

TWENTY-FIVE PERISH IN FIRE

Flames Sweep Upper Floors Of Lodging House Packed With Poor—Many Are Missing.

SCORES INJURED IN JUMPING FROM FIRE

Bodies Are Terribly Burned and Mutilated—Firemen Make Many Heroic Rescues.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 3.—Twenty-five men were killed in a fire which swept through the upper floors of the Arcadia hotel, a lodging house in the south portion of Boston early today. Others are missing. Scores were taken to hospitals suffering from burns and injuries sustained in jumping from windows.

Nearly all the bodies were terribly burned and mutilated, making identification impossible. The victims were men in poor circumstances who had resorted to the place for a night's lodging. Caught in the crowded bunk on the top floor of the five-story brick building and in the small rooms on the fourth floor, they were helpless. When they were aroused the stairways were in flames and there was a mad rush for the fire escapes at the rear. Practically all the men were naked. Many were rescued by the firemen and police. Some escaped by walking a heavy plank stretched to an adjoining building or by jumping across a five foot alley to neighboring roofs. The property loss is only \$25,000. The Arcadia was located at the corner of Washington and Laconia streets. The lower floors were occupied by stores.

Where Fire Started. The fire apparently started in a hallway closet on the wooden stairs and burned through the roof. According to William Walsh, the night clerk, there were 175 lodgers in the building when the fire was discovered by a passing newboy. After turning in an alarm he rushed into the building, awakening the men. The top floor was one large room filled with cots and bunks.

On the fourth floor where the loss of life was heaviest, there were thirty tiny rooms, like cells, with two cots in each. A hallway ran through the center. Nearly all those occupying rooms opening on the fire escape had locked the doors when they went to bed and those in front were unable to reach the fire escape.

Shocking Mass. When the firemen arrived flames were shooting 20 feet in the air from the windows on the fourth and fifth floors and the fire escapes and the roof were a mass of shrieking, struggling humanity, despite shouts of assurance from below three men jumped from the roof. Two were instantly killed. The third, who had wrapped a mattress about himself, escaped with a few bruises.

Life nets were quickly stretched by the firemen and many were rescued in this manner. Others were taken down ladders with the flames sweeping about them. The intense heat soon drove the firemen from their ladders and made it necessary to fight the fire from the street and from the elevated railway structure running in front of the building.

Firemen Hindered. The fire was in the heart of a crowded tenement and lower class hotel district. Hundreds of occupants of adjoining buildings rushed to the street when the great quantity of apparatus called out by three alarms clanged up to their doors. Scores of excited foreigners crowded about the burning building and impeded the firemen in their work. A large squad of police had great difficulty in forcing back the throng.

"Littered With Dead." It was nearly an hour after the firemen advanced before they were able to enter the lodging house. The first man to ascend a smoking ladder shouted:

"My God boys that place is littered with dead."

Mayor George B. McGrath arrived shortly afterward and soon was joined by Dr. Timothy Leary, associate medical examiner. It was a gruesome sight as the bodies were removed in the early dawn. Onlookers turned away as the burned and mangled bodies were lowered one by one to the street and placed in wicker baskets.

Two more bodies were found in the ruins during the forenoon, bringing the death list up to 27. The only body identified was that of George F. Adams of South Boston. One of the injured is Frank Harris of South Market street, Chicago.

Before the ruins had cooled two investigations were begun. One was undertaken by grand jury, who viewed the scene and prepared to hear testimony regarding the matter in which the owners and lessees of the

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SENATORS DISCUSS DIRECT PRIMARIES

Wilson's Recommendation as to Choosing Presidential Candidates Cause Tilt.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson's recommendation for direct primary election of presidential candidates came up in the senate today in a debate that held the body more than an hour during which Senators Bristow, Cummins and others expressed the hope that democrats would follow the president in support of a reform which they declared progressive-republicans long had demanded.

Senator Martin replied that the democrats were "in entire accord with the titular head and the actual head of the democratic party." Senators Bristow and Cummins retorted that the democratic leaders should prove it by endorsing bills introduced by progressive-republicans early in the session. Mr. Bristow has introduced such a bill modeled after the Kansas law.

"I hope that under the inspiration and impulse of this admirable message delivered to congress by the president you can be induced to report that bill favorably or agree upon a modification of it," said he to the democrats.

Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, declared a nation-wide primary would "give the rich man an advantage over the poor man," and make bribery easier than at present.

SOME BELIEVE LOPEZ IS NOT IN THE MINE

But Sheriff Smith Thinks He Will Find Body of Bandit There.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 3.—That the work of Sheriff Andrew Smith and his 200 deputies in the last three days has been for naught and that Ralph Lopez, the Mexican bandit and murderer, has not been in the Minnie Mine here since Sunday was the opinion generally expressed among the miners of the camp today.

This opinion however, is not in accordance with that of Sheriff Smith, who said he probably would open the mine Thursday morning when he expected to find the body of Lopez.

Some credence, however, is being given to the theory advanced that Lopez made his escape from the mine, and detectives have been put to work in Bingham to trace down possible clues.

THIEVES TAKE \$87,500 FROM BELGIUM TRAIN

Verviers, Belgium, Dec. 3.—A package containing \$87,500 in German bank notes was extracted from the mail car of the express train which left Brussels for Cologne last night. The money had been forwarded by the National Bank of Belgium to a bank at Cologne and was placed in a safe, which was forced by the thieves.

Another mail train which arrived in Brussels an hour after the departure of the express for Cologne was also robbed, several valuable packages being missing. No trace of the thieves has been found.

COMMISSIONERS TO WORK THE FORKS OF IVY ROAD

The board of county commissioners, at the meeting yesterday afternoon, adopted the survey made by County Engineer C. H. Neil, for the road from the forks of Ivy to Blackstock. This road will connect with the Mars Hill road and with the sand-clay road to Asheville and the improvement of it will be a great benefit to the many people living in that section of the county.

It is planned by the commissioners to either put a force of men at work on the road at once or to let a contract for the work, it not being definitely decided yet just which course will be adopted.

REV. J. A. BOLD WILL SUCCEED MR. MOSEB

Special to The Gazette-News. Forest City, Dec. 3.—Rev. J. A. Bold will succeed Rev. J. F. Moser of the Methodist pastorate here. Mr. Bold has been at Mount Holly for some time and comes highly recommended. He is not unknown by many people here as he was stationed at Henrietta and Caroleen several years ago. It is with much regret that the people here part with Mr. Moser as he has been here four years. Mr. Moser goes to Delwood.

SAYS U. S. CAN CHECK PANICS

Secy. McAdoo Favors "Aristocratic Governmental Agency in Financial Affairs of Country."

NO ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE FROM TARIFF

No Conclusions as Yet From Inquiry into So-called Tuberculosis Cures, Secretary Reports.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary McAdoo's first report to congress, delivered today, is largely confined to a review of the achievements of the treasury department in matters that have been of nation-wide interest; to recommendations for increased appropriations for bureaus, necessary to the better conduct of the government and the protection of the people.

The secretary discussed at some length the subject of currency legislation reviewing the activities in his department related to it. He speaks of an unrest in business circles following the beginning of the special session of congress in April, refers to a "propaganda of pessimism which designedly or not, produced a condition of extreme nervousness and tension" and points to his announcement in June that the treasury was ready to issue \$500,000,000 of emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act to prevent restriction of credit and to ease any situation.

Crop Moving Loans. Mr. McAdoo details the treasury's offer to loan to banks of the country money to move the fall crops. The sum of \$46,500,000 out of \$100,000,000 estimated to be needed, was apportioned along the states.

"It was essential," says the secretary, "that the action of the department should be non-partisan and non-political; the crops of republicans, democrats and progressives, and all other classes of people had to be moved, and the earnest effort of the department was to have the benefits of this action diffused as widely and impartially as possible."

After praising the psychological value of these incidents, the report continues: "They demonstrate clearly that any improvement in our financial system which will permanently establish confidence will in itself be an immense gain, and if that improved financial system assures the opportunity to all times the necessary funds and credits to meet the expanding and legitimate needs of the commerce and industry of the country, it will be an achievement of enduring benefit."

Value of Government Aid. "These incidents also show conclusively the enormous value of an aristocratic governmental agency in the financial has the power to intervene in a beneficent and unselfish way, the danger of panics and of unjust practices will be largely, if not wholly, destroyed. This is one of the chief objects sought in the proposed reformation and reorganization of our banking and currency system. The people of the country are to be congratulated upon the early prospect of sound legislation on this vitally important protection will be provided against recurring commercial crises and that adequate facilities will be created for that legitimate and sound expansion

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MAKE LAST EFFORT TO REACH BURIED MINERS

Efforts to Rescue Three Men in Golden Cycle Mine Continue.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 3.—In a last effort to reach the stope in which the three men were working when the slide in the Golden Cycle mine caught them Monday afternoon two crews of 20 men each early today started to dig away debris in an adjoining drift.

Two heavy machine drills were set to work pounding at six feet of solid rock that lies between the fatal stope and the drift.

Owing to the dangerous condition of the ground on which the crews are working the rock cannot be blasted and it must be dug away after being drilled out of the rock wall. Before noon it is expected the rock will be drilled out and the rescue crews be within 40 feet of the place where the victims were when the slide started. The slide is the interior of the mine by a heavy machinery, shattering great masses of rock into the depths.

EXPECTED ARREST OF T. BILBO AND HOBBS, SENSATION

Lieutenant Governor and State Senator Indicted For Soliciting Bribes.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 3.—The expected arrest today of Lieutenant-Governor Theodore Bilbo at his home at Poplarville, and the expected arraignment of state Senator Hobbs at Vicksburg on charges of soliciting bribes were the sensations today in Mississippi political circles. Both men were indicted by a special grand jury late yesterday afternoon at Vicksburg. Hobbs was arrested at Jackson last night.

Unlike the legislative investigation of 1910 when Bilbo then a state representative, sprang into the lime light by confessing that he received an alleged bribe of \$940,000, telephonic device records are expected to prove a great factor in this incident. Bilbo was exonerated of the charges in 1910, maintaining that he accepted the money to entrap the supposed briber.

During the 1912 session of the legislature an effort was made to create a new county in the "delta" with Belzoni as the county site. The bill failed to pass. It is generally known that it will be attempted to pass a similar bill at the next legislature. According to charges and countercharges published from time to time in Mississippi papers, efforts have been made to pave the way for passage of the bill. Detectives were employed and telephonic devices, it is known were freely used.

After Bilbo was exonerated in 1910, he aligned himself with what is known as the Vardaman faction and was elected lieutenant governor, and he now is an avowed candidate for the governorship in 1914.

CORONER DUGHAM TAKES STAND IN CRAIG CASE

Describes Wounds on Body Of Murdered Woman, Dr. Helene Knabe.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 3.—Coroner Charles O. Durham, of Indianapolis, was the chief witness for the state this morning at the trial of Dr. William E. Craig for the murder of Dr. Helene Knabe. The decision that Dr. Knabe had been murdered "by unknown persons" was reached by the coroner after an investigation he had made subsequent to the finding of the body.

On direct examination Dr. Durham described the wounds on the neck and left arm of the woman and the condition of the apartment in which the corpse was found. He said there were two cuts in the throat, which were slashed from ear to ear. The head was jammed under the brass rod at the head of the bed. He said he had to move the body to get the head from under the rail.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE OF YALE UNIVERSITY

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 3.—The Yale university baseball schedule provides for 26 games not including dates reserved in case of ties. This is five games less than last year. New teams on the list are the Norfolk baseball club of Virginia, Mount St. Joseph's college, and Lafayette.

The schedule includes the following southern games: April 9, Norfolk Baseball club, at Norfolk; 10, Mt. St. Joseph's college, at Norfolk; 11, University of Virginia, at Norfolk; 13, University of Virginia, at Charlottesville; 14, Catholic university, at Norfolk; 29, Georgetown, at New Haven; May 2, University of Virginia, at New Haven.

STILL WILL OPPOSE "SIGNING OF NAMES"

Chicago, Dec. 3.—The National Baseball commission "has not abandoned its efforts to suppress the practice of signing the names of baseball players and managers to articles written by other persons, according to Sam B. Johnson, president of the American league.

Mr. Johnson said last night the matter probably would be discussed at the next meeting of the commission and some further action taken unless the practice is discontinued. He will leave for the east the latter part of the week.

A. E. DUNCAN DEAD.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Alfred E. Duncan, president of the Franklin Fire Insurance company and widely known in insurance circles throughout the country, died early today. He was 49 years old. Mr. Duncan was vice president of the Eastern Union of Insurance companies and a member of the executive board of the Southeastern union.

SUFFRAGETTES STORM HOUSE

More Than 1000 Delegates to Suffrage Convention Appear to Ask Recognition.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE ASKED

Resolution Passed Providing For Vote of Rules Committee to Be in Public.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association was suspended for a few hours today while delegates moved on the capitol to urge a favorable report by the house rules committee on a resolution to create a standing committee on woman suffrage in the house.

Women suffragettes have long been pressing for a hearing on the resolution. They sought it persistently during the extra session and were promised that attention would be given to the measure early in the regular session. Women of the anti-suffrage movement also have been granted a hearing in opposition to the resolution, and they will appear later.

Prepare to Arrest Mrs. Pankhurst. Plymouth, England, Dec. 3.—Preparations are understood to have been made for the arrest of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, on her arrival here from the United States on board the Majestic tonight. A force of suffragettes under the command of "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond will be on the spot ready to fight for their leader's freedom.

The chief constable at Plymouth later commented the report that Mrs. Pankhurst is to be arrested. He spent the day preparing an adequate force to deal with any attempt at rescue by the militant suffragettes.

The scene resembled a charge on a citadel when more than 1000 suffrage delegates closed in on the capitol. The women advanced in regimental formation in quick step order and crowded the hearing room long before the committee arrived.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, had charge of presenting arguments for a committee. She told the members it was not the purpose of the speakers to convert the congressmen to suffrage but to convince them that the suffrage movement was entitled to a house committee, equivalent to a similar one in the senate.

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper declared the suffrage movement had grown to national proportions justifying a house committee; that the movement had not received its just treatment and that justice required that the movement should come under the jurisdiction of the national congress.

Helena Gardner, Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Dusha Breckenridge, Mrs. Mary Beard and Mrs. Fannie Chapman Catt also pleaded for the committee. Representative Raker of California spoke for his resolution, which would provide for a suffrage committee of 13 members.

A resolution by Representative Kelly, progressive, of Pennsylvania was adopted providing that the final vote of the rules committee on the women's proposal should be taken in public.

WADSWORTH ROGERS HAS DISAPPEARED IN PARIS

Nephew of Representative Jas. Wadsworth of New York Can't be Found.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Wadsworth Rogers, a nephew of former Representative James Wadsworth of New York and Washington, has disappeared and a search is being made for him throughout France. He walked out of the hotel where he and his mother were staying last Saturday morning and has not been seen or heard of since.

His mother is greatly distressed but clings to the hope that he may have been taken to some hospital and is being cared for there. Mrs. Rogers says her son's health was delicate and he suffered from occasional spells of melancholy. He was seemingly in his usual spirits on Saturday and had arranged to go with his mother to their chateau near Pau that afternoon. Their baggage had already been packed for the journey.

Mr. Rogers is very well known in Paris. He has spent much of his time in France in connection with his racing stable. He is about 40 years old and unmarried.

FEDERALS MOVE STATE CAPITAL

STATE INSURANCE LAWS DENOUNCED

Counsel For German Alliance Contends Rates Regulation Is Unconstitutional.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Laws widely adopted since 1909 by various states to regulate fire insurance rates were denounced as unconstitutional today in a printed brief filed with the United States Supreme court by John G. Johnson of Philadelphia and associated counsel.

The brief was filed on behalf of the German Alliance Insurance company which is seeking particularly to have the court declare unconstitutional the Kansas Fire Insurance rate law. A similar attack will be made shortly before the court on the Kentucky fire insurance rate law. A number of other state laws, it is said, will stand or fall by decisions in these cases.

It was insisted by counsel that a state has no power to fix rates charged to the public by those engaged in private business. It was urged that fire insurance is a private business. It was urged that fire insurance is a private business as shown by its right to refuse to take undesirable risks. The insurance companies contend that if the states may fix the price of insurance they may fix the price of meat, clothes and doctor services. They pointed to decisions in Illinois and Pennsylvania where the courts denied the right of the state to fix the price of theater tickets.

Taking up another phase of the controversy, Mr. Johnson and his associates contended that the law cannot be supported as a valid exercise of the police powers to protect the public health, life, liberty or morality. They said that these insurance laws must fall as unconstitutional for the reason that the court declared invalid the New York law limiting the hour of labor in bakeries. It was this case that former President Roosevelt made a national issue in the last presidential campaign.

WATERWAYS CONVENTION IN THREE DAYS SESSION

National Rivers and Harbors Congress Meeting—Lane Makes Address.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The tenth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which will be in session here three days, began today with an opening address by Secretary Lane to a thousand or more assembled delegates.

Ambassador Dugama of Brazil told the convention of progress being made by his own country, the home of the Amazon and other mighty waterways, capable of great development. Other speakers at the opening session were John D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, Canada, who told of the waterways of Canada, and Rome G. Brown of Minneapolis, who spoke on legislative obstacles to the improvement of navigable rivers.

Secretary Lane was substituted at the last moment for Secretary Bryan who had been originally placed on the program to represent President Wilson but who was prevented at the last moment from coming.

Secretary Lane read a message of greeting from President Wilson congratulating the congress on what he already had accomplished and expressing the hope that river and harbor improvement could be conducted on board national lines of benefit to the whole country. Secretary Lane spoke along similar lines.

TO ARRANGE CELEBRATION OF GHENT TREATY CENTENARY

Richmond, Va., Dec. 3.—Delegates from different parts of the country have arrived here to attend the first session today of the conference called to perfect arrangements for celebrating in 1914 and 1915 the centenary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent. Committee appointed to discuss various phases of the celebration will report in the afternoon at a session to be presided over by Cornelius A. Punsley of New York.

MEXICO MAKES PROVISIONAL CONTRACT FOR 50,000 RIFLES

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—A provisional contract has been signed with manufacturers in Berlin and Vienna for delivery to the Mexican federal government of 50,000 mousers rifles and a million cartridges. It is stated here that the final signatures to the contract will be given by agents in London.

Tampico Declared Temporary Seat of Government of Tamaulipas Instead Of Victoria.

FEDERALS TO MAKE ATTACK ON VICTORIA

The Government Will Find It Difficult to Handle Operations—Trains Are Without Fuel.

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—The seaport city of Tampico was today officially declared the temporary capital of the state of Tamaulipas. General Antonio Rabago, the military governor, who was forced to abandon Ciudad Victoria by Mexican rebels and who was erroneously reported to have committed suicide, has gone to Tampico under orders from the federal government to re-establish his governorship in the temporary capital.

The war department today announced that General Arimendi and other federal officers who fled from Ciudad Victoria to Cerritos, in the state of San Luis Potosi, had been ordered to reorganize their forces and to march again upon Victoria. This task had been entrusted at first to General Rubio Navarrete, who retreated to Monterey after his failure to relieve the hard-pressed garrison of Victoria.

On account of the nature of the organization and equipment, as well as the long distances and broken topography of the country the federal government will find it difficult to handle its various military expeditions without trains, now that the railroads have been practically deprived of oil fuel by the oil producing companies. On some of the divisions of the railroad system coal may be used and sufficient supplies of that fuel are available to operate trains for some time but at the best it is probable that all traffic except military trains will shortly be suspended.

Military News Meager. Reliable news as to the military operations in various parts of the republic is very meager in the federal capital and what little there is does not favor the government.

Telegraphic communication along the line of the National railroad has been re-established, but it is understood this has been done with the consent of the rebels.

They are known to dominate the line south of Saltillo and to a point within 75 miles of San Luis Potosi.

Female Soldiers Drafted. A report received here from Saltillo shows that residents of that city are still in ignorance of the military operations in progress in the surrounding country on account of the interrupted telegraphic communications. Extraordinary methods are being employed there to secure recruits for the federal army. Servant girls display marked caution when they appear on the streets as they are aware that scores of their fellow servants have been drafted into the army as female soldiers.

Recruited by Trick. One trick utilized by the recruiting officers netted the federal army 45 conscripts in a single haul yesterday. The bills posted outside a moving picture show announced that the exhibition was for "men only." The little room was crowded sometime before the performance began. A series of religious pictures was thrown on the screen, the first being "The Virgin of Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico."

The crowd greeted this good naturedly, but when it was followed by two other religious pictures the men who had looked for a different kind of entertainment started an uproar. This resulted in a raid by the police, who marched off the majority of the men to the barracks where they were at once placed in the ranks of the army.

Preparations for Defense. Preparations for defense in case of local disturbances are being made by the various foreign colonies other than the American. Leaders of the American colony are inclined to believe that any move in that direction, taken by them, would be misconstrued by the Mexican government. In order to avoid being regarded as organized combatants, the Americans, in case of necessity, will take refuge beneath the protection of the various European flags.

H. S. Kidder, general traveling sales agent for the Waters-Pierce Oil company, was released on a bond of \$2500 at San Luis Potosi today after submitting to trial by the federal authorities on a charge of sedition. He was arrested on November 27 charged with complicity in recent dynamite outrages on the railroads.

To Try to Intercept Generals. Jaures, Dec. 3.—Confident that the seven Mexican federal generals who evacuated Chihuahua City with their troops intend to seek refuge in the United States and thus be beyond danger of being taken prisoners by the rebels, General Francisco Villa today

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