

DISASTROUS FIRE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Large Store of Louis Saks Is Burned.

LOSS WILL REACH \$240,000.

One Hundred and Twenty-Five Clerks Thrown Out of Employment—Firemen Had Hard Work to Prevent Flames Spreading.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 24.—A fire which broke out shortly before 3 o'clock this morning in the large clothing store of Louis Saks, at the corner of Nineteenth street and First avenue, burned until 4 o'clock, destroying their three story building and its contents.

The total loss on building and stock is \$240,000, with \$100,000 insurance. Saks owned the building.

One hundred and twenty-five clerks and other employes are thrown out of work. A spark from a live electric wire in the third story caused the conflagration.

The firemen fought hard, but could only prevent the spread of the flames to adjoining buildings. The place will be rebuilt at once.

DROOKS-RIDDLE FEUD

McFarland Tells of Bloody Fight at Spokogee, I. T.

Eufaula, I. T., Sept. 24.—Describing the feud fight between the Brooks and Riddle factions, at Spokogee, I. T., in which Willis, John and Clifford Brooks and "Old Man" Riddle were killed and John Brooks mortally wounded, James McFarland, of the Riddle party, last night said:

"Willis Brooks and his two sons, Cliff and John, came to Spokogee armed, and met Riddle at the postoffice. John Brooks stopped the old man and threatened to kill him. I was standing on the corner when Riddle ran and Willis Brooks threw a cartridge into his gun and said he would 'kill Riddle for luck.' He fired and missed, but Cliff Brooks then shot Riddle in the back of the head as he ran out. He fell dead. He was unarmed. John Brooks then told his father to look at me, standing on the corner. Willis Brooks and his boys began firing at me, and I returned the fire. Willis Brooks fell, arose and began shooting again, but finally fell for good. The boys then went down, shooting to the east."

McFarland and the other Riddleites surrendered and are in jail.

NEGRO DELEGATE ARRESTED.

Came to Birmingham and Fell In Officers' Hands.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 23.—Mendeth Provo is the unusual name of a ministerial delegate to the negro Baptist convention in Birmingham who is now reposing in the Montgomery jail. Mendeth is a delegate from the Brazos bottoms in Texas, who emigrated from here in 1877, and who stopped over on his return to see his old friends. He was arrested yesterday morning as he was getting on the Texas train.

It transpires that he was convicted in 1876 for stealing a sheep from a negro preacher in the lower part of this county. He made good his escape after conviction and went to Texas, where he has prospered greatly, being reported as worth some \$20,000. Another indictment is pending against him for the theft of an ax about the same time he appropriated the parson's sheep. Mendeth was a troublesome politician here in the dark days. He says he was in the recent crash at Birmingham, and would rather have perished than than to be in this scrape.

BOYS IN BLOODY BATTLE.

Three Are Fatally and Two Are Seriously Wounded.

Jackson, Ky., Sept. 24.—As the result of a quarrel between two boys near Callahan's store, on Long's creek, this county, Garden Deaton and Harrison McNeal and Dutch Burton were probably fatally wounded, and Willie Burton, Bud Thompson and Rhodes Hall were slightly wounded.

According to the story of the fight received here, eight or ten men and boys were on their way home from a mill when two of the boys became involved in a quarrel over a trivial matter. Others joined in, pistols were drawn and the shooting became general. Alexander Riley has been arrested charged with the killing.

Coast Line Raises Wages.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24.—The Atlantic Coast Line raises the wages of its boiler makers, machinists and blacksmiths in its shops at Rocky Mount, Wilmington and Florence. The increase was asked for and goes into effect Oct. 1. The carpenters will next Thursday ask for an increase. The increase allowed the iron workers is 20 per cent and it is claimed that this is greater than that granted by any other road in the southern states.

Bank Officials Suspended.

Vienna, Sept. 24.—The Neue Freie Presse today announced that four officials of the Vienna Laender bank have been suspended in connection with the defalcation of Edmund Jolinek, formerly employed in the cashier's department of that institution, who disappeared Sept. 18 and in whose accounts a shortage of \$1,150,000 was subsequently discovered.

TRAGEDY AT LANGDALE, GA.

In Duel One Man Killed, Another Fatally Wounded.

New York, Sept. 24.—A committee bill tragedy was enacted at Langdale a mill town on the Chattahoochee valley railroad, 5 miles from here, Sunday night.

The participants in the duel were Will Owens and Will Phillips. The former is dead and the latter is at the point of death, having a bullet in his left lung in the region of his heart.

It seems that Owens had been paying attention to Phillips' sister for some time and had written her several letters. One of these was read by Phillips, who took offense at a part of it. He immediately went out to find Owens, and saw him accompanying a Miss Henderson home from church. He allowed Owens to take the young lady home and waylaid him between the home of Miss Henderson and his own, the spot selected being a branch in the flats. He immediately began cursing and abusing Owens, who, in his turn, replied equally vehemently. Both whipped out pistols about the same time and began firing. Owens' shot is the one now in Phillips' lung. The latter's first shot brought Owens to his knees and he begged Phillips not to kill him. However, it is said, the latter paid no attention to his pleadings, but emptied his revolver, calmly reloaded and emptied it. He then fell exhausted.

Parties living in the neighborhood ran to the scene of the shooting to find each man in a pool of his own blood. Both were removed to their respective homes. Owens was dead, and Phillips was unconscious. Physicians attended him, but he is still in a critical condition. It is hardly expected that he will recover.

PRESIDENT AT LOGANSPORT.

Cheering Crowd Greet Him—Made a Short Speech.

Logansport, Ind., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt and party reached Logansport at 7:15 o'clock this morning. A large crowd was assembled at the Wabash station to greet him. His stop was unusually long, due to his train being transferred from the Wabash to the Panhandle tracks here. The distance between the stations left him only 5 minutes for his speech, which was made from a platform built on the high school lawn.

The party was driven to the high school at a brisk trot, the Spanish-American war veterans and Grand Army of the Republic marchers hustling to keep up. Mayor Vaughan introduced the president and the speaker was interrupted frequently by cheers. Upon the platform were seated 150 persons and the president shook hands with a few of these before leaving. Others tried to reach his hand as he climbed into his carriage. He over looked the outstretched hands and stood in the carriage raising his hat and bowing. The crowd seemed to resent this, for when Mr. Roosevelt was here during the last campaign he shook hands with every one who could get near enough.

Four of the local police force, mounted, were detailed to guard the president's carriage and they had about all they could do to keep within range. Secret service men accompanying the president were in a carriage next to the president and kept a watchful eye on the crowd. The line of march carried the president and party through the principal streets and residence portions. The party left at 8:15 o'clock for Kokomo.

Rare Old Violin Sold.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 24.—The old De Czeke violin, which figured so conspicuously in the contest over the old musician's will between his Austrian heirs and Miss Rosa Hardin, of Louisville, has been at last sold at administrator's sale and brought the disappointing price of \$450. Miss Hardin was herself among the bidders, but it was knocked down to a real estate agent acting for some unknown musician. Musicians here believe that it brought only a fraction of what it is worth, and that it is really one of the most rare and valuable instruments in the world.

Elevator Crushes Skull.

Savannah, Sept. 24.—Late yesterday afternoon a shocking accident occurred in the Citizens' bank building. James Smith, an office boy, was practically decapitated by the elevator. He was on the first floor waiting for the elevator when something in the cellar attracted his attention. He extended his head between the two iron runways of the heavy weight which counterbalances the elevator to peer below. The weight rapidly descending as the elevator went up, crushed his skull and broke his neck.

Building Boom at Adairsville.

Adairsville, Ga., Sept. 24.—The carpenters and bricklayers are all busy in this vicinity. A steady building boom has been in progress for some months. The largest block of business stores ever erected in this town is now nearing completion. It is being erected by Contractor John Schmitz for N. C. Anderson. It is modern pressed brick and marble trimmings.

\$42,000 Fire at Bowling Green.

Nashville, Sept. 24.—The Park City mills were destroyed by fire at Bowling Green this morning. The loss is estimated at \$42,000, with about \$16,000 insurance. This is the third time a flouring mill on the same site has been burned. The mill had a capacity of 200 barrels.

KILLED FROM AMBUSH.

Mississippi Farmer Shot Down While Returning Home from Church.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 24.—Each week the country press brings in reports of murders and assassinations in out-of-the-way places, which have escaped notice in the press dispatches. The story has just reached here of an assassination in Pike county near the Antioch church.

John M. Regan, a farmer, was going home from church, accompanied by his brother, San Regan, and Bill Dean, when a gun was discharged from ambush and John Regan fell to the roadside mortally wounded. A man named Hugh Forbes was suspected of the crime, having had a previous difficulty with Regan, and he was placed under arrest, but denied all knowledge of the affair. Afterwards he made his escape and has not since been captured. Craps and blind tigers are thought to be the chief factors in the killing.

OVER 1,000,000 PENSIONERS.

Roll Passes the Predictions of Those Opposing Pension Legislation.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The United States pension list has passed the 1,000,000 mark. The annual report of Commissioner Ware, which will be made public for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, will show that at the end of the last fiscal year ending June last, the pension rolls lacked 554 names of being 1,000,000. During July, however, 2,051 names were added to the list, bringing the total to 1,001,497.

At the end of the last fiscal year the number on the rolls exceeded all previous records, and with the July addition it has passed the predictions made by those who have opposed pension legislation. Pensions growing out of the Spanish-American war have had a great deal to do with the increase, although the number of actually pensioned is small in proportion to the entire number of men—something like 500,000—who served in that war.

FOR NEW ORGANIZATION.

Movement to Form Southern Association of Fire Chiefs.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 24.—The officers of the Alabama Chiefs of Police association have inaugurated a movement for the organization of a southern association of chiefs of police. It is proposed to include Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territory in the new organization.

G. E. Chambers, secretary of the Alabama association, is now engaged in sending out letters to the chiefs of police in the above named states and territories asking for their co-operation in the movement. The purpose is to draw these officers together in closer touch with a view to more efficient work and for special purposes.

Will Compete for Oriental Trade.

New York, Sept. 24.—The first of a big fleet of French sailing vessels has arrived here to load oil for Japan. The vessel is the ship Falconniere, launched only a few months ago at St. Nazaire. There has recently been a boom in French shipbuilding owing to a bounty given by the government, which has resulted in many sailing vessels being built. A number of these are bound for the United States to compete for the trade to the Far East, which heretofore has been monopolized by American and English sailing craft.

Sues for Loss of Whiskers.

New York, Sept. 24.—A peculiar suit has been brought against a street railway company of this city by Simon Kurtz, who seeks to recover the sum of \$10,000 because of a fall which compelled him to shave off his beard. Kurtz is a cantor or singer in a synagogue. Since losing his beard he declares he cannot longer follow his profession under the rules of the church.

Two to Hang in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 24.—Governor Longino will not grant a further respite to Will Matthis and Orlando Lester, the condemned murderers of the Montgomery brothers, and they will be publicly executed at Oxford Wednesday morning. The hanging will take place about 1 mile south of town, and thousands of visitors are expected in the little university town to witness the execution.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and, therefore, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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6:55 a. m.—No. 36, daily for Salisbury, Washington, and the East, connects at Salisbury, Greensboro and Danville for Charlotte, Raleigh and Richmond. Through Pullman sleeper between Memphis, Chattanooga, Asheville, Salisbury and Danville. Also through Pullman sleeper between St. Louis, Louisville and Asheville.

3:35 p. m.—No. 12, daily for Salisbury, Washington and all points East through Pullman sleeper between Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville and also between Memphis and Asheville.

7:05 a. m.—No. 14, daily for Spartanburg, Columbia and Charleston. Connects at Spartanburg for Atlanta and the South, Charlotte and the North. 4:00 p. m.—No. 10, daily for Spartanburg, Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville and all points South, connects at Spartanburg for the North, Columbia for Charleston. Through Pullman sleeper between Cincinnati, Knoxville, Asheville, Spartanburg, Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville, also between Asheville, Columbia and Charleston.

10:05 a. m.—No. 17, daily for Waynesville, Bryson City and all intermediate points.

3:30 p. m.—No. 13, daily (except Sunday), for Waynesville, Bryson City, Murfreesboro and New Orleans. Also at Knoxville for Chattanooga, Louisville and St. Louis. Through Pullman sleeper between Charleston, Columbia, Spartanburg, Asheville, Knoxville, Louisville and St. Louis.

1:15 p. m.—No. 11, daily for Hot Springs, Knoxville and all points West connects at Morristown for Bristol, Knoxville for Cincinnati and Louisville, at Chattanooga for Memphis and Nashville. Through Pullman sleeper between New York, Washington, Salisbury, Asheville, Chattanooga and Nashville and through Pullman sleeper between Jacksonville, Savannah, Columbia, Asheville, Knoxville and Cincinnati, also between Asheville and Memphis.

12:20 a. m.—No. 35, daily for Hot Springs, Morristown, Knoxville, Chattanooga and points West. Connects at Chattanooga for Memphis and intermediate points and at Ooltewah Junction for Rome, Selma, Atlanta and intermediate points. Through Pullman sleepers between Danville, Salisbury, Asheville, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Memphis, and between Asheville, Knoxville, Louisville and St. Louis.

9:20 a. m. No. 41 daily, for Morristown, Knoxville, Chattanooga and points west. Direct connections for New Orleans, Mobile and points south. Through Pullman sleeper between Asheville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Birmingham, Selma and Mobile.

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Ended Life With Morphine.

Atlanta, Sept. 24.—After making several attempts to take his life with a pistol, in which he was prevented, Kirby Ellison, a carpenter, who lived at 53 Humphries street, yesterday took an overdose of morphine, and notwithstanding efforts of the Grady hospital physicians, where he was carried, died soon after. He leaves a wife, sister and an infirm mother, neither of whom could give any reason for the man's desire to take his life.

Elks' Carnival in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Sept. 24.—With the boom of a signal gun last evening the big carnival of the Elks opened in this city, and will continue for the rest of the week. There are many visitors in the city to participate in the festivities. Marietta street has been converted into a midway pleasure and the many booths with their attractions are drawing large crowds.

BEWARE OF THE KNIFE.

No profession has advanced more rapidly of late than surgery, but it should not be used except where absolutely necessary. In cases of piles for example, it is seldom needed. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures quickly and permanently. Unequaled for cuts, burns, bruises, wounds, skin diseases. Accept no counterfeits. "I was so troubled with bleeding piles that I lost much blood and strength," says J. C. Phillips, Paris, Ill. "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me in a short time." Soothes and heals. Dr. T. C. Smith's drug store.

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During the past twelve months the Weekly Gazette has made notable progress in extending its circulation throughout the state, from the mountains to the ocean. It is now supplanted by the Semi-Weekly Gazette, filled to the brim with the history and comments on the events that are of the greatest interest to its readers, with much well selected miscellaneous matter, reading for farmers, etc. It aims chiefly at a rural circulation, and for the country people of North Carolina there is no paper that gives equal value for the rate of its annual subscription.

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