

AFTERMATH OF N. YORK'S GREAT FIRE ADDS TO THE HORRORS OF A HISTORY-MAKING CATASTROPHE

Charred Remains of Holocaust's Victims are Watered by the Tears of Weeping Hundreds Who Make Frantic Efforts to Pierce the Oblivion of Death in its Most Hideous Form.

BLACKENED STUMP ALL THAT REMAINED OF SWEETHEART

In the Chaos of Despair There is Found One Tragic Touch of Human Interest Telling of Love's Young Dream Rudely Shattered.

NEW YORK, March 26.—What will go down in history as the first disaster of Washington square entered upon its aftermath tonight with 82 of nearly 150 victims identified. The official death list has been lessened rather than increased.

Revised count showed 141 dead tonight, with 12 women and girls at deaths door in the hospital. One hundred and fifty all told, will perhaps conservatively cover the catastrophe when those whose horrible burns and burns seem fatal shall have joined their fellow workers now in coffins at the morgue. Careful counting still rates the female victims, young and old, at a disproportionately ten to every male. Broadly speaking they were Jewish and Italian, living either on the East Side or in the small Italian quarter near the scene of the fire.

Will Investigate.

With all the testimony at hand the coroner today began an investigation—one of the several city departments—aided by agents from the district attorney's office. An inquest will be held and its result will be placed before the grand jury. Many grand jurors visited the scene and District Attorney Whitman announced that those responsible for the loss of life would be rigorously prosecuted.

On Thursday night a mass meeting will be held at Cooper Union to agitate for more adequate protection of so-called fireproof buildings. The United Hebrew Charities and the Hebrew Free Social societies announced tonight they were ready to relieve any distress caused by the fire. The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith has opened a subscription fund throughout New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and a portion of Canada for the sufferers. Directors of the Metropolitan opera house have offered the building free for a benefit performance. Dr. Geo. H. Price, chairman of an investigating committee appointed by the cloak, suit and shirt industry, in-

vestigate and remedy unsanitary conditions, gave out tonight a statement with a long list of factory buildings which he says fail to comply with fire regulations.

“What was expected has happened,” says the statement. “Those who knew of the flimsy fire protection in the lofty buildings of New York long ago predicted such a disaster as occurred in Washington place. If, however, this building was the only one of those unprotected the situation would not be so terrible. But the fact is there is hardly a large loft building in New York which is better protected against fire.”

No Five Escapes.

In a statement to the press, issued today, Borough President McAneny said that 500 firemen, recently detailed by Fire Commissioner Waldo for the purpose, reported 3,500 buildings lacking adequate fire escapes. The building department has already investigated 750 of these cases, and reported that only ten per cent of them were in violation of the building code.

Mr. McAneny urges a thorough revision of the code, leaving the provision relative to fire escapes to a commission of building and fire experts to be appointed by the city.

While a crowd of morbid thousands was held back by the police, firemen with grappling irons and fire hooks sought victims in the flooded cellar of the building all forenoon. A steam pump emptied the basement of water during the morning, and the firemen believed when they rested at the dinner hour that they would find no more dead. Tonight, however, they carried out another body, making three recovered tonight was probably due to checking off a charred portion of a body as a corpse.

The work of the day shed no light upon the cause of the blaze. This probably never will be known. A spark from the motor driving the sewing machines shooting the lint-

charged air of the operating room to a four-inch carpet of scraps on the floor could easily have started a fire, but Fire Chief Croker was unwilling to say tonight that in his opinion the fire originated this way.

Scenes of Pathos.

Two hundred thousand persons filed in a serpentine line to the pier from the opening of the improvised morgue at one o'clock this morning until today. Tens of thousands, impelled by morbid curiosity, were turned away by the police.

Nearly a hundred coffins lay in a long row upon the pier, awaiting removal or identification of the charred bodies. “Forty human” forms, so burned, blackened and distorted that they will never be recognized lay covered by white canvas in plain pine coffins apart from those less horribly mangled. Unless they are identified by trinkets and jewelry found on their blackened limbs they will fill a single grave of unknown dead. A signet ring found clinging to a shred of dress on a little girl's finger made identification possible where all other means would have failed. A man who stood in line six hours seeking his missing daughter with a groan identified a charred heap of clothing as her clothes.

A pale girl bent over a mishapen mass long and doubtfully. Then with a final effort, she grasped a hand which protruded from beneath the canvas, and with a shriek collapsed. The blackened hand, she sobbed, was her sweetheart, to whom she had become engaged the night before the disaster. A ring on his finger told her of his identity. She asked if the dead man had had a watch. They brought it to her. She opened it and gazed at her own features.

Death Unmasked.

Twenty Italian women became hysterical at once upon recognizing their kin in the pine coffin. A man whose face was marked by a scar of flame, found his brother among the dead. The two had worked side by side, pouring water upon the fire. A cutter identified his dead sweetheart by their engagement ring and her purse. It contained her week's wages, \$3. The bodies of two sisters, horribly mangled, sat propped up in their coffins, while a sobbing brother left them to search for his aged mother, who also had perished. The fire had left him without a relative.

Picked up by a fireman on the eighth floor, a blackened hand still clenched a pitiful purse in its grip. They tried the fingers away and re-pleasur with isle-and-ing cham him leaved the bag. It contained a small sum of money, keys and a receipt.

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WITH DEPARTURE OF DE LA BARRA FOR MEXICO BEGINNING OF PEACE IS HOPED

Minister to United States Will Become Premier in New Mexican Cabinet.—Is Well Equipped for Duties and is Familiar With Demands of Insurgents.—Prospect for Peace is Considered Bright.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—With the departure for Mexico City tonight of Francisco de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, who yesterday was appointed minister of foreign affairs in the new cabinet of President Diaz, official Washington believes the initial stage of an era of peace in Mexico has been inaugurated. President Taft and Secretary of State Knox, it is known share this belief. Many messages of congratulation today from persons in various parts of the world to Senator De la Barra expressed this sentiment.

Telegram from Carnegie.

Andrew Carnegie, who has been in close communication with Senator De la Barra because of the latter's efforts in behalf of international peace and arbitration wired as follows:

“Cordial congratulations. Although we shall miss you sadly, we know it is for your country's good.”

Diplomatic and high officials of the government came in a steady stream today to bid farewell to the new minister, but a pathetic sidelight was the fact that Senator De la Barra was required to remain in almost constant attention at the bedside of his 13 year old son, Francisco, who lay critically ill.

Minister De la Barra's mission to Mexico is regarded here as the most significant occurrence in the Mexican situation since Limantour, minister of finance, conferred in New York with Francisco Madero, sr., and Gustavo Madero, father and brother, respectively, of the revolutionist leader.

Senator De la Barra has had an opportunity while in Washington to learn of the contentions of the revolutionist party so that he is entering upon his duties as premier in the Diaz cabinet as fully equipped, perhaps, as Senator Limantour to deal with the insurgent problem.

Francisco Madero, sr., and Gustavo A. Madero, who passed through here last night en route to San Antonio, Texas, really are on their way to join the declared president of the provisional government in his stronghold in Chihuahua. As these two men discussed informally with Senator Limantour in New York the prospects of peace and thus are believed to be fully acquainted with the extent the government intends to go in its proposed policy of reform, it is believed that they will play an important part in the negotiations calculated to restore tranquility in the republic.

Minister De la Barra today declared that he would dedicate all his energy to effect peace in Mexico.

Prospect for Peace Bright.

It was learned tonight that the prospect of peace in Mexico is so bright that the paramount question now is to decide upon the modus operandi of the negotiations. The revolutionist leaders have requested that the negotiations be formal and that they be carried on in Washington, Texas, really are on their way said, feels unable to accede to this request because of the fear that its dignity and prestige abroad would be weakened by the precedent. Such formal negotiations, it is argued, might be interpreted as a recognition of the belligerency of the insurgents. The Mexican government is known, however, to be strongly disposed to treat for peace and will endeavor to consummate a convenient means of negotiations next week.

CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 26.—Although no one has yet been selected by the government to replace General Manuel Gonzalez Coblo as minister of war there is a belief that General Bernardo Reyes ultimately will occupy that post. That General Reyes soon

will return from Paris is conceded and a semi-official statement has been made that he will be given a command in the army. This is taken to mean that the post of minister of war will remain filled by General Cosío until after the close of the war when General Reyes will be placed in charge of the department. Tomorrow the formal announcement of the appointment of the new cabinet will be made and Tuesday the inauguration of the ministers will take place. Little doubt as to the personal remains except in the department of the interior. This is the department filled by Vice-president Corral.

Among those considered is Teodoro Danhas, governor of Vera Cruz. Danhas ran for the vice-presidency at the last election in opposition to Corral. He was an anti-Corral man but at no time has he been against Diaz.

Favorable Comment.

According to reports the president's selection of his cabinet members has been the subject of favorable comment even in the cities held by the rebels. The revolutionists profess to believe them capable men but still insist the government has not gone far enough to justify them in stopping the fight. In spite of their protestations, however, official Mexico, the diplomats and the conservative public believe President Diaz has accomplished much towards satisfying the discontented elements. In the new cabinet there is no man who is avowedly a Maderist but there also is no man who has figured prominently in administration affairs. They are young men with ambitions.

It is not possible that when the formal announcement of the personnel is made tomorrow changes may be made in the list but such is not expected. Whatever alterations may

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PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR WAR ALTHOUGH WORK OF TRAINING IS OBJECT

Should Necessity Arise the United States Troops Would be Ready

HIKES ARE ORDERED

GALVESTON, Tex., March 26.—Ammunition is being loaded aboard the scout cruiser Salem, the gunboat Tacoma and the three transports in port. Every preparation is being made for war, even though the mobilization of troops and war vessels here results in nothing more serious than war play.

While no official advices bearing upon the proposed movement of troops have been received here, personal letters from those high in authority in Washington indicate that the war scare practically has vanished and that a further display of armed force is regarded as unnecessary.

Gen. Mills is proceeding with the work of training the brigade under his command just as though war was imminent. During the present week he expects to send each of the three regiments on long hikes up the beach.

No word has been received here from Rear Admiral Staunton's armored cruiser fleet, which was expected to arrive here today from Guantanamo. It is believed here that the four vessels are still at the Cuban station awaiting orders.

FAST FELDING AND HITTING

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 26.—In a game characterized by fast fielding and heavy hitting the Memphis Southern league team defeated the Chicago Nationals this afternoon 6 to 1. The pitching of Fritz who allowed but one hit in four innings and the batting of Skaim, Fritz and Crandall of Memphis were features.

ANOTHER DEATH IS ADDED TO LONG LIST OF VICTIMS OF WRECK OF DIXIE FLYER

Total Number of Dead in Coast Line Wreck Has Reached Nine

CLEARING WRECK

TIPTON, Ga., Mar. 26.—Information from Waycross at a late hour tonight is that J. E. Powell, baggage master of train No. 95, known as the Dixie Flyer, on the Atlantic Coast Line, which early yesterday went through a trestle over the Alapaha river, 18 miles east of here, who was reported killed, is still alive but in a critical condition and his recovery is doubtful. His wife who was at Jacksonville, Fla., reached his side today.

None of the other injured, it is stated, is in danger. The most seriously hurt is W. D. Fletcher, of Tampa, who had one arm broken and a shoulder dislocated, and whose bride of three days was killed in a Pullman car berth beside him. They had been married at Roland, Ill., and were on their way to Fletcher's home. Although wrecking crews have been at work continuously since yesterday the trestle has not been repaired sufficiently for the passage of trains. The body of John T. Watson, of Lander, Wyo., was the last one recovered last night. His fiancée, Miss Elise Shippey, of Pasadena, Cal., who stayed at the wreck and watched the rescuers until his body was found, accompanied it to Waycross, where it was prepared for shipment home.

INURED DOING WELL

WAYCROSS, Ga., March 26.—With the exception of J. M. Powell, baggage master, all the victims of the disaster in which train No. 95, the Dixie Flyer, on the Atlantic Coast Line, went into the Alapaha river early yesterday, were reported as doing well today. Powell died last night.

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NEGROES IN MASS MEETING VOTE CONFIDENCE IN ACTS OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

New York Pastor Uses Strong Words in Expressing Opinion of Assault

ONE WANTED A MOB

NEW YORK, March 26.—At a meeting of more than 500 negroes in the Bethel A. M. E. church today, resolutions were adopted expressing confidence in and affection for Dr. Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, who recently was injured during an encounter with Albert Ulrich, a white man. In this city, President Taft was warmly praised for his writing his letter of sympathy to Washington following the alleged assault. Rev. R. C. Ransom, pastor of the church, in opening the meeting, said:

“If Dr. Washington had been a white man this meeting would not be necessary, not because we care less for a worthy man of the white race, but when an accusation, however unfounded, is lodged against a negro, public sentiment may be more quickly inflamed, and if a white woman gives her word, it would stand against the whole world so far as a negro's word is concerned. We are not here to assail the discredited accusers of Dr. Washington, but to vouch for our confidence in him.”

Rev. A. C. Powell said:

“When I first saw the papers with the account of the assault on Dr. Washington, I felt like getting a mob and stringing the man responsible for it by the thumbs, but a minute later I changed my mind and knew that nothing since the emancipation would so tend to help the negro race, or bring it closer together than this very thing.”

OLD TELEGRAPHER DIES

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—Marcus D. Crane, 76 years old, for 29 years night chief operator of the Western Union Telegraph company in St. Louis, died today of apoplexy.

AUTOMOBILE RACES ARE POSTPONED FOR WEATHER

Stiff Northeaster Over the Course at Jacksonville Makes Races Impossible

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 26.—On account of the stiff northeaster wind which has been blowing over the Atlantic-Pablo beach course in Florida since late last night, the automobile races, which were scheduled to commence tomorrow, were postponed until Tuesday. While practicing over the course this morning F. C. Finken, New York agent of the Pope-Hartford cars, who was riding with Louis Distrow in the Upe hummer, had a narrow escape from death. The car was traveling at an eighty-mile-an-hour clip when the left front wheel hit a small puddle throwing Finken out of the car hood, but fortunately his fall was broken by his foot catching in the oil pump, and he was but slightly injured.



WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—Forecast: North Carolina, rain Monday, Tuesday generally fair, colder Monday night, brisk winds becoming north-

AEROPLANE STATIONS ARE SELECTED ALONG BORDER

Airships Will Act as Scouts Along Line of Mexican Boundary

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 26.—Major Geo. O. Squire of the signal corps returned to the maneuver camp today after a week's trip along the Rio Grande for the purpose of establishing aeroplane scouting stations. He made no selections but it is thought that by stationing aeroplanes at El Paso, Del Rio, Presidio, and Eagle Pass, a large territory could be observed. Recent flights along the Rio Grande and at San Antonio by Lieut. Foulous have demonstrated the utility of the aeroplane as a scout. One additional Wright machine and two of the Curtiss type have been ordered shipped here and Lieutenants Paul W. Beck, J. C. Walker and Geo. E. M. Kelly ordered to report for duty in connection with the new plan of patrolling the border.

REBELS ABANDON SIEGE.

MEXICALI, Mex., March 26.—With ammunition almost exhausted and no provision except meat killed in the mountains, the rebel force which invested Tecate returned here today. When the siege was abandoned Thursday there were less than sixty insurgents in front of Tecate.

Private soldiers from Lavar's division kept Berthold is at Alamapas, seventy-five miles south, with only forty-five instead of seventy-five men. It is believed that this small force has kept the federals close to the defenses of Ensenada.

REGULARS WERE BROUGHT OUT BY A FALSE ALARM

Reported That Armed Body of Men Were About to Make Attack on this Side

LAREDO, Tex., Mar. 26.—A false alarm early this morning was responsible for the calling out of several detachments of the United States regulars. A telephone message was received about 1 a. m. that an armed body of men were in the neighborhood of Nuevo Laredo and were expected to make an attack.

United States soldiers and the local militia were dispatched to several points up and down the river from this city to prevent violation of the neutrality laws. Subsequent developments showed that there was nothing in the rumor and the troops returned to their barracks.

RAIN OF MUD IN KANSAS.

WATHENA, Kan., March 26.—Residents here were spattered by a rain of mud today. The phenomenon was caused by a high wind and dust storm which prevailed when a light rain began to fall. It is explained that the drops of water collected the dust in the atmosphere, turning it into mud.

FELL THROUGH ICE.

WOBURN, Mass., March 26.—Their hands grasping sprays of willows, which they had ventured on thin ice to gather, the bodies of Francis and George Weberg, aged four and six years, respectively, were found today in Cummings pond.

CHINA WILL AGREE TO DEMANDS THAT RUSSIA HAS MADE

Today Empire Will Acquiesce Unreservedly to Demands in Ultimatum

INTENSE INTEREST IN THE ATTITUDE OF JAPAN

China is Utterly Unprepared for War and So Has to Allow Concessions

PEKING, Mar. 25.—China is not prepared to antagonize Russia completely, and as a result of prolonged conferences the Chinese foreign minister, M. Korostovets, that China will acquiesce unreservedly on Monday to the demands made in the Russian ultimatum concerning the provisions of the treaty of 1881. Russia insisted upon an answer before Tuesday.

Was No Alternative.

It is generally considered that there was no alternative course in view of China's utter unpreparedness for war. Intense interest is being manifested in the attitude of Japan which is obviously holding entirely aloof, although more powerful than ever at Peking.

While the issues between China and Russia have been almost obliterated by the recent series of ultimatums and theoretically insufficient cause for objection exists, Russia apparently fears that she could obtain only paper promises; unless the Chinese would not observe unless intimidated. Russians point out that they have less now in the way of concessions from China than when the treaty was signed.

Russia is Ridiculed.

Some sections of the legation quarter ridicule Russia for not following in the first place the recent example set by Great Britain in occupying territory and waiting Chinese readiness to discuss the contested points. But it is recognized that Russia, by failing to do this has shown that she does not possess aggressive designs. The Chinese newspapers, which are intensely ignorant of foreign affairs, are very hostile against Great Britain which they accuse of beginning the present land grab and they prophesy that both Japan and France will not be long in following suit. Reports from Harbin state that the Russian railway has refused to transport several carloads of arms and ammunition destined for Chinese garrisons on the frontier. From elsewhere in Manchuria come indications of Japanese readiness to invest investment in the north assume a serious aspect.

In a recent issue of the Peking Daily News, in an editorial evidently inspired by the Chinese foreign board declared that China would not submit to the so called aggression of various powers and that she would not sign away her natal rights, which must be taken from her. Whether this was only a threat intended to assist China's diplomacy, tomorrow should show.

BATTLESHIP FLEET WILL BEGIN TARGET PRACTICE AT SMALL MOVING TARGET

Exceptional Records Are Expected From Shooting of Ships' Gunners

LOOK LIKE BOATS

NORFOLK, Va., March 26.—Six battleships, including the New Hampshire, whose twelve-inch guns destroyed the old battleship Texas off Tangier's Island last week, went out to sea today and tomorrow will begin firing at targets off the southern drill grounds.

Preceding the battleships to sea, the Leonidas went out towing targets that were constructed at the Norfolk navy yard, and which will be ridden by the deadly aim of gunners during the target shooting outside the capes.

The targets, made of canvas, supported by wooden masts on a raft-like float, will be kept moving before the guns of the battleship by the Leonidas, which vessel will have them in tow. Some of the targets are three hundred feet long.

On the canvas is painted outlines of a ship, and the gunners are expected to pick out vital spots and riddle "her" with shot. For the best record made during these tests the government will award prize money, and to the gun crew making the best record of all ships will go the title of being the best shots in the navy. Five other ships that were in the roads last night are expected to weigh anchor tomorrow morning and proceed to sea to take part in the shooting.