

HOME OF B. G. MOSS BURNS: ALMOST EVERYTHING LOST

Fire Started This Morning 2 O'clock. Value Was \$8,000; Insurance About \$3,000

The handsome home of B. G. Moss, in Washington Park, and practically all of its contents, were destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The valuation was \$8,000. It was covered by about \$3,000 insurance. A dresser, table, some mattresses, a rug, and one or two other articles of furniture were saved. Everything else was destroyed and all that is left of the home is the tall chimney, which is still standing, and a lot of smoldering embers.

Mr. Moss was awakened at about two o'clock by the smoke and crackling of flames. He attempted to put it out with his fire extinguishers, of which there were three in the house, while Mrs. Moss tried to get the fire department over the telephone. Something was wrong with the wire, however, and she could get no response from Central. Mr. Hathaway, who resides about 100 feet away, was aroused and lent his assistance in trying to put out the fire. For a time, it looked as if they would be successful in extinguishing the blaze, but when the fire extinguishers gave out, they realized that they had to give up.

Mrs. Moss sprang into their automobile and drove to town, in the effort to get the fire department to help put out the fire. There seemed to be some hesitancy on the part of those members she saw on taking the trip, as they declared that the bridge would not support the heavy truck. It was not until one of the members arrived with the information that

the bridge had been repaired, that the truck was started. Then they arrived at the fire too late to be of any assistance.

When Mr. Moss realized that there was no hope of saving the house, he began to drag out what furniture he could, being assisted by Mr. Hathaway. In doing this, he forgot all risk to himself and his hands and feet were badly burned. The skin was hanging off in strips on his feet, before he gave up the work.

When seen this morning, Mr. Moss was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway, having just returned from the hospital, where his hands and feet had been dressed.

"I don't know exactly how it started," he said. "At first I thought it was due to an electric iron, but I saw afterwards that the iron was disconnected. Now I am convinced that it was due to a defective wire. The fire seemed to have gotten its start on the second floor, right in the vicinity of the switch box."

The home was one of the most attractive in Washington Park and was handsomely furnished. Mr. Moss was making further plans for its improvement and had hoped to start work on these in a few days. An insurance policy for \$300 was due on part of his furniture yesterday, but luckily, Mr. Moss had this renewed promptly.

For the time being, Mr. and Mrs. Moss will reside in the Baptist parsonage on Harvey street. They will probably rebuild their home in Washington Park.

ELECTION IN MAINE CAUSES AWAKENING

BOOM HAS BEEN STARTED IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. LARGE AMOUNTS SUBSCRIBED.

Effort Will Be Made to Instill Greater Life and Vigor into the Campaign. Danger of Over-confidence Has Passed.

(By United Press)

Long Branch, Sept. 14.—The Maine election started a boom in campaign contributions, according to guiding heads of the Democratic party. It caused an awakening which, they claim, "is just what the party needed at this time."

During the last two days, popular subscriptions, ranging from \$1 to \$100, totalled \$8,000 a day. Increased activity on the part of party leaders obviate the danger of over-confidence, that has hitherto been manifested on all sides. An effort will be made to instill a "punch" and "pop" into the campaign.

90,000 POUNDS ON THE MARKET

Total Sales of the Local Tobacco Market Are Now Well Above a Million Pounds.

The biggest break of the week occurred on the local market today when 90,000 pounds was disposed of at top prices.

With fair weather tomorrow, the warehousemen believe that over 150,000 pounds will be brought in.

Last week's sales brought the total amount sold on the Washington market this year, well up above 1,000,000 pounds.

THIEVES MAKE \$6 A YEAR.

Topeka, Sept. 14.—The thieves of Kansas a fine body of men, have decided that a life of crime in the Sunflower State will never ruin the criminal waist line. By actual statistics they have learned that it is practically impossible for a burglar, embezzler, a robber (chickney or bank), a thief (sneak or brazen) or a pickpocket on land or sea to make a decent living out of the Kansas Commonwealth. Six dollars a year is shown to be the height of soft picking in this terrible climate.

John Durand, a prisoner in the Kansas penitentiary, has estimated the entire matter in black and white and has seven years left to experiment with the sliding scale. After talking with all the 500 prisoners crowded for careless conduct with strangers' money Durand retired to a small room equipped with bars to prevent interruption and developed the fact that the big six before mentioned is what the hard working criminal gets free and clear before they place him in the conservatory.

The Durand flock of figures shows that the average haul is \$39 and that an average of \$21 of this is recovered by the owners before the chase is completed. The \$18 remaining is all that pays the arrested man for the three-and-a-half years' term that ordinarily awaits him. Counting good behavior allowance on time, his average income is then \$9 a year.

BRITISH AVIATOR HAILED AS HERO

(By United Press)

London, Sept. 14.—Lieutenant Robinson, the 21-year-old British aviator who shot down the Zeppelin which recently made a raid over London, was wildly acclaimed at the Baltic Exchange today, when he was formally presented with a \$2500 purse, raised by shipping men. A great crowd cheered and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Robinson was led to a platform, blushing to the roots of his hair. He made the first public speech of his life in six words: "Thanks, I merely did my duty."

VISIT SITES FOR THE NEW ARMOR PLANT

NAVAL BOARD DECIDES TO VISIT MAJORITY OF LOCATIONS FOR THE PLANT.

Site Must Have Special Provisions for Safety in Time of War. No Decision Has Yet Been Arrived at.

(By United Press)

Washington, Sept. 14.—With the conclusion of the arguments of 125 cities, that are seeking the location of the government armor plate plant the naval board today decided to visit the majority of the proposed sites before arriving at a decision. A second bill provides for the location of the plant "with special attention to safety in time of war," the principal issue.

RICHMOND MAKES STRONG CLAIM FOR NEW ARMOR PLANT

(By United Press)

Washington, Sept. 14.—The proximity to cheap and abundant raw material, adequate transportation facilities, sheltered deep water, six trunk railway lines, reaching within twenty-four hours all of the shipping centers, accessibility to the Indian Head testing grounds, large available labor supplies, granite foundation waterfront, within ten and twenty feet of the surface and the strongest "defense line" on the Atlantic seaboard, are Richmond's claim to the proposed government armor plate plant.

COTTON REPORT

(By United Press)

Washington, Sept. 14.—Reports from the Commerce Department show that cotton consumed during August, exclusive of linters, to be 558,717 running bales, as against 464,392 in 1915. 319,826 bales were consumed in the cotton growing states, as against 248,287 in 1915. Cotton held in consuming establishments, August 31, 1,355,000, as against 1,165,681 in 1915.

Imports, 7,484, equivalent to 569,000 running bales, as against 18,990 in 1915.

Exports, including linters, 419,179 as against 162,949 in 1915. Spindles active in August, more than 32,000,000, as against 31,000,000 in 1915.

TENN. MILITIA TO THE BORDER

Washington, Sept. 14.—The Tennessee militia has been ordered to the border. It consists of two regiments of infantry, one troop of cavalry and one field hospital corps, totalling 2200 men in all.

DR. ANDERSON TO BE HERE ON SATURDAY

(Greenville Reflector)

This morning officer Whichard, Norfolk Southern detective Howard and Jim Harris succeeded in bagging a part of a gang of negroes that were wanted in Washington for breaking in a box car there a few days ago. Mr. Harris recognized them up in tobacco town, and after coming down the street and warning the officers went back and made a raid on the place where they were last seen. A part of them were captured, while one made his escape in the confusion, but officer Whichard made it so hot for the fleeing member that he lost his coat. The two captured will have a hearing before Mayor Dunn tomorrow morning.

GERMANS SHIFT TROOPS TO CHECK DRIVE ON PERONNE

Men Are Being Hastily Moved From the Verdun Front to Halt the British Offensives.

(By United Press)

Paris, Sept. 14.—The German army has shifted its troops from Verdun to the Somme front, in their effort to check the drive of General Foch on Peronne. The French war department yesterday announced un-

successful counter attacks on Hill 76. These attacks were led by fresh German divisions, hastily transferred from Verdun.

Several attacks on new French positions, northeast of Verdun, on the Chapitte front, were repulsed.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE HAS HALTED IN MACEDONIA

(By United Press)

Berlin, Sept. 14.—The new allied offensive in Macedonia has been completely halted, according to Sofia dispatches. Large forces of British troops are attempting to advance in the region of Seres. They have been repulsed with heavy losses.

The Serbs, on the left wing of the Bulgarians, who won few temporary successes, have been driven back to their former positions by strong counter attacks. Operations in southeastern Rumania, under Field Marshal Mackensen, are progressing favorably.

SERBS MAKING BIG ADVANCES

(By United Press)

Paris, Sept. 14.—Progressing west of the Vardar river, the Serbs today carried the Bulgarian trenches between Kovil and Votrink. They are also progressing in the direction of Kalmatehahon.

VIOLENCE IN ST. CAR STRIKE

Mobs Stone Cars, Attack Crews and Force Passengers to Leave the Cars.

New York, Sept. 14.—A material increase in violence among strikers and their sympathizers was reported in all parts of Manhattan yesterday. Cars were stoned, their crews mobbed, and in many cases even passengers ordered to leave the cars and continue their journeys afoot.

A mob of 100 attacked a Third Avenue surface car at Ninety-third street and Third Avenue late yesterday afternoon. Scores of stones were hurled through the car, endangering the lives of its fifteen passengers. They fled to the front platform pleading with the lone police guard to protect them.

Several of the mob climbed to the front platform. They wrenched the controller from the motorman and commanded him to leave his post. Policeman Anthony beat the strikers back and ordered the motorman and conductor to stick to their posts.

SENATOR CLAPP OPENS WAYNE COUNTY CAMPAIGN

Minnesota Republican Attacks the Wilson Administration and Asks Hearers to Support Hughes.

Goldboro, Sept. 14.—The Republicans fired their first political gun in Wayne county yesterday when Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, opened the campaign yesterday afternoon in a stirring address delivered at the court house in which the speaker at considerable length attacked the Wilson administration and especially urging his hearers to vote for the Republican candidate for President.

THE DEVIL IS IN JAIL, UNDER A \$600 BOND

(By Eastern Press)

Kinston, Sept. 14.—"The Devil" is in a bad fix. He is now in the Kinston jail and is under \$600 bond for false pretense, larceny, vagrancy and a number of other charges.

"The Devil" is the alias of Sandy Jackson, colored, and is the name by which he is generally known. He is charged with having stolen \$208 from a negro at one of the tobacco warehouses, taking \$3 from another negro, by working a charm, and stealing over \$70 from another negro.

ALLIES NOW ARE UNITED

(By United Press)

Paris, Sept. 14.—A lasting and durable peace, imposed by allied agreement, has been insured by the establishment of complete unity among the allies. Premier Briand declared today, in a review of the war before the Chamber of Deputies, that "the intervention of Rumania and the declaration of war by Italy against Germany, completed the solidity of action by the allies. The French Prime Minister stated that "it had completely reduced the Central Powers to the defensive and deprived them of all initiative in military operations."

BIG OFFENSIVE BY TEUTONS

(By United Press)

Rome, Sept. 14.—Tentative plans for a giant Balkan offensive by the Central Powers are being drawn up at the conference, which is now sitting at the Kaiser's headquarters. 200,000 Germans and 100,000 Austrians, it is believed, will participate.

MANY WITNESS WORKING OF CHERO-COLA PLANT

An interesting demonstration of the working of their plant, was given by the local Chero-Cola bottling company today and was witnessed by a large number of persons, who were shown the operation of the machinery by the genial manager, W. R. Roberson.

The process of bottling is extremely interesting. The empty bottles are rolled up to a large "soaker," which has a special preparation for killing all possible germs that may be lurking inside of the bottles. Each bottle stays in the "soaker" ten minutes and is thoroughly washed with the steaming preparation. It has a capacity of 1,500 bottles an hour.

Coming out, the bottles are scrubbed by machinery, inside and out, and are twice rinsed in cold water. They are then taken up by a revolving tray and go into the hands of the filler, who first puts in the right percentage of syrup and then adds the carbonated water. The bottles are taken up by another rolling tray and carried on to the tester, who inspects them and makes sure that there is no foreign matter in the bottles and that each contains the right percentage of syrup and carbonated water. The bottles are then taken up by the labeler, who puts on the labels and hands them over to the erater, who puts them in the boxes, ready for shipping.

The entire plant is extremely well-kept and Mr. Roberson has a right to feel proud of the successful business he is doing.

WINSTON MARKET HAS AVERAGE OF \$18.08

Winston-Salem, Sept. 14.—A high price record was established on the leaf tobacco market here today when the average price reached \$18.08 a hundred pounds. Z. T. Bynum, supervisor of sales for the past 39 years, reports that prices this year are the highest in the history of the market. G. E. Webb, editor of the Southern Tobacco Journal, predicts an average of 20 cents a pound on this market for the year, or five cents higher than the banner year, 1913-14. Tobacco in this section is lighter in weight and brighter in color, filling the increased demand for cigarette purposes.

U.S. STEEL GOES STILL HIGHER

(By United Press)

New York, Sept. 14.—A wave of public buying has boosted United States Steel, Common, to a new high record on the stock exchange. Today's quotation was 105 1-2, leading the market.

TODAYS PROGRAM
AT
New Theatre

"HONOR'S ALTAR"
5 Reel Triangel Kay-Bee
Feature presenting
Miss Beulah Harriscale

A great treat in store
Show starts at 7:45 p. m.

ADMISSION.....5c and 10c