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Many Others Terribly Injured, Result of Holocaust of Factory Building in Philadelphia.

HUNDRED MEN DIGGING FOR BODIES IN RUINS

There Was Fearful Panic and Many Leaped from Windows and Were Hurt, Some of Them Fatally.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—A dozen persons, mostly young women, are believed to have lost their lives in a fire that today destroyed a six-story factory building...

There were 100 men, women and children in the building, and the number of dead will not be known until the search is complete...

PANIC BLOCKED STAIRWAY, AND FRANTIC STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

It took only a moment for the excitement to reach the three upper floors and then a wild rush for life ensued...

About 25 made the leap from the different floors; half were so badly injured they were removed to hospitals...

TWO FAILURES ARE ANNOUNCED TODAY

One of the Two Was the Well Known House of Lathrop, Haskins and Company.

New York, Jan. 19.—The failure of two stock exchange firms, Lathrop, Haskins & Co., and J. M. Fluke & Co., was caused today by the collapse of the stock of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron company...

INQUIRY OF MR. HEYBURN TO BE FULLY ANSWERED

He'll Be Told All About Closing of the Custom House on Lee's Birthday, etc.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The treasury department's answer to the Heyburn senate resolution, inquiring into the order closing the Newport News custom house today, the anniversary of General Lee's birth...

Civic Federation Considers the Regulation of Railroads.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The regulation of railroads and public utilities was the first subject presented at this morning's session of the national civic federation...

Memorial Salute Fired.

Richmond, Jan. 19.—Robert E. Lee's birthday is being celebrated today. It is a state holiday in Virginia, and the state and city offices, banks and schools are closed.

A MAN BEHEADED BY AN ACCIDENT

Two Men Killed—Were Unloading Car. When Another Car Crashed into it.

Special to The Gazette-News. Asheville, Jan. 19.—News reached here this afternoon of a distressing and fatal accident which occurred at Mt. Sterling, along the line of the new Tennessee and North Carolina railroad.

Mock Simmons and Austin Swanger were employed by the Pigeon River Lumber company to unload a car on a siding. While they were so engaged another car, which had broken away from a train standing on the grade above them, crashed into the car in which they were working...

CONSERVATION OF OUR RESOURCES

This Subject Considered Today by Thirty Governors, Including North State's Chief Executive.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Conservation of resources was the topic considered today by thirty state governors now in conference. Governor Crowthers of Maryland made an address on the subject of good roads, Governor Deussen of Illinois discussed waterways...

The governors were entertained at a dinner last night at the home of John Hays Hammond, afterwards going to the judicial reception at the White House.

ROCKEFELLER IS THANKED BY THE HOOKWORM CHASERS

Then They Effect Organization of the Southern Health Conference.

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—After extending a rising vote of thanks to John D. Rockefeller for his munificent and humanitarian gift of one million dollars for the eradication of the hook worm disease, permanent organization of the Southern Health conference was effected at today's session.

Dr. F. H. Harris of Atlanta was elected president and Walter G. Cooper of Atlanta, secretary.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The cross of the legion of honor has been conferred upon Howard Thompson, the Paris correspondent of the Associated Press, according to information received in this city by the sister, Mrs. Harry Dingham. Thompson represented the Associated Press in Cuba during the Spanish war, and subsequently in St. Petersburg and Paris.

Bishop Foss Very Ill.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—The condition of Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who was stricken yesterday with paralysis, is critically ill. Bishop Foss is 76 years of age.

Turkish Parliament Buildings Burned.

Constantinople, Jan. 19.—Cheragan palace, where parliament sits, was destroyed today by fire. The chamber of deputies was burned out and the senate hall badly damaged.

Strike Riot in New York.

New York, Jan. 19.—The clash between shirt waist girdle strikers and non-union workers developed into a riot today. Police reserves were called out and restored order.

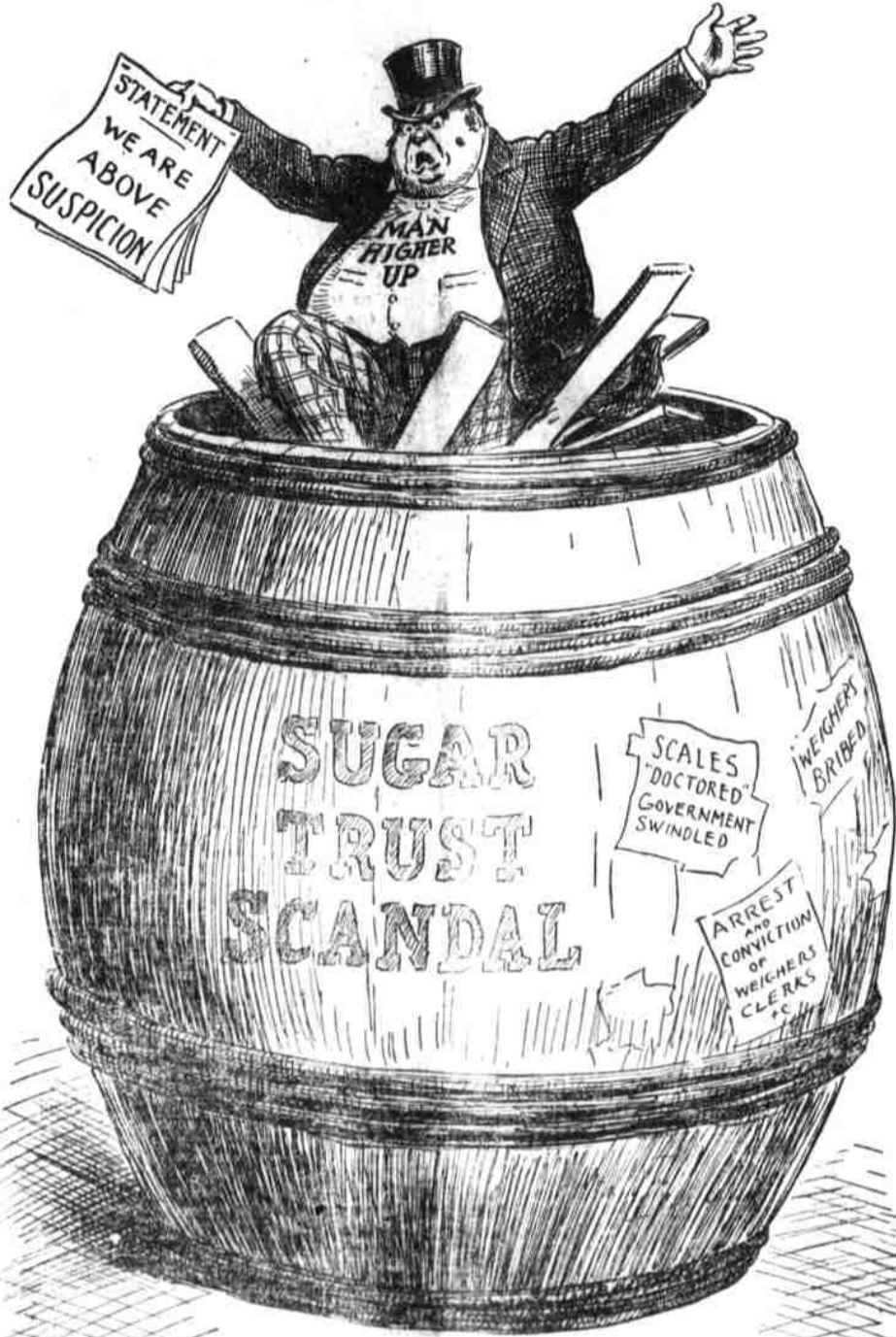
School House Roof Collapses.

Coffeyville, Kans., Jan. 19.—The roof of a public school building collapsed today, killing one person, injuring three others, and causing a panic among the children.

Flood Danger Passes.

Pittsburg, Jan. 19.—Pittsburg's flood danger point was passed this morning. The loss due to the flood is estimated at \$20,000.

THE WEATHER: Forecasts until 3 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair weather tonight and Thursday, with moderate temperature.



JUST WHEN THE APPLAUSE WAS DUE

Mrs. Howard C. Christy Fancied Her Chauffeur

Colored Maid Tells Stories About the Artist's Wife—Was Often Intoxicated—Miss Christy Testifies That Christy Spanked His Wife.

Zanesville, O., Jan. 19.—With the interview with Natalie Christy, the 12 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy, by Prof. Judge White, Mrs. Christy's suit to obtain possession of the girl closed today.

A spanking administered to Mrs. Christy by her husband was told of by Miss Rose Christy, the artist's sister, the first witness examined today. Miss Christy said that one night she overheard Mrs. Christy in her room, at the Christy home at Dunbar Falls, rummaging through a trunk, muttering and swearing when Mr. Christy said if she did not stop her talking and go to bed he would spank her.

"I guess he did spank her," Miss Christy said, "judging from sounds which came from their room, next morning Mrs. Christy laughed and said she guessed she deserved it."

Mrs. Christy and the chauffeur. Anna Washington, a colored maid, said she often saw Mrs. Christy intoxicated, and often called Purdy, the chauffeur, for her mistress, and that she served drinks to both Mr. and Mrs. Christy's household.

On one occasion, the maid testified, Mrs. Christy said to her, regarding Purdy: "I'm sorry about that man, but he has me" and that if it were not for Natalie she would be with him all day. She also quoted Purdy as saying "God only knows how much I love this woman," referring to Mrs. Christy. The maid was excused on each side immediately the case concluded.

PREVIOUS REPORT NOW CONFIRMED

The University of Copenhagen Has Completed Its Examination of Dr. Cook's Original Notes.

Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The committee of the University of Copenhagen has completed the examination of Dr. Cook's original notes, and has confirmed previous conclusions that not the slightest proof that the explorer reached the north pole was submitted.

CONGRESS' SAGACITY SORT OF DISCOUNTED

Garrett Says President Does Not Seem to Think Very Much of It.

Washington, Jan. 19.—President Taft does not seem to think there is sufficient sagacity in the house and senate to draft an original bill, was the sarcastic comment in the house today of Representative Garrett of Tennessee, referring to the administration measure introduced amending the interstate commerce laws.

Flood Warning.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Warnings for floods of the Ohio river and some of its tributaries have been issued by the weather bureau.

MARKET SHOWS A BETTER TONE

Cotton Today Sold for About \$3.25 per Bale Above Yesterday's Low Level.

New York, Jan. 19.—The cotton market was much less active at the opening today, and showed a decidedly better tone, following the enormous liquidation yesterday. The opening was firm, and during early trading there were sales at 13.99 for March, and 14.15 for May, or 25 to 27 points above the closing prices last night, and about \$2.25 per bale above yesterday's low level.

Foreign and domestic trade interests were large buyers on advance. The next cotton report will be issued at 10 a. m. Monday, January 24, and will show cotton gained in January 16.

It is very unfortunate that these matters should have gained such great notoriety and in my opinion would never have done so, had not certain designing politicians thought they saw an opportunity to make political capital out of the situation, thinking by stirring the thing up they would greatly lessen Mr. Grant's popularity and reputation, thereby accomplishing his desire to have the matter, which I did not authorize, brought to the attention of the public.

A Plot Partially Disclosed. Recent events around Asheville partially disclose to the public the plot of the "cheap John" politicians and instead of allowing John Grant as they doubt hoped to do, they will link them together with their nefarious schemes uncovered and exposed to the public gaze to their own discomfort and sorrow, and possibly to the injury of those that they pretend to aid.

J. R. WALSH'S NO. 6864 IN THE PENITENTIARY

Banker, Convicted of Misapplication, Begins Prison Term of Five Years.

Leavenworth, Jan. 19.—John R. Walsh, the convicted Chicago banker, arrived at the Federal penitentiary here at noon today and began serving his sentence of five years. His number as a convict will be 6864.

Walsh is 72 years old, and won his way from newsboy to the control of millions of dollars in coal fields. The first chapter in the financier's long fight against a prison term summarized is as follows:

19 a. m.—Appeared at his office in the Grand Central station and conducted business as if nothing of unusual importance was pending.

11:40 a. m.—Summoned to a hotel where he heard over the telephone that his petition for a new trial had been denied.

4 p. m.—Heard read the mandate committing him to prison.

5:15 p. m.—Rode his wife, daughter, and intimate friends good-bye at his Calumet avenue home and started for the station in an automobile.

6 p. m.—Left on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road for Leavenworth where he is due tomorrow.

By a coincidence Walsh started to prison exactly two years after he was found guilty. It was on January 18, 1908, that a jury in Federal Judge Anderson's court brought in its verdict.

CHAIRMAN LOGAN MAKES STATEMENT

He Does Not Tell Just What There Is to Support That Charge of Bribery.

THERE IS STRONG PROOF, HOWEVER, IS HIS ASSERTION

He Has No Apology for His Course— "Any Honest Man Would Have Done the Same."

W. E. Logan, chairman of the republican congressional committee, and Congressman Grant's choice for the position of marshal, today gave to The Gazette-News a formal statement with reference to events that have recently agitated the public mind. The statement is interesting, albeit some things are left to conjecture. He does not take the public into his confidence as to just what representations he made to the postoffice department concerning the charge of bribery against Mrs. Reed, but he does assert that his statement to the department, made at the request of Mr. Grant, contained "strong proof sustaining Mr. Grant's contention." He likewise asserts that his statement can be corroborated by another person of good reputation. Mr. Logan says: "It was reported some days ago that none of my friends had gained the impression by reading newspaper accounts, that I had injured my chances of appointment as United States marshal, by making a statement that was filed in the now famous Baltimore postoffice case. I wish to assure those friends that such is not the fact, however I think it proper that I should make a statement of my connection in this celebrated case.

No Apologies to Make. I have no apologies to make for the action I took in this matter, neither am I ashamed of the course I took. I did nothing to discredit my own reputation. I stated nothing but the truth, and any honest man would have done as I did had he been placed in my position.

"Congressman Grant says that he said to Mrs. Reed, while in his office in Washington, that if she retired from the office at Baltimore willingly at the expiration of three months the first previously promised her, all well and good, but if she then refused to vacate, he would prefer charges of attempted bribery against her, at the postoffice department.

"Mrs. Reed did not retire at the time mentioned, at Mr. Grant's request I made a statement to be filed with the postoffice department, as to certain information I was in possession of concerning these matters, which I did not authorize to be published in this statement I cannot at this time make public, it is sufficient to say, however, that the statement contained strong proof, sustaining Mr. Grant's contention. My statement can be corroborated by another person of good reputation.

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RHODE ISLAND WAS DECEIVED

Pothier Agrees With Kitchin That State Was Hoodwinked—Sentiment of Islanders Against Suing on Bonds.

PATRONAGE CLAIMANTS' SUSPENSE TO END SOON

Mr. Duncan at the Capital, Mr. Adams Expected—Mr. Carter Sees President Taft About Mrs. Reed's Case.

Providence, Jan. 19.—Rhode Island's repudiation of the gift of over half a million dollars' worth of North Carolina bonds was practically completed today, when the senate voted to reject the gift and return the bonds to the donors.

The Gazette-News Bureau, 46 Post Building, Washington, Jan. 19.

FRANK CARTER, who is here in the interest of Mrs. Reed of Baltimore, has an engagement with President Taft today. Senator Overman is to introduce him.

E. C. Duncan is here and Spencer P. Adams is due today. Something is expected to be doing in federal patronage matters in the next few days.

MR. KITCHIN AND MR. POTHIER SIDE BY SIDE IN PICTURE

Governor Pothier of Rhode Island and Governor Kitchin stood together in the picture of the executives taken at the White House yesterday afternoon, in which President Taft was the central figure. Governor Pothier agrees with Governor Kitchin that the state was hoodwinked in the repudiation of Rhode Island to repeal the old law and forget the matter.

Representative Sheffield of Rhode Island is very much opposed to any action on the part of his state looking to the collection of the repudiated bonds, which were donated to the state authorities. In this respect he is no different from the senators and all the Rhode Islanders resident in Washington. Representative Sheffield, who lives at the same hotel with Senator Overman, says public sentiment in his state is very much against the whole proceeding, and that there is general regret over the bill authorizing acceptance of the questionable bonds, which was slipped through the legislature. He has written friends in the senate acquainting them with the facts that he obtained from Senator Overman, and has taken occasion to urge the repeal of the law under which the old North Carolina bonds were accepted.

PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND NOT LIKE SOUTH DAKOTANS

All of the states are not in the same class with Rhode Island, where public sentiment resents even the suggestion of making the commonwealth a pawn brokerage agency for the collection of bogus bonds by a lot of scheming shysters in New York, whose only object in life is to get money either rightfully or wrongfully. The sentiment is different from that of the people of South Dakota, who little or nothing but their good name to the New York sharks. There are other jack rabbit states like South Dakota, and it will not be the least surprising should one of them do what Rhode Island refuses to do. For this reason another suit for the collection of carpet bag bonds long since repudiated by North Carolina is to be expected. It is most of necessity brought by some state, and the scheming holders of these worthless securities will never rest satisfied until they secure some state like South Dakota to act as their catspaw. It is not believed they will be able to make any headway in the east. They must do business with some small western state.

SUPREME COURT HAS CHANGED SINCE OTHER BOND DECISION

No longer is fond experienced by southerners as the result of suits such as that instituted by the state of South Dakota against the state of North Carolina. Since the decision in that famous case the Supreme court of the United States has undergone a very decided change. As will be recalled, the decision in that case was a five to four affair. In other words the majority had only one vote to spare. Two of the judges who decided against North Carolina and upheld the contentions of South Dakota are no longer members of the court. They are Judge Peckham, who is dead, and Justice Brown, who is retired. In their places are Justice Moody and Justice Lurton. Justice Lurton is a southern man, and knows the history of carpet bag legislation, and while he would not be swayed or influenced as the result of his early environment, the cause of the states of the south which were outraged by the carpet baggers who issued bonds like they were so much hay, would have nothing to fear before him. The four justices who sided with North Carolina are still on the bench.

Atlanta Suffragette Addresses the Civic Federation—Is a States' Righter.

Washington, Jan. 19.—"I am opposed to further encroachment of the federal government on the rights of the states," declared Mrs. Grace Kirkland of Atlanta, whose speech was one of the leading features of today's session of the Civic Federation. The Georgian advocated suffrage for women.

"If you want all the beneficent things you are asking for at this conference," she said, "put women in possession as citizens to help you get them."

Parliament Buildings Burned. Constantinople, Jan. 19.—The Parliament buildings caught fire this morning and the flames are spreading.