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THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS AS RESULT OF BIG FIRE IN NEVADA STATE

Blaze Which Started in a Drug Store Sweeps Over Rawhide City.

DYNAMITE USED TO CHECK SPREAD

Fire Department and Five Hundred Miners Worked Hard to Save Property.

(By Associated Press.)

RAWHIDE, Nevada, Sept. 4.—Three thousand people homeless, a score or more injured and a property loss of over $750,000 is the result of a disastrous fire which started at 9 o'clock this morning in Dr. Gardiner's office located in the Rawhide Drug company's building. Fanned by a gale, the fire swept rapidly south and east to Balloon avenue and up Rawhide avenue to within fifty yards of the People's hospital. Over a ton and a half of dynamite was used in the demolition of buildings, which in a measure stayed the flames' progress. The volunteer fire department and 500 miners worked heroically, but owing to the inflammable construction of the buildings they were swept away like tinder.

At 11 o'clock the business portion of Rawhide was a smouldering ruin, the flames being finally checked south of Balloon avenue. Among the first buildings to go was Collins' hardware store, which contained two tons of dynamite, that exploded with a terrific report, hurling burning planks and boards a great distance, setting fire to numerous buildings simultaneously. The scenes were similar to those at the fire at Goldfield July, 1906, and at Cripple Creek April, 1896. Many people were injured, but none are reported seriously hurt.

Famine Feared.

A famine was feared, as all the supply houses and grocery stores were wiped out. A subscription list was started and within a few minutes over $5,000 was raised and a relief train started from Reno carrying food and bedding.

All the mining towns of the state came quickly to the assistance of Rawhide sufferers with cash contributions. The San Francisco Mining exchange at once sent a contribution of $500.

A partial list of the heaviest losers follows: First Bank of Rawhide, Bank of Rawhide, Press-Times building, Marsh Mercantile company, Nevada meat market, the Northern, Tom Rickards, E. E. Marks & Co., Nevada club, Downer hotel, Kelly's dance hall.

The fire destroyed the hoisting works of the Bluff Mining company, Gold Hill properties and the Gold Hill business office, the loss on these amounting to $10,000, which is the extent of damage done the mining property. Plans were well under way for a reconstruction of the town before the ashes were cool.

The Press-Times and Rustler newspaper offices were saved although the machinery was destroyed. The fire was gotten under control after destroying the entire business portion of the town with the exception of the grocery store.

The report that two commercial travelers lost their lives in the burning of the Ross hotel has not been confirmed.

The town has been placed under martial law.

BRYAN MEETING HELD IN GEORGIA

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 4.—The first Bryan meeting in the state of Georgia was held here tonight under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic league. United States Senator Clay, Governor Hoke Smith, National Committeeman Clark Howell and Charles F. Berrien, who was introduced as the former president of a local labor organization, delivered addresses in which they declared their unqualified support to the democratic candidate for president.

Committeeman Howell, Senator Clay and Governor Smith urged the voters of the state to vote the straight democratic ticket, saying that a vote for any other candidate was a vote thrown away.

OLD FRIEND JAP WAR CLOUD IS TROTTED OUT

Periodical Appearance of This Ancient Myth Again Attracts Attention.

REAL BLOOD IS SEEN ON THE MOON

Twaddle Abroad to the Effect That Japan Fears an American Alliance.

(Special to The Citizen.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Not enough excitement to satisfy the cravings of some folks is furnished by the presidential campaign, so the Japanese war cloud had to be trotted out, dusted off, furbished up and held up to the public view. We are told that Japan is much agitated by the presence in the Pacific of our war ships and that Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador to Washington, had journeyed to Oyster Bay for the purpose of tipping Mr. Roosevelt off to the fact that the mikado, the mikado's government and the mikado's people didn't like it a little bit.

Lacking confirmation of this report from either President Roosevelt or Ambassador Takahira, the public is under no obligation to believe it. The government Tokyo has expressed cordial desire that the fleet visit Japanese waters, and plans are under way to give the American sea-fighters demonstrative and enthusiastic welcome. There has been no happening in international affairs that would make the prospect of a visit from our fleet any less welcome today than it was two months ago.

Silly Twaddle.

The silliest twaddle of it all is that Japan is apprehensive of an American alliance with China. In the first place, the United States does not make foreign alliances; secondly, with the possible exception of Venezuela, China is the last country in the world the government at Washington would think of tying up with. The fabled betrothal of the humming bird to the toad was not more ridiculous than would be an alliance between the American republic and the Asiatic empire.

The absurd suggestion of an American-Chinese alliance started somewhere in Europe, in Paris as a matter of fact, and was eagerly seized upon by American seekers after the sensational and exploited by a number of very yellow journals. The state department at Washington was solemnly asked if the rumor were true and believing the late department regarded the fable as too absurd to merit a denial, this silence was regarded as sufficient foundation for the launching of a Japanese war scare. Then Baron Takahira goes to Oyster Bay and later sees Secretary Root, and the thing is settled, we are on the verge of hostilities. It never seems to occur that as the American battleship fleet is shortly to pay an official visit to Japan, the Japanese ambassador might very well have put the business with the president and the chief of the state department.

War with Japan is not at all an impossible thing. Indeed many very astute statesmen believe such a war is bound to come. But if it does come it will not be because our battleships are on a voyage around the world, nor because of any alliance with the Chinese.

Poor Wu Ting.

Another angle of the story comes in the report that Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister at Washington, is to be recalled. And we are told that Minister Wu is to be recalled because he has tried to effect an alliance between China and the United States. Here you get a young and coming Japan, we are there will be no alliance, and threatens war. China is sure there will not be, no alliance, and will recall Minister Wu.

There is no other government in the

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G. A. R. CALLS A HALT IN ASKING CONGRESS FOR RELIEF MEASURES

(By Associated Press.)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Not for three years will the Grand Army of the Republic ask congress for further relief measures. There is sentiment looking to an amendment to the service pension bill reducing to 65 years the age at which a veteran can receive $20 a month, and another amending the proposed widows' pension bill to make eligible all soldiers' widows who were married prior to the date of passage of the bill. Votes indicate in favor of the resolution granting congress three years' respite from old soldier legislation.

It appeared to be the consensus of opinion of the leaders that too much hammering for pension bills and relief measures might soon create an unfavorable impression in the minds of businessmen and reflect discredit on the civil war veteran at the time in his life when he would need the most assistance at the hands of the nation which he helped to save.

After the installation of officers at the morning session, the veterans decided on Salt Lake City as the place of next year's encampment.

Just For The Sake Of The Children?

EASTERN LEADERS TALK WITH MACK

Democrats Consider Atlantic States Debatable. Will Make Active Campaign.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—National Chairman Mack and members of the eastern democratic campaign committee held a three hours' conference this afternoon and talked over the situation along the Atlantic seaboard. After a consideration of the reports from the national committeemen present, it was decided that New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Delaware were debatable states, and that an active campaign from now on should be waged to swing them into the democratic column. Members of the committee reported that in their states every effort would be made to secure the nominations of the strongest candidate for places on the state tickets in order to make more votes for Bryan and Kern.

It was determined to hold a meeting of the eastern campaign committee every Tuesday at headquarters here. Mr. Mack left for Buffalo tonight, and Senator Culberson, chairman of the advisory committee, and National Committeeman Daniels and Tomlinson left for Chicago.

National Committeeman Smallbany stated that the fight in Delaware was confined largely to local issues, but that with organized effort on the part of the state and national committees the democratic ticket would win.

REPUBLICANS DISCUSSED TANGLE

Swisher Faction be Requested to Place Lincoln Party Nominees on State Ticket.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The subcommittee, composed of National Committeemen Ward, Dalzell and Brooker, appointed to consider the West Virginia gubernatorial tangle in the Lincoln republican party, with C. A. Swisher as its gubernatorial nominee, ask that the electors and congressional candidates on the regular republican ticket headed by C. A. Swisher be placed on the Swisher ticket, held further consideration of the matter tonight.

C. A. Swisher, candidate for governor on the regular republican ticket, appeared before the committee. After the committee had adjourned Mr. Ward announced that no decision would be announced until Wednesday.

It is understood that the subcommittee will report to the national committee requesting it to direct the Swisher forces to give permission to the Lincoln republican party to place their electors and congressional candidates on the Swisher ticket.

An informal meeting of almost all the members of the executive committee of the republican national committee was held at headquarters today and the general situation was discussed. Those present were Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, Edwin C. Duncan of North Carolina, Charles F. Brooker of Connecticut, T. Coleman du Pont of Delaware and William L. Ward of New York.

Senator Penrose said the meeting was only preliminary to a formal conference next week when Chairman Hitchcock returns from the west.

AIRSHIP MADE SECOND FLIGHT AT FORT MYER

Inventor Wright is Pleased With Today's Trial, But Says Will Improve.

MACHINE UNDER PERFECT CONTROL

Made Five Circuits of the Parade Grounds, Watched by Large Crowd.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Orville Wright made another flight over the drill grounds at Fort Myer, Va., today, in which he encircled the field five times in addition to going the full length of the field, landing directly in front of the tent which shelters the machine. The total time consumed in flight was four minutes and fifteen seconds, the aeroplane being under the control of Mr. Wright throughout the flight.

The wind was blowing at the rate of [illegible] mile per hour. Thirty feet from the ground was the greatest height attained. It was evident that the aviator had the machine under better control today than yesterday.

The success of Mr. Wright replied to the rumor broken yesterday, and at 5 o'clock this afternoon the machine was taken to the northern end of the drill grounds, where the latter up operations to be tried. A preliminary test on the motor proving satisfactory, the wheels supporting the machine were taken from under it and Mr. Wright started the motor and took his place on the aviator's seat.

At 5:[illegible] Mr. Wright nodded to his assistant, C. E. Taylor, and the machine was released. The weights suspended from a wooden tower gave it an initial impetus and as it glided down the track its speed increased. Just as the track the machine was turned upward by the operator and dipped slightly as it neared the end of the field for the south end of the field.

Breathless silence prevailed as Mr. Wright turned the machine when halfway down the field but with each succeeding trip he appeared more at ease in the seat. He made several bows both and at one point raised his cap. Mr. Wright seemed delighted with the success of his second flight. Just before he alighted he circled the field five times, the most impressive feature of the exhibition being the ease with which he turned the machine when halfway down the field.

While [illegible] Mr. Wright said: "It was perfect. I am very pleased with the success of the day's flight. The machine behaved very nicely. I shall have to make some slight improvements in the rudder and shift the seat a little. I shall have perfect control of the machine."

An enthusiastic crowd witnessed the flight. The parade ground was kept clear by a troop of cavalry and it is known that at Fort Myer Mr. Wright was greatly pleased with the test, but announced that he would make a short excursion in case the weather conditions were favorable.

ONE LIFE LOST IN CONFLAGRATION

SUMNER, Miss., Sept. 4.—Fourteen buildings in the business section of this place were burned early today, involving a loss of $[illegible]. A. M. Phipps, an employee of the Illinois Central, who was discovered in the store building occupied by H. K. Fell & Co., and Bailey Phipps was so overcome by smoke that he died while he slept. The property is insured by insurance companies doing business here, including the buildings destroyed, including the [illegible] stores and office buildings and several residences.

CONVENTION TODAY TO SETTLE QUESTION

Disputing Claims are Made as to Madison, Which is Still Unheard From.

Controversies as to the precinct vote for Messrs. Murphy and Adams in Buncombe and Madison counties will be ended today, when the county conventions of these counties are held, and, with Transylvania county primaries also due today, the matter of the nomination should be certain this afternoon. It is not certain now because each side is claiming that it will win, and claims as to the vote in Madison county Thursday are widely divergent. The friends of Mr. Adams assert that he has carried solidly all of the precincts in Madison except two and that these have but 1½ convention votes. This, if true, would insure Mr. Adams' nomination, even if he got not vote at all in Transylvania, and it is admitted that he will show strength there. On the other hand, Judge Murphy's friends state that he will have about eight Madison county votes and will win because he will get the larger part of the Transylvania vote.

Some Murphy supporters sharply criticize the action of the majority in Madison county precincts in refusing to give Mr. Murphy his proportion of strength at the precinct meetings and say that it is very unfair to the other two counties that they should allow each candidate his strength while the majority in the other county refuses to follow the rules of organization. On the other hand, the Adams supporters say that no Murphy strength was shown at the Madison precinct meetings and therefore none could be given him in convention vote.

The Buncombe county convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock this morning by Chairman D. E. Sevier, and, after the election of officers, will proceed to decide on the vote to be given each candidate in the district convention which meets next Saturday.

FIENDISH MURDERER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Chester Jordan, Who Chopped His Wife to Pieces, Is Arraigned in Court.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 4.—A gloom [illegible] on the prisoner's dock in which Hennah Jordan, of Somerville, known on the stage as [illegible] Shannon, was tried was [illegible] today. It is claimed by the [illegible] that [illegible] Jordan [illegible] on the morning [illegible] of his wife, Chester S. Jordan.

[illegible] that he was tried to bring knockout [illegible] and that he then cut off the head and placed it in the trunk [illegible] the police. While neither Medical Examiner G. R. McGrath of Boston nor Medical Examiner T. H. Borrell of Somerville will say their findings [illegible] it is learned that the examination indicated that Mrs. Jordan met her death by being struck on the head with a blunt instrument, possibly a [illegible] causing a fracture sufficient to cause death. Then it is claimed he was strangled.

Jordan was arraigned today and offered a plea of not guilty to a charge of murder. He was sent to jail to await a hearing on September 11th.

FLEET TO BID ADIEU TO CITY OF MELBOURNE

Memorable Week in Lives of Our Jack Tars Comes to a Close.

AUSTRALIA DID WELL BY THE BOYS

Hospitality Unlimited Has Marked the Stay of the American Battleships.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 4.—This is the last day of the series of entertainments in honor of the men and officers of the American battleship fleet which have brought the people of Melbourne into such pleasant and personal contact with their visitors. It dawned bright and beautiful as if to make up for the inclement weather of the early part of the week and the program was carried out without hitch or interruption. Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the fleet sails away for Albany, West Australia, where it will remain for a week, taking coal.

It has been a busy seven days for Melbourne as well as for the visitors and the city has found accommodation for vast throngs from the provinces who swarmed in to take part in the festivities. The final official greetings have been exchanged and the last personal farewells spoken and it is safe to say that the hosts see their guests depart with sincere regret. A feature of the stay of the fleet in this port has been the personal friendships established between the officers of the fleet and the people of Melbourne. Official functions there were almost without numbers, but in addition there have been a great many private luncheons and dinners and calls quite informal in character, which gave a better opportunity for the forming of acquaintances and friendships which will endure for many years to come. The visit to Melbourne had its sad accompaniment in the death by accident of two men of the fleet—Arthur Decker, a sailor from New Jersey, and a bandsman named Michaelson from Vermont. Both men were killed by moving railroad trains while on excursions to the suburbs. They were buried today with full military academy forces.

The state government this evening entertained Admiral Sperry and the senior officers of the fleet at an elaborate luncheon at Parliament House. Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, the governor of Victoria, and many of the state ministers were present. The Victorian premier, Thomas Bent, delivered an address of welcome in which he said that Alfred Deakin, the prime minister of the commonwealth had good reason to be proud of the fact that he was the man who invited the American fleet to Australian waters.

This afternoon there were baseball and lacrosse matches at the cricket ground, and a regatta on Hobsons Bay. A nine from the fleet defeated a Victoria team, 16 to 1. The boat races in the morning consisted of a variety of contests between small sailing and rowing craft as well as motor boats, manned mostly by members of local clubs. Prizes to the amount of $600 were awarded. In the afternoon there were sailing and rowing races between boats from the American fleet and boats from the Royal navy and the Australian naval forces.

This evening the warrant petty and non-commissioned officers of the American fleet were entertained, as were to the officers of equal rank of the commonwealth naval and military forces of Victoria and the state government provided a wonderful display of fireworks at Albert park which was witnessed by enormous crowds of people. Albert park is the nearest public ground to where the battleships are anchored in the bay and the vessels also were illuminated. The crowds in the city streets were greater tonight than at any previous time the fleet has been here. The Hawthorne Lacrosse club dinner tonight in honor of the American officers.

NEGRO IS SLAYED

ATHENS, Ga., Sept. 4.—[illegible] from Danielsville, Ga., [illegible] Ellis Terry, a negro, who he [illegible] murdered [illegible] Wheeler, a white man, [illegible] Danielsville [illegible] Wheeler [illegible] and [illegible] the negro [illegible] Terry [illegible] and [illegible] Terry [illegible] Terry.

DOCTOR'S WIFE TELLS STORY OF FATAL NIGHT

Heard Sound of Shots and Found Husband Bleeding on Porch.

SAYS HE WAS A MODEL HUSBAND

Scouts Idea of Suicide and Declares He Was Murdered. Woman Held.

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 4.—Seated in the room with the coffin containing the body of her dead husband, shot mysteriously on his front porch early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Frederick T. Rustin today gave her first interview. Mrs. Rustin is bordering on nervous collapse. She said:

"This is what happened on that night, so far as I have any knowledge. I was awakened by a pistol shot. I waited some time, and then something impelled me to go down stairs and see what was the matter. I went down and, opening the door slightly, looked through the crack. I saw my husband, Dr. Rustin, sitting in a chair and looking as though he was in trouble.

"Then I threw the door wide open and rushed out onto the porch and over to the chair in which he sat.

"'Oh, what is the matter, Fred? What has happened to you?' I exclaimed.

"'A man has shot me,' he mumbled, and then fainted.

"My first thought was to get him to bed. I grabbed him in my arms and started dragging him toward the door. He is a large man, and it was all I could do to carry him along.

"But I managed to get him just within the doorway. Then I screamed to my maid for assistance.

Dragged Into House.

"When the maid reached me she found Dr. Rustin lying on the floor, just within the door. That accounts for the reports that the doctor was within the house when the fatal shot was fired.

"Then we telephoned for physicians and for Dr. Rustin's mother. Dr. Rustin was taken to the hospital and died an hour later. That is all."

"Why were the police not notified earlier?" was asked.

"I did not know of such matters. My one thought was for my husband, and I never thought of reporting the matter to the authorities for some time. Then I spoke to the physicians about it, and they said they would attend to that. But in the hurry for the operation which was performed they forgot to do so until after the death."

"It is reported that Dr. Rustin committed suicide. Do you think he did?"

"I am sure not. I have no theory as to who committed the deed, but I have no doubt Dr. Rustin was murdered. We had been married more than ten years, and during that time I never received a cross word from my husband. His conduct towards me was all that a husband should be. My friends had often commented upon the gentleness with which Dr. Rustin treated me and his children.

"The officers will have every assistance from me in their efforts to solve the mystery of my husband's death."

This evening the police arrested Miss Leona Bonnell and will detain her at the city jail until the inquest next Tuesday. No charge has been placed against the woman, but she has admitted she was the last person in company of Dr. Frederick Rustin before he reached his home on the night he was killed and she is held pending developments.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair in east, showers in west portion Saturday, Sunday; local showers; light, variable wind.

ANOTHER LIFE CRUSHED OUT BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN

Another little life was crushed out yesterday morning in West Asheville when Herman Yoder, the seven year old son of J. M. Andrews, was shot and accidentally killed by his little playmate, Hester. That at least is the theory although the exact manner of the boy's death is not clear.

It seems that it happened that little Herman came to his death by the accidental discharge of a loaded shot gun in his own hand. It may take a full charge of shot entered the little victim's breast and he died instantly.

From the various statements that could be gathered it appears that the two lads were sent upstairs at 7 o'clock yesterday morning to prepare for school. In the room was a loaded shot gun, which Mr. Andrews had recently loaded, but from which he had forgotten to draw the load. The loud report of the gun and a piercing scream caused the parents to rush upstairs where they found little Herman breathing his last. He was lying on the floor with a gaping wound in his breast. His brother was so terrified that he could give no intelligent account of the tragedy. Many of the shots penetrated the boy's heart and liver. There seems to be no doubt that the children were playing with the gun.