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ATLANTA'S BIG FIRE

Loss Is Now Placed at \$1,250,000;
Insurance \$900,000.

REBUILDING TO COMMENCE

Practically Every Owner in the Burned District Has Announced that New Structures Will Be Erected—Work of Clearing the Debris Begun.

Atlanta, May 9.—Atlanta's business interests will rebuild immediately the three square blocks of business buildings destroyed in Friday's fire.

Practically every owner in the district has announced that modern structures will be erected when the ruins have been cleared away.

Saturday found several hundred men at work cleaning out piles of brick and stone, tearing down tottering remains of walls, restoring streets to traffic, replacing telephone and telegraph poles and digging safes out of the wreckage.

Loss and Insurance.
The loss stands at practically one million and a half dollars, with the insurance about nine hundred thousand dollars.

That there was no loss of life, and no one injured is rather remarkable, and may be accounted for principally by the extreme police precautions which prevented any one approaching the buildings while the flames were at work.

Wall after wall and roof after roof fell while the flames were at their height and several times gangs of firemen were nearly caught as the heat burst out four or five stories of brick and sent partitions scattering about the streets.

Will Investigate Water Pressure.
As one result of this, the most serious fire Atlanta has known since Sherman burned the city, it is likely an investigation will be made into the water pressure.

During the height of the fire Friday several of the streams of water failed to reach to the second stories of the buildings and for a time it was thought that dynamiting would have to be resorted to check the flames which were sweeping everything before them. The situation has led the city officials to institute an inquiry into the matter of water pressure.

\$600,000 BLAZE.

Much Valuable Property Destroyed at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., May 7.—Twelve hours after it was thought that the fire which Wednesday night destroyed the stores of F. F. Hansell & Bro. and H. F. Stevens & Co. in Canal street, had been entirely subdued, it was found that the store of the Dreyfus Co., Ltd., next to the burned buildings, was on fire.

On account of the locality, the heart of the business section, a general fire alarm was turned in, but the Dreyfus building, with a large stock of dry goods was totally destroyed by 10 a. m. Thursday.

This will add about a quarter of a million to the loss brought about by the fire, which started late Wednesday night, bringing the total loss up to \$500,000.

All of the property destroyed was covered by insurance.

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

Announcement is made that the Southern Steel company is to resume operations at Gadsden Ala.

Two thousand employees of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad shops were laid off for an indefinite period.

In a local option election at Fredericksburg, Va., the "drys" were victorious, the majority being 31 votes. A feature of the election was the work by the women.

John Morley and Sir Henry Fowler have taken their seats in the house of lords under the respective titles of Viscount Morley of Blackburn, and Viscount Wolverhampton.

The eruption of Mount Etna continues, accompanied by numerous earth shocks. The detonations have terrified the people living in the vicinity of the volcano, and they are camping in the open air.

The republican members of the house of representatives were in caucus for three hours Tuesday night in an effort to agree upon a plan for currency legislation, but adjourned without achieving any definite result.

Plans are being perfected by the Mobile Portland Cement company to build its big plant in south Alabama, and the company will develop 19,500

Township Primaries Tomorrow! Instruct Your Delegates to the County Convention.

Delegates are to be chosen at these primaries who will represent the precincts in a County Convention next Saturday, May 23. This County Convention will select Delegates to nominate a Congressman, State Senator, and full State Ticket.

If the Voters have any choice in candidates it is their duty to make that choice known at the Primaries.

acres of coal lands in the Warrior district of Alabama which it recently acquired.

The cornerstone of the auditorium building was laid in Atlanta Tuesday by the grand lodge of Masons of Georgia, in the presence of the assembled national guard of Georgia and a hundred or so citizens of Atlanta.

The news of the conclusion of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Japan has been well received, and it is believed it will remove whatever suspicion exists regarding the mutual relations of the two countries.

Manager Ryan, of the Montgomery baseball club, has sold Merryman to the Mobile club, the consideration not being given out. Merryman is a left-handed pitcher and came to Montgomery from Springfield, O., of the Central league. He has only worked in one game for Montgomery.

The following army orders have been received from Washington: Captain David Y. Beckham of the Coast Artillery corps has been relieved from duty at Savannah, Ga., and will join his proper command. Captain J. M. Love, Jr., of the Fifteenth infantry, transferred from Columbus Barracks, O., to Savannah, Ga.

Governor Gooding has granted a reprieve to Harry Orchard, sentenced to be hanged Friday of next week, to July 2.

Emperor William has conferred the order of the crown of Prussia upon William Charles Reyck, of the New York Times.

After a short shut down the Kansas City shops of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad were reopened Thursday. Three hundred and fifty men are employed.

Sixty Afghans were reported killed in the fighting which took place between a large Afghan force and the British troops last Saturday at a point in the Khybor pass near Landi-Khotal.

Announcement is made that Manager Tom Fisher, of the Mobile baseball club, has signed Pitcher Stockdale, of the Memphis team. Stockdale has a great record, and was with the Memphis team last season.

The defeat of Durand, the revolutionary leader at Cerro de Pasco in Peru, and his subsequent flight, have been confirmed. This means that the revolutionary movement has collapsed and the people are now rejoicing.

Pual Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, has been elected a director and member of the executive committee of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, to succeed the late George G. Haven.

Bishop Warren Akin Candler, of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, leaves in the early part of June for England, where he goes as the fraternal messenger from the Southern Methodist church to the British Wesleyan conference, which meets at York in July.

The military preparations now being made by Russia on the Turkish frontier have attracted the attention of the foreign consuls in the Caucasus, and several of these representatives have sent in reports regarding the uneasiness of the population and the expectation of trouble with Turkey.

That the republic of Colombia has twice made demands for and then asked arbitration of her claim of \$10,000,000 from the United States and twice been refused, was made known at the state department Thursday. It was added that these demands and refusals were ancient history, and that no fresh representations had been made on the question.

Catcher and First Baseman Charles Fuller has been sold to Meridian, Miss., Manager Ryan, of the Montgomery, Ala., team, making the deal.

The twenty-third and twenty-seventh regiments of infantry will proceed from Tokio to Korea on May 14 to cope with any possible emergency.

After a successful three-day meeting, the southern conference of Unitarian and other Christian churches has come to a close in the Church of Our Father, Atlanta, Ga.

Harding Moore, a negro, was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary of North Carolina for the murder of William Christopher, a young farmer. The crime was committed in Stokes county last Christmas day.

The saw mill of the Simms Lumber company, 15 miles north of Alexandria, La., on the Iron Mountain railroad, was destroyed by fire. Practically all of the lumber was saved. The loss will amount to about \$50,000.

The Mersey dock board has finally approved a big scheme for the extension of the docking facilities of Liverpool, to cost over \$16,000,000. The rapidly increasing trade with America has made necessary an enlargement of the existing facilities.

Major P. Chaffee, who was an officer in the Confederate army and a brother of Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., retired, of Los Angeles, died at his home at Kansas City of kidney trouble, aged seventy-nine years.

Charles A. Lutz, assistant controller of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, has tendered his resignation. It is understood that Mr. Lutz will accept the position of chief statistician of the Interstate commerce commission at Washington.

The new municipal law has been handed to Governor Magoon, of Havana, by the advisory commission. It is the conviction of the provisional officials that lack of such a law was the chief cause of past trouble in Cuba.

The German reichstag has adjourned until October 20. Twenty supplementary appropriation and other bills were adopted hurriedly in the last two hours of the sitting. Following their usual customs, the socialists left the chamber at the end of the sitting, just before the president proposed three cheers for Emperor William.

The one thousand gulnea stakes at Newmarket were won by Richard Croker's Rhodora.

It is estimated that 1,000 people were thrown out of employment by the late Atlanta, Ga., fire.

Ten members of the Protestant Episcopal church council of the diocese of Texas, at Dallas, were victims of ptomaine poisoning. All recovered.

Auburn has defeated the Central college of Kentucky, by the score of 6 to 4. Stutts, for Kentucky, pitched a nice game. Taylor, of Auburn, also showed up well.

The death is announced in Paris of Ludovic Halevy, the well known dramatic authority and novelist. M. Halevy was a member of the French academy and was born in this city July 7, 1834.

The Euclid Avenue Trust company, of Cleveland, O., has made assignment to the Cleveland Trust company in the insolvency court. No statement of assets or liabilities is given. The last statement issued by the concern gave the assets as \$1,700,000, liabilities, \$1,700,000.

The tie Thursday in the southern handicap at the interstate shoot at the fair grounds in Birmingham, Ala., was won Friday morning by George S. Lyons, of Durham, N. C., who shot 18 out of 20 targets at 19 yards against John Livingston, of Springfield, Ala., 16.

Juan Durand, one of the leaders of the recent abortive revolutionary movement in Peru, and ten of his followers have been captured. The government has issued a statement saying that the banks carrying funds belong-

ing to persons suspected of complicity in the revolution will retain those moneys.

PITTSBURG SENSATION.

No New Developments in National Bank Smack.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 9.—According to the United States government officials there are no new developments in the alleged irregularities of the Allegheny National bank, which became public through the arrest of William Montgomery, the cashier, on a charge of embezzling \$509,000 of the bank's funds. National Bank Examiner William F. Folds, who made the charge against Cashier Montgomery, is making a further examination of the affairs of the bank.

The arrest of Montgomery, who is prominent in business, social and political circles, continues to be one of the greatest sensations that has occurred here in several years.

REBELS AND TROOPS FIGHT.

Revolutionary Movement in Yan Nan Province of China.

Pekin, May 9.—Alarming news has been received here regarding the progress of the revolutionary movement in Yan Nan province, on the Tonking border.

There have been three engagements recently between the rebels and the provincial troops, in which the former were victorious.

Laohu pass is in their possession, and the seaport of Meng Tsze is endangered.

C. V. Bapst, the French minister to China, has been asked to aid in the suppression of the movement.

The rebels possess French arms, and are said to have been trained by Frenchmen.

Meng Tsze is a treaty port, and has a population of about 12,000.

Jury Acquits Kington.

Macon, Ga., May 9.—John Kington, the young Bibb county farmer who shot and killed Elmer Orr several months ago, 8 miles west of the city, was acquitted in the superior court here, a jury having his case in hand only a short time. Kington was tried at a former session of the court, and there was a mistrial. This time a hard fight was made on both sides. The slayer of Orr claimed self-defense, a row having occurred which terminated in a shooting affair when the two men met in the road.

Was Call Under Consideration.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Bishop Brent, of the Philippines islands, who recently was elected bishop of Washington in succession to the late Bishop Satterlee, has called the officials of the conference held here this week that he now has the call under consideration, but that he is not yet clear as to whether his duty required a continuance of his work in the Philippines or the acceptance to the call to this diocese.

LAPORTE'S MYSTERY

Guinness Farm Crimes Still the Sensation.

OFFICERS BUSILY AT WORK

Public Interest Centers Largely in the Alleged Connection of Ray Lampher With the Crimes—State's Attorney Has Several Important Witnesses.

LaPorte, Ind., May 8.—New evidence connecting Ray Lampher with the more recent deaths at the Guinness farm and the possible discovery of additional graves on the premises, were the chief developments expected in Friday's expoundings of the mysteries. Whether further excavations are to be made on the estate will depend upon the weather.

Interest Centers in Lampher.
What the inquiries of Prosecutor Smith into the alleged connection of Ray Lampher with the crimes will develop is exciting interest.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Marr, who is aiding the state's attorney in this line of work, claims that he will produce witnesses to strengthen the testimony of Louis Roule, Bessie Wallace and Nellie Shoemaker, who told the authorities that Lampher had asserted that he knew enough concerning Mrs. Guinness to convict her of serious crimes and had threatened to reveal this evidence in revenge for her prosecution of him. One of these new witnesses, it is said, took part in the conversation between Roule, and it is further reported, is of unquestionable integrity and standing in the community.

Only Three Bodies Identified.

If more bodies are found on the Guinness farm fresh mysteries will confront the authorities. Thus far only three of the nine bodies have been identified. The known victims are:

Jennie Olson, the sixteen-year-old foster daughter of Mrs. Guinness.

Andrew Helegelein, of Mansfield, S. D.

Ole O. Budsberg, of Iowa, Wis.

One female corpse and those of five males remain as yet unidentified. Despite the searching investigations of the sheriff and state's attorney there is yet almost no clue to the identity of these bodies.

Their task is complicated by the fact that the bodies have been in the ground for at least eighteen months.

Detectives At Work.

That the detectives of a private agency who went into the affair on Thursday may be able to discover fresh evidence is the hope of Sheriff Smutzer and Prosecutor Smith. The outsiders are in charge of Coroner Smith, and he is said to have four assistants. Two of these, it is said, have been detailed to search neighboring farms for information regarding Mrs. Guinness. The others are working under the direction of the sheriff.

ASQUITH'S PENSION SCHEME.

It Was Hotly Attacked by the Unionist Newspapers.

London, May 8.—Premier Asquith's pension scheme was hotly attacked by the Unionist newspapers Friday morning on the ground that Mr. Asquith recklessly started plans requiring millions but left the onus of finding the money to his successors in the chancellorship.

The discussion in parliament Thursday night, both in the house and in the lobbies, however, left the impression that the cleverly designed budget is likely to be fairly popular. There is little doubt that the budget will be adopted without serious opposition.

ROBBED EXPRESS CAR.

Bandits Also Shot and Killed the Express Messenger.

Denver, Colo., May 7.—Train robbers who boarded Denver and Rio Grande No. 4, when at Castle Rock early Thursday, shot and killed Express Messenger Charles H. Wright, aged sixty, employed by the Globe Express company.

From the dead messenger the robbers took the keys to a small safe in the baggage car, which they opened and took the contents, in all worth less than a hundred dollars.

A big safe in the rear, which contained a large sum of money, and the combination of which is known only to clerks of the company in the principal stations along the route, was tampered with, but the robbers were unable to work it.

The dead body of the messenger was discovered when the train reached Denver, Colo.

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