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\$7,000,000 DAMAGE TO STATE CAPITOL

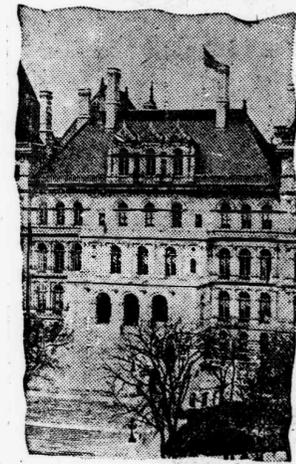
New York's Grand Building Prey of Flames.

VALUABLE RECORDS WERE LOST.

Conflagration Lasted for Four Hours, and the Great Building Was Fire-Swept, Smoke-Stained and Water-Drenched.

Fire-swept, smoke-stained and water-drenched, New York state's magnificent \$27,000,000 capitol, at Albany, stands today a partial wreck by flames that started in the assembly library, burned away the entire west wing and did damage estimated at \$7,000,000 before the fire was declared under control, after raging more than four hours.

Starting afresh in the northwest angle, the flames got away from the firemen. Several firemen had been knocked unconscious by falling debris.



THE CAPITOL AT ALBANY.

and their companions were warned to use caution in penetrating beneath the shattered arches, while a huge chimney, considered unsafe, also kept them at bay, and this permitted the flames to gain renewed headway.

Gov. Dix on hand, and took personal direction of the salvage efforts in the offices still untouched.

Militiamen were pressed into service to remove the records, relics and flags from the adjutant general's office and in policing the fire lines.

The assembly room and every portion of the west wing was wrecked.

It is believed the fire was started by a fused electric push button becoming electrified. It was discovered by a night watchman, and the alarm was sounded. Before the firemen reached the massive structure priceless documents, books and records stored in the assembly library had been destroyed and other departments were threatened. The imitation oak ceiling of the assembly chamber, composed of paper mache, was partially destroyed, as was also the famous million-dollar staircase in the west wing.

State Library Burned. The state library, containing 400,000 volumes, among them the most valuable genealogical works in the United States, together with relics, priceless documents, some of them dating back to 1776 and irreplaceable.

KIDNAPPED CHILD.

Abductors Said to Have Gotten \$12,000 Reward.

Two masked men forced entrance into the home of A. T. Rogers, a lawyer, it is reported, from Las Vegas, N. M., and compelled Mrs. Rogers to surrender her two-year-old baby.

The kidnapers left a note for Mr. Rogers, demanding \$12,000 in cash if the parents wanted their baby back alive. The money was paid and the child recovered. One of the kidnapers was partially identified as Dennis Hart, a notorious postoffice and bank robber, who recently broke jail at Albuquerque.

Entering the mother's bed-room, the two masked men pointed revolvers at Mrs. Rogers and demanded the baby. She offered them her jewels, silverware and other valuables, but they told her they had been waiting for months for an opportunity to steal the little fellow. She complied.

Two men were shot in a running fight that followed the robbery of the Gahanna, Ohio, postoffice, but the five raiders, including both the wounded, escaped. About \$200 worth of stamps were secured, but most of the stamps were recovered where one of the wounded men fell.

BUCKETSHOP LOW.

Said to Have Been Declared Unconstitutional.

The anti-bucketshop law was declared unconstitutional in a decision rendered by the supreme court of the District of Columbia at Washington. The decision was handed down by Justice Wright and was sweeping in character, holding that it was unconstitutional because of ambiguity in its provisions.

Justice Wright ordered the dismissal of indictments against thirteen alleged bucketshop promoters of Washington, Baltimore, St. Louis and Chicago.

Three men were arrested last May by agents of the department of justice in raids conducted simultaneously in the various cities. Unless the higher courts overrule the decision of the district court, the government's campaign against bucketshops has been effectually stopped.

The department of justice will carry the case to the supreme court of the United States.

It was said at the department of justice that the cases will be immediately carried up.

The decision of Justice Wright applies only to indictments in the District of Columbia, according to the department of justice.

GENERAL IVERSON DEAD.

Distinguished War Veteran Passes Away at Atlanta.

Gen. Alfred Iverson is dead.

Friday morning at 6:30 o'clock, in the quiet home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Iverson Randolph, 36 Peachtree circle, Ansley Park, Atlanta, Ga., the aged soldier, whose name will be forever linked with the cavalry exploits of Wheeler's and Forrest's commands, sank into death at the age of 82 years.

Gen. Alfred Iverson was a son of the distinguished Georgia senator of the same name. He was a veteran of two wars, and his brilliant capture of Maj. Gen. Stoneman and his entire command of 2,500 men at Sunshine church, near Macon, just before the close of the war, was a feat of military genius.

MACON HOMES BURNED.

Wind-Driven Flames Play Havoc in Fashionable Section.

The homes of Oscar W. Hays, George Wing, Jr., and J. B. Whitehead, on Appleton avenue, Macon, Ga., each a beautiful two-story residence, were destroyed by fire, and the home of Eugene Anderson was damaged. The total loss is nearly \$30,000.

Capt. J. R. Bragg, of Company No. 4, was buried beneath the front porch of the Hays home, and was rescued from the midst of the blazing timbers and debris only after he had sustained severe injuries.

Eighty school boys formed a bucket brigade and assisted the firemen in fighting the flames, which were fanned by the worst wind of the winter.

RUSSIA FORTIFYING.

Despite Denials of War, Warlike Moves Are Made.

Despite diplomatic denials of prospects of war between Russia and China, Russia is strengthening all her military posts in Manchuria. The commissary department is purchasing heavily. Reports from Vladivostok and Harbin say that passports have been withdrawn from all the army reserves to prevent their escaping service. Chinese are being driven out of Southern Russia.

The Russian press, it is said, spreads stories of Chinese military activity as a whole apparently favors a conflict between the two countries.

DOG SAVES BOY'S LIFE.

Pet Animal Prevents Boy Being Killed By Mad Bull.

The game fight a pet dog put up when an infuriated bull on the farm of W. G. Harrell, three miles from Bainbridge, according to a Waycross, Ga., dispatch, attacked him saved from a horrible death Drewry Harrell, a 16-year-old boy. He received severe lacerations on the arms and legs and was otherwise hurt.

The dog sided with the youth in the fight, and grabbed the bull by the nose, not letting loose until young Harrell made his escape.

One of the next steps in the rehabilitation of the customs service probably will be a readjustment of the collection districts. There are now 160 of these in the United States and its island possessions, and one-quarter of that number do not collect enough revenue to pay their own expenses.

A fresh outbreak of the Moorish tribesmen near Meilla, in which an army train was attacked, was reported to Paris from that Moroccan city. An officer and a soldier were wounded.

SENATORIAL FALLS ON O'GORMAN

Long Fight Ended in New York Assembly.

THE INSURGENTS CAPITULATED.

Choice of O'Gorman Brings to a Close Fight Which Lasted Over Two Months—Reigns Supreme Court Judgship.

Supreme Court Justice James Alcyus O'Gorman, democrat, of New York city, was elected United States senator Saturday night by the legislature, after the most protracted struggle over this position ever held in the Empire State.

On the final ballot, the sixty-fourth, he received 112 votes to 80 cast for Chauncey M. Depew, whose term expired March 4.

The result was in doubt almost to the minute of recording the votes, owing to the uncertainty as to how many of the democratic insurgents, who, for over two months, had prevented an election because of their opposition to William H. Sheehan, would enter the second caucus, which had been adjourned from day to day since Monday.

At the close of a day of almost continuous negotiations, the insurgents capitulated, and Justice O'Gorman was elected. A few minutes before the ballot was cast Justice O'Gorman's resignation from the bench was filed at the office of the secretary of state, as a constitutional provision would have prohibited his election while holding the office of justice of the supreme court.

BANKER DEAD IN OFFICE.

Julius DeBrovsky, Private Banker Found With Bullet Wound in Abdomen.

When business opened at the private bank of Julius de Brovsky at New York city, Monday, the first customer was annoyed that she could get no answer to her questions from the banker, who sat leaning over a table, seemingly buried in thought.

He had good reason for his silence. In the banker's abdomen was a bullet wound from which he died shortly afterward without recovering consciousness. Investigation showed \$1,000 missing from his safe.

The police are undecided whether the case is one of murder or suicide.

A LONG LITIGATION.

Case Goes to Supreme Court After Twenty Years.

Twenty years on the way, the suit of Mary Scott Woods and others against A. M. Chesborough and others in Marion county, Miss., has at last reached the supreme court of the United States at Washington.

In 1891 a suit was brought in Marion county courts to determine the title to several parcels of land. The litigation was continued from term to term and finally a decree was issued in the case in 1896. The immediate object now sought is to have this decree reviewed. It will be two or three years yet before the supreme court will reach the case on its docket.

\$125,000,000 BOND ISSUE.

Stockholders of C. & O. Railroad to Meet in Richmond.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. has been called to be held in Richmond on April 29, for authorization of an issue of \$125,000,000 5 per cent. 20-year mortgage bonds.

It is stated that the bonds to be issued shall be preserved to retire outstanding general funding and improvement bonds amounting to \$11,000,000, and to pay certain outstanding obligations. The remainder are to be reserved under proper restrictions for construction or acquisition of additional lines, terminals and equipment, and for betterment and improvement.

COAL FIRMS TO COMBINE.

Selling Agency is to Have Capital Stock of \$500,000,000.

A combination of twenty companies, with a capitalization of \$500,000,000, is being formed at Pittsburg, it is said, to be the selling agency of the principal bituminous coal corporations in that section of the country.

The preliminary organization has already been completed, with G. J. Adams, of Uniontown, Pa., as temporary chairman, and a capital of \$500,000 as a nucleus. The concern will be known as the United States Coal Exchange. Complete organization will be effected at a meeting to be held two weeks hence.

THE DESTROYED CAPITOL

Library of \$25,000,000 Building and Record Room Of State University.



HELD UNDER SIEGE.

Much Suffering Reported Among Mexican Non-Combatants.

Couriers, who left Madero's camp several days ago, when the insurrection leader was about sixty miles north of the city of Chihuahua, reported to the junta at El Paso, Tex., that Madero was enthusiastic over the condition of the insurgents.

At that time the rebel chieftain had not heard of the resignation of the cabinet. The couriers reported, however, that Madero had repeated his declaration that the insurrection would not cease until Diaz had been replaced and reforms had been accomplished rather than promised.

From the interior of northern Mexico comes reports that suffering among the non-combatants is growing worse. The order of the insurgents that no food shall be taken into the small towns from the surrounding country is working a hardship on the people who are held under siege.

MUST STAY IN PEN.

Appeals for Freedom Will Be Denied Morse and Walsh.

Executive clemency will not be extended at present to Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, and John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, who are serving fifteen and five years' sentences, respectively, in federal penitentiaries, the former at Atlanta, and the latter at Leavenworth. The president has had before him for several weeks applications in both cases, and it was learned that he will follow the recommendations of Attorney General Wickersham.

It is understood that Mr. Wickersham recommended that inasmuch as Walsh will be paroled under the new federal law next September, justice would be better served if executive clemency were not extended to him.

TO PROSECUTE BIG TRUST.

Department of Justice Has Been Investigating Billion Dollar Combine.

Criminal prosecutions against many powerful financiers will be begun soon, it was learned at Washington, following secret investigation of what the department of justice officials declare to be "the biggest trust in the world."

Agents of the department are reported to have evidence of a billion-dollar combine, involving the Pennsylvania railroad and organized to control the entire anthracite coal output of the United States. For years, it is claimed, the combine, acting secretly, has used its power to extort enormous profits while throttling competition by withholding cars from coal operators not in the "trust."

William H. Lewis, the Boston negro recently named by President Taft for the position of assistant attorney general of the United States, was formally sworn in Tuesday. Lewis' nomination failed of confirmation by the senate and Mr. Taft gave him a recess appointment.

County Government.

Representative—Thos. S. Wood.
Clerk Superior Court—Cos. Paxton.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—Fred A. Shuford.
Treasurer—Z. W. Nichols.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. A. E. Lyday.
Surveyor—J. C. Wike.
Commissioners—W. L. Brooks, G. T. Lyday, Arthur Miller.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Robert L. Gash.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

Transylvania Division.

In effect January 2, 1911.

N. B.—Schedules figures given as information only, and not guaranteed.

No. of Daily	Eastern Standard Time	No. of Daily
STATIONS		
P. M.		A. M.
3 40	Lv. Asheville	11 30
3 45	Lv. Hendersonville	10 25
4 4	West Hendersonville	10 22
5 00	Yale	10 10
5 05	Home Shoe	10 05
5 08	Canon	10 02
5 13	Etowah	9 56
5 20	Blaityre	9 49
5 26	Penrose	9 42
5 34	Davidson River	9 33
5 38	Pisgah Forest	9 30
5 42	Brevard	9 24
5 55	Salica	9 08
6 02	Gerryfield	9 04
6 04	Calvert	8 57
6 08	Rosman	8 54
6 12	Galloways	8 50
6 21	Quebec	8 43
6 30	Reid's	8 34
6 40	Ar. Lake Toxaway	8 25

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust, registered in Book 6, page 218, Trust and Records Transylvania county, given by A. L. Allison to the undersigned trustee to secure the payment of a note of even date therewith, and whereas said note is due and unpaid, and the holder thereof having applied to the undersigned trustee to sell the land hereinafter described to pay said note, interest, cost and expenses, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door, in the Town of Brevard, on Monday, April 3, 1911, at 12 o'clock M., all the following described tract of land, situated in Boyd Township, Transylvania county, bounded as follows: On west side of French Broad river. Beginning at a stake in the middle of the river, opposite the mouth of a deep ditch, and runs up and with said ditch to the old lead ditch; then down said lead ditch N. 13 poles to a stake; N. 86 deg. W. 146 poles to a stake in the outside line; S. 5 1/2 deg. W. 32 poles to a stake; S. 76 deg. E. to a stake in the middle of the river; then down and with the river to the beginning, containing 52 acres more or less. Sale made for the purposes above mentioned. Feb. 28th, 1911.
WELCH GALLOWAY, Trustee.