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EIGHT MILLIONS DEVoured BY FIRE

The Business Portion of Paterson in Ashes.

HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS

And Thousands Are Thrown Out of Employment.

A GALE FANNED THE CONFLAGRATION

For Thirty Hours the Firemen of Paterson Assisted by Companies from Other Cities Fought the Flames. Only Two Deaths Reported.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 10.—The fierce conflagration which burned its way through the business center of Paterson yesterday has completely spent its force and is quickly dying out in the ashes and broken bricks of its ruin. Conservative opinion inclined today to cut \$2,000,000 from the aggregate loss of \$10,000,000 agreed upon yesterday and \$8,000,000 will probably be accepted finally as the actual cost of the fire. No tabulation of individual loss that can be accepted as reliable has been made and it will be several days before satisfactory figures can be prepared. Equally incomplete is the estimate of insurance. It was stated here that the insurance to be between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 but what gave basis to the calculation was not clear. Several of the largest losers said that they had not yet had an opportunity to examine their policies, and that meantime they could not tell what amount they carried. Probably no fire of equal magnitude and widespread destructiveness ever produced an equally small casualty list. Dozens of firemen and the volunteers who labored with them were slightly injured by falling bricks and timber, burned by flying firebrands or temporarily overcome by smoke, but only a few of them needed either surgical or medical attention. The small casualty list is explained by the fact that the people had ample warning and time to abandon their homes before the flames came upon them.

The fire made no headway during the night. Fanned by strong wind it burned up fitfully in places during the early hours of the morning, but wherever it showed threatening strength the firemen turned streams of it and beat it down. The firemen were completely exhausted after more than thirty hours continuous work, but remained at their posts. There was comparatively little suffering on the part of those rendered homeless by the fire.

With the embers still aglow in the business district, Commercial Paterson planned resumption and restoration. All of the banks burned out yesterday opened for business in temporary quarters today and the officials of the banks expressed a determination to do their part in the main tenance of the financial standing and credit of the city.

All the banks and trust companies announced that their safes and vaults had proved strong enough to preserve the securities, moneys and records locked in them at the close of business on Saturday.

A bread and coffee famine was averted by outside aid. A Newark bread company early this morning started wagons loaded with 3,000 loaves of bread for free distribution in the stricken city. Wealthy residents of this city ordered large supplies of coffee and provisions from Passaic Newark and New York.

In the hospitals are sixty-three injured in the long fight against the flames. Two deaths were due to the calamity. One was that of an old woman, who fell down stairs in her anxiety to view the fire. The other was a woman who had just become a mother and who died as the result of being removed from her home.

The fact that the great silk mills escaped the ravages of the flames is most important, as silk making is the only principal industry of the city. About half of the population depends upon the silk trade.

Bartholm's Hall, which was the boarding house of Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, was untouched by the fire. The houses near it on Straight and Market streets were all burned to the ground.

THE STORY OF THE FIRE.

Desperate Struggle With the Flames Fanned by a Strong Gale.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 9.—A great fire swept through Paterson today and in its wake were the embers and ashes of property valued in preliminary estimates at \$10,000,000. It burned its way through the business section of the city and claimed as its own a majority of the four structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious use, as well as scores of houses. Hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment. A relief movement for the care of those unprotected and unprovided for has been organized already and Mayor John Henschel says tonight that Paterson will be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities and States. The great manufacturing plants of the place are safe and the community, temporarily dazed by the calamity, already has commenced the work of reorganization and restoration.

The fire came at midnight and was checked only after a desperate fight that lasted until late in the afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Paterson sent firemen and apparatus to the relief of the threatened city and it took the united efforts of them all to win the battle. A northerly gale gave the conflagration its impetus and carried its burning brands to kindle the blaze first at other points. The firemen made stand after stand before the wall of fire, but were driven back repeatedly, and when victory finally came to them they were exhausted.

An estimate made from the general inspection of the smouldering ruins placed the number of dwellings and apartment houses destroyed at 500 and the number of families left without shelter at 1,000. The fire began its work of far-reaching destruction at the power house of the Jersey City Hoboken and Paterson Traction Company, which fronted on Broadway and extended a block to the rear on Van Houten street. It commenced in the car sheds and was burning fiercely when one of the employees detected it. It was blazing through the roof and the gale was lifting it in forked and swirling flames as it came clanging into Broadway. Main and Van Houten streets. The firemen tried to hit it, but it speedily crossed Van Houten street in one direction, Main in another and taking vigor as it went, burned unchecked down into the business district.

There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the speed with which the fire moved gave the rescuers little time. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scantily clad, into streets glazed over with ice and swept by the keen wind. At night the mayor issued a proclamation warning all persons from being on the streets of the burned district after 7 p. m.

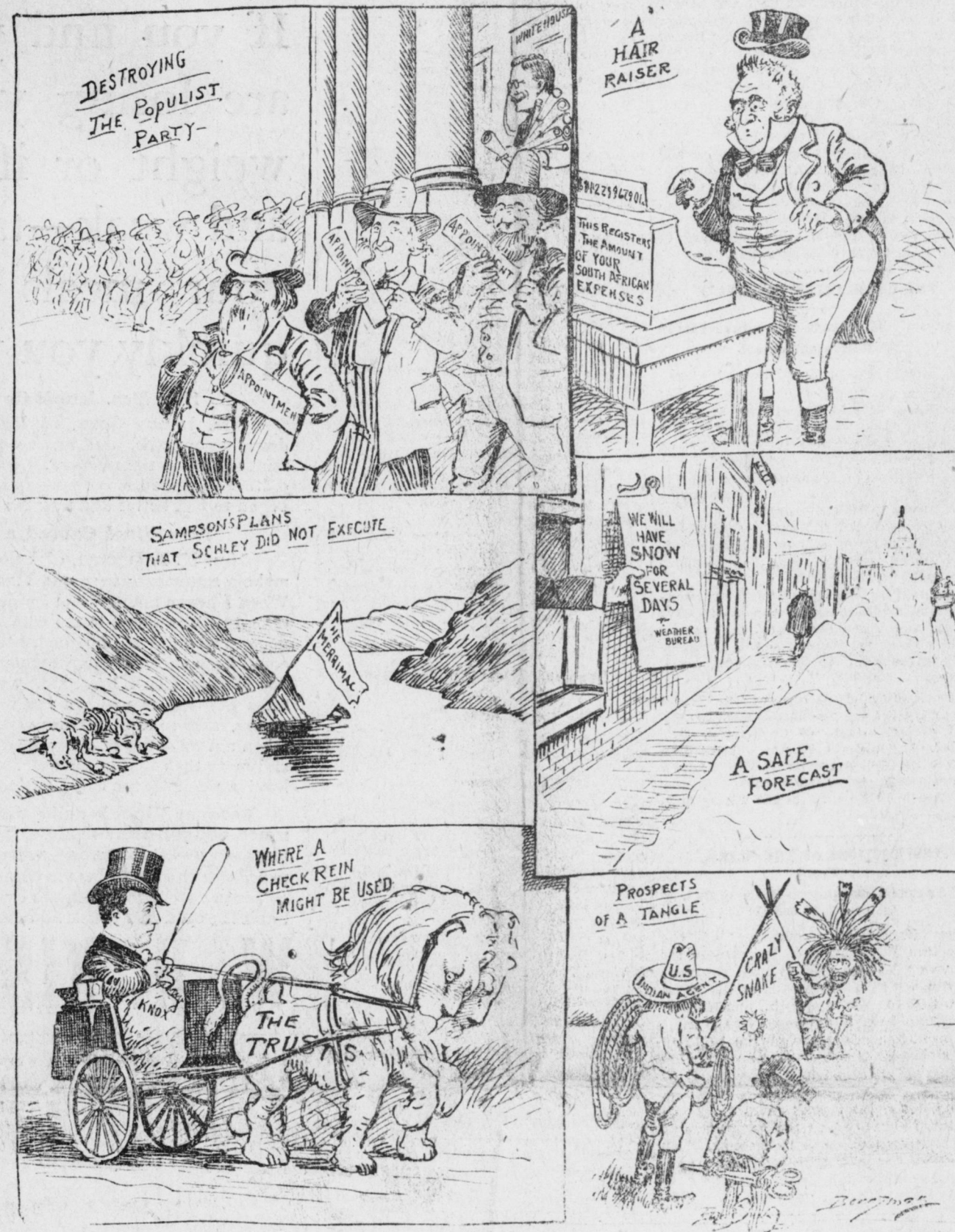
Main street soon was arched over with a canopy of fire for two blocks and the flames fastened themselves upon buildings after building. The firemen fought with every resource of their craft and the impulse of desperation, but the flames carried the conflagration over some buildings and around others, and it therefore burned in an irregular course. These brands were on the tracks of the Erie and Raritan streets and alighting on Straight street starting a new area of fire. This second great fire started at the angle of Park avenue and Washington street and swept almost unchecked, until in those two thoroughfares there was no more fuel. On the right hand side of Market street it encountered Sandy Hill cemetery as a barrier to check it, but on the left hand side at Carroll it claimed St. Joseph's church, a great classic stone building. It was on this second great fire that the volunteer firemen from the outside cities did their most heroic work. They fell back only when they had to and when the natural obstacle intervened they seized the chance and stopped the fire.

The final and one of the most desperate fights of the day occurred in mid-afternoon back in the first fire area at the Hamilton Club, situated at the corner of Church and Ellison streets. The handsome club house caught and the adjacent firemen were rallied around it. The buildings were doomed, however, and a torrent of water kept the fire to the premises, the four walls of the clubhouse store, but the roof collapsed and the interior was completely burned out.

With the crowd came thieves and looters, but there was not much pillaging. Under orders from Governor Franklin Murphy companies A. C. K. and M. of the Fifth National Guard, assembled at their armories and were held as a reserve force. The police, deputy sheriffs, hundreds of special watchmen and firemen united in protecting property during the day, and when night came a grim order clearing the streets was issued by the city and county authorities. Despite the precautions of the authorities there was much confusion in the streets at night. The destruction of wires left the city in darkness save for the dull glow given off by the arcs of embers.

TWENTY-FIVE BLOCKS

The area of the destruction foots up roundly twenty-five blocks. From Main street to Paterson street,



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between Van Houten and Market streets, there is but little left. On the block bounded by Main, Ellison, Washington and Market streets not a single building, excepting that of the Paterson Savings Institution, stands. All along the west side of Main street property is wiped out and on the east side also from Market to Van Houten.

All along the south side of Broadway, between Washington and Church streets, great damage has been done. Van Houten street is reduced to smouldering debris so far as buildings are concerned for some distance. Ellison street suffered from the neighborhood of Prospect street on its north side as far as Church street. On the south side of this street there is widespread ruin from a short distance west of Main street to the parsonage of the Second Presbyterian church, near Paterson street.

Market street is a pile of ruins from Main street to the Market street church on the north side and on the south side. North of the Erie Railroad in the district bounded by Sixteenth avenue and Market street there was simply nothing but ashes left to tell that a busy and populous section of the city had ever existed.

On Washington street, between Broadway and Market streets, there is practically nothing left. Church street is wiped out on its west side, between Ellison and Market streets, as far as the east side. The following are the estimated losses: City hall \$150,000; First National bank, \$100,000; Second National bank, \$80,000; Paterson National bank, \$100,000; Hamilton club \$150,000; Katz building \$85,000; Garden theatre \$50,000; United States hotel \$40,000; Public library \$100,000; Quackenbush & Co., department store, building and contents, \$500,000; First Baptist church, structure and furniture, \$75,000; Paterson High school, building and contents, \$25,000; old city hall, used for police headquarters, \$15,000; the Boston department store, Messer Bros., proprietor, building and stock, \$800,000; The Evening News, building and plant, \$85,000; Y. M. C. A. building \$15,000; Paterson-Passaic Gas and Electric Company, \$25,000; St. Mark's church, building and contents \$27,000; St. Mary's Parochial school \$10,000; Park Avenue Baptist church, building and furnishings, \$40,000; St. Joseph's German Catholic buildings, \$100,000; St. Joseph's church, \$55,000; St. Joseph's rectory and furniture \$15,000; the National clothing store, Levy Chambrusk & Co., proprietors, building and stock, \$45,000; the Paterson Department store, D. Sonnenberg, proprietor, building and stock, \$50,000; Schuer & Co., grocers, building and stock, \$50,000; Marshall & P. H. members, building and stock, \$90,000; Globe department store, D. Bohm, proprietor, building and stock, \$35,000; Stevenson building \$40,000; Kent's drug store \$25,000; Kissella's drug store \$25,000; Fuld's shoe store \$15,000; Muzzy Bros., hardware, building and contents, \$150,000; Douglas shoe store \$10,000; Sunday Chronicle \$15,000; Romaine building \$100,000; D. H. Westendyke & Co., grocers \$20,000; John Newark, paints, \$75,000; Engine house No. 1, \$5,000; Oberg's grocery, building and contents, \$25,000; estate of Daniel McAleer, wholesale liquors, building and contents, \$50,000; police patrol, headquarters, \$5,000; L. D. Michaelson, clothing, stock, \$25,000; Sorosis shoe store, stock \$10,000; Waldorf shoe store, stock \$10,000; Cogan & Tobney, saloon, \$10,000; J. Brett, saloon, \$10,000; Hugo Munzer, saloon and wholesale liquors, building and contents \$75,000; Billy Kane, saloon, \$10,000; Dr. E. F. Denner, residence and furniture, \$20,000; John Mullis, furniture, stock, \$15,000; Bishop & Irwin, department store, stock \$15,000; J. A. VanWinkle & Co., hardware, building and contents, \$50,000; Broadway car stables and cars, \$100,000.

ment that now exists on the face of the earth." When Mr. Turner concluded a conference report on the Urgent Deficiency Bill was laid before the Senate. The House amendment relating to the opening of State claims was agreed to, which passed the bill.

Mr. Patterson, (Colo.) presented an amendment to the Philippine Bill providing for the repeal of the session laws applied to the Philippines.

Mr. Teller gave notice of an amendment that it is not intended by the Government of the United States to permanently annex the Philippine islands as an integral part of the United States, but it is intended to establish with the consent of the inhabitants thereof, a government of governments suitable to their wants and conditions.

Mr. Spooner asked Mr. Teller whether he regarded the acquisition of Porto Rico as a violation of Teller's amendment regarding Cuba.

Mr. Teller said he had not complained of the acquisition of Porto Rico, because the people of that island had desired it. "And I do not mean to say," he continued, "that if the people of Cuba want to have that island annexed and we want it, we cannot annex it under that provision. I do say, however, that we cannot annex Cuba unless the Cubans agree to it with unanimity."

The Senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

The Oleomargarine Bill.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—General debate in the House on the Oleomargarine Bill was closed today. The friends of the bill in the House decided to offer an amendment to make the ten cent tax apply to oleomargarine in imitation of butter "of any shade of yellow." The amendment is designed to meet the charge of the opponents of the bill that without this amendment the law of the bill might be construed to absolutely prohibit the sale of oleomargarine. The speakers today were: Haughen, (Iowa); Thomas, (Iowa); Shanleyberger, (Neb.); Doble, (W.Va.); Gaines, (Tenn.); and Lamb, (Virginia), for the bill and Messrs. Feely, (Ill.); Slayden, (Texas); Mondell, (Wyoming); Brantley, (Georgia); and Wooten, (Texas), in opposition.

The House adopted the conference report on the Urgent Deficiency with certain amendments, and it was again sent to conference.

MURDER MOST FOUL

Young Man Shot Down in His Home by a Skulking Assassin.

(Special to News and Observer.)

New Bern, Feb. 10.—John Caton, of Beaufort county, aged 26 years, was shot in the head through the window by an unknown party while he was sitting at the table reading to his mother last night between 7 and 8 o'clock. He was a son of Mr. Abner Caton, a prominent farmer of the county. The young man is of high standing. The young man leaves a mother, father, three brothers and four sisters. The deed is supposed to have been done by moonshiners as Caton has been a witness against several.

Amanda Tyrel, of No. 17, Good Street, was burned to death this morning between 1 and 2 o'clock. She was 65 years old. The coroner, Dr. J. W. Duguid, summoned a jury, which rendered a verdict that the deceased came to her death by accidental burning.

Another Report of the Tragedy.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, N. C., Feb. 10.—John Caton, a white man living near Beaufort county, was shot and killed last night. The shot was fired from ambush and came through the window, killing him. Several weeks ago a colored man named Moses Garner, was arrested for illicit can lard; there is to be a great crowd of visitors to the city at the "Good Roads Congress" on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

THE EMPIRE HOTEL BURNED

Ten Men and One Woman Dead, Victims of the Fire.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Feb. 9.—An early morning fire, which destroyed the Empire hotel, a large three-story lodging house on 200 and 202 Olive street, occupied exclusively, caused the death of eleven persons, ten men and one woman, and dangerously injured eight others. Ten or more who had narrow escapes from death in fire, were more or less injured by being frost bitten. It is estimated that there were between 35 and 40 persons in the building last night, and it is believed all have been accounted for. Twenty thousand dollars it is thought will cover damage to building and contents which were totally destroyed. The dead are: Morris Yall, Tope Davis, John C. Lucifers, George Thompson, Sarah Harris, B. F. Woodley, J. A. McMullen, S. J. Corey, Vance Martin, A. J. Allen, unknown man.

Tuesday, February 25th, will be Indiana Day at the Charleston Exposition.

GOOD ROADS WORK BEGUN IN RALEIGH

Train Arrived Yesterday and Machinery is Placed.

EXPERTS ON THE GROUND

Crowd of Sight Seers Watch Every thing Being Done.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS ARE HERE

Forerunners of Great Crowd of Visitors Begin to Arrive in Raleigh for Good Roads Week.

The "Good Roads Train," with all its machinery and the experts to operate them, is here. The train came in yesterday morning about six o'clock. The start was made from Charleston, S. C., and Sunday was spent in Charlotte, where much attention was shown the distinguished gentlemen who are in the party.

The train is composed of twelve cars headed by the officials in charge, and a commissary car. Arriving in Raleigh there was a delay in unloading the machinery, caused by the break down of a shifting engine.

It was about 11:20 when unloading began and the machinery was moved Salisbury street, where work is to be done on two blocks, extending from Morgan to Martin streets.

Immediate the ten-ton road roller has been "spiked," it was put to work tearing up the hard ground on the street. It was aided in this work by the fifteen-ton city roller with its spikes set. All afternoon the two machines puffed up and down Salisbury street, punching holes into the roadway, and twisting it back and forth.

This morning the excavator, the twelve-horse grader and eleven of the big plows and the other machines will be put to work, and the crowds which watched the work yesterday will be increased by other sight-seers interested in the movement for good roads.

There are on the train twenty-two people in all. President W. H. Moore, of the National Good Roads Association, has not yet arrived, but is expected today. In the party that are already here are Hon. Martin Dodge, of Ohio, Director of the Public Roads Inquiry, United States Department of Agriculture; Mr. R. W. Richardson, Secretary of the National Good Roads Association; Mr. M. H. Hayes, Industrial Agent of the Good Roads Train; Mr. J. H. Dodge, Train Secretary; Mr. C. M. Scott, Manager Machinery; Mr. M. A. Hays, Assistant Train Secretary; Mr. W. J. Erwin, Engineer; Mr. E. C. Taylor, Expert Rock Crusher; Messrs. T. H. Munson and T. W. Williams, Expert Road Machine Operators; Mr. N. T. Smith, Expert on Elevating Grader; Mr. P. J. Dolan, Expert on Steam Roller; Mr. E. G. Richardson, Assistant Manager Machinery.

The private car of the officials of the party is well fitted up for the extensive trip which is being made. In it are all the conveniences of travel, and a stack of literature bearing upon the "Good Roads Movement."

"That the casual visitor may not lose sight of the mission of the train and the experts there are two framed notices in the car. One of these reads "There Is No More Common Interest Than The Common Road" and the other reads "We Should Mend Our Ways."

The officials of the party express themselves as delighted with their trip, and with the great interest they find in good roads. Speaking of the preparations in Raleigh they say that they find things in excellent shape, and that from all they can learn there is to be a great crowd of visitors to the city at the "Good Roads Congress" on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The Greene, Gaynor Case

(By the Associated Press.)

Fayetteville, Ga., Feb. 10.—The case of E. D. Greene, Geo. F. Gaynor, E. F. Gaynor and W. H. Gaynor, formerly captain of engineers, U. S. A., and Michael A. Conolly, Carter's secretary, will be called in the Federal District Court tomorrow. The indictment charges conspiracy to defraud the government in River and Harbor contracts, and it is alleged the government was actually defrauded in a sum approximating \$2,000,000. All of the defendants are here with the exception of Carter, and will appear personally in court to plead.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Postmaster: North Carolina, Tyro Glenn, Greenville; Jos. H. Ramsey, Salisbury; South Carolina, Wm. M. Hazard, Georgetown.