all cases or

the docket have been disposed of. The act goes into detail in outlining and civil One clause specifies that trial court. by jury in civil cases shall be considered as waived unless one of the conof the trial of the case for a jury of 12 men. In that case the register of deeds shall select 18 men from whom the jury will be chosen, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff to sum-mons them to court. Regular juries for the court will be chosen by lot under the system used in selecting juries for the superior court.

While sittings of the court shall be n the courthouse, the act makes mention of the inadvisability, in con-venience or discommoding the regular session of superior courts.

Appeals from the county court to su-

erior court will be in accordance with existing statutory requirements for appeals to higher courts. Whether any counties will take advantage of the opportunity to establish a county court is uncertain, though Mecklenburg county is reported to be interested in some change that would relieve a crowded docket in superior court there.

Efficiency Demonstrated
Governmental efficiency is being thoroughly demonstrated in the office of Secretary of State W. N. Everett this week as scores make application for information concerning the multi-tudes of public and private laws enacted by the general assembly.

Although Mr. Everett's clerical staff

has been swamped since the assembly began shooting in the mass of bills, the work has been carried on so systematically and thoroughly that there is not the semblance of disorder or confusion in the handling and filing of the official copies. Persons seeking nformation have been able to locate their particular laws on a moment's notice

The secretary of state's office had a reputation for efficiency and service under Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes and Mr. Everett is maintain it in'a most highly satisfactory man-ner. The business-like methods of the office are subjects of common talk among people who have had occasion to call there for service or informa-tion. Mr. Everett is not only one of proving the practicability of business

Fort Myer Barracks Destroyed By Fire

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Fire broke out tonight in the barracks of enlisted men at Fort Myer, Va., just across the Potomac river from Washington. Fire fighting apparatus was rushed to the scene from Washington in an effort to confine the flames to one building, in which about 100 men were quartered. All of the men, it was stated at the reservation, got out of the building in safety. Troops stationed at the fort joined with volunteers from nearby towns and firemen from Washington in fighting the blaze. The reservation ad-joins Ariington cemetery.

The fire, destroying the building in which it originated, spread to an in-occupied wing of the hospital. Fifty patients were removed to safety.