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FIFTY WOMEN AND **GIRLS PERISH IN GREAT HOLOCAUST**

Binghampton Clothing Company Building Goes Up In Flames

GREATEST FIRE IN HISTORY OF CITY

Few Survivors Hardly Able to Explain How They Managed to Escape

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., July 22.-Fifty persons were killed according ta late estimates and as many injured, a dozen of them mortally, in a fire which swept the four story factory building of the Binghampion Clothing company this afternood. The victoms were chiefly women and girls,

Early tonight twanty-two bonies had been recovered. In the city hospital and in private institutions are thirty. Two score persons are known to have escaped as if by a miracle, from the building, which burst into flames like a linder box and became a roaring furnace almost in no time after the first alarm was sounded. 125 Employes. About 125 persons were in the fac-

tory when the fire broke out. Those unaccounted for, or most of them, are believed to be still in the red hot ruins. of the structure.

Around the scene of the catastrophe, the greatest this city has ever known, thousands tonight watched the rescuers work in the glare of three big searchlights, many in the great throng being restrained only by closely drawn

to seek the bodies of relatives or Many streams of water are being

poured into the fiery pit which a few from New Mexico is not responsible hours ago was the cellar of the burned for conditions in Mexico. It is the delay, the failure of the administration establishment, As the ruins were to act, the failure of the administracooled slightly from time to time in tion to carry out its warnings to the a spot upon which the streams were people of Mexico, that is responsible centered, men went forward to dig for conditions that will continue so as long as human endurance would long as this policy of delay continues. "We hesitate as a republic and allow them to work. Occasionally a body was found.

Must Wait Two Days.

rightfully so, to move to protect our cltisens because of fear that it will precipitate war. It is in your power It will be at least two days, the authorities believe, before the cellar at the present time to prevent war, can be cleared and the whole truth If strong action had been taken by known.

this government two years ago it The big outstanding fact of the would have prevented war. A strong catastrophe is its suddenness. In this demand upon Madero or De la Barra disaster bears a strong resemblance would have prevented war. Protec-tion of American citizens held for san-aom and killed at that time, extended were lost, when the inflammable ma-

through arms if necessary would have terial upon which the employee were

MULHALL CHANGES MIND REGARDING SERIOUS CHARGE

Retracts Statement That Former Representative Watson Was Employed by Private Interests in 1909-Resumes His Story.

CHRISTENS ROAD WASHINGTON, July 22 .- Martin | Conn., in June, 1909, working on the M. Mulhall, professed ex-lobbyist for famous strike of the Danbury hat-the National Association of Manufac- ters, he wrote Schwedtman about Accompanies Party Making rious charge he has made before the Initial Passenger Trip

May Invoke Grand Jury.

(By Rev. W. A. Newell.) western North Carolina. The official time. opening of the Black Mountain railway was an event of greater significance than most of us realize. It is not only to open up for development District of Columbia grand jury to this state and prepare the way for heard about the investigating room. a manufacturer of Racine, Wis, who industrial development in what is Mulhall volunteered his retraction was prominent in the fight, declared now an uninhabited section of North Carolina but also what is, if possible, of larger import to this entire region in Indianapolis in February, 1909. to make accessible the very finest

scenery in all America. The road begins at the modern sawmill crected by the Dickey and Camp-bell company just beyond Black Mountain station of the Southern rallway and extends for eighteen miles along the Blue Ridge and into the very heart of the Black mountains which connect the Blue Ridge with the Creat Smoky mountains and form the highest water shed east of the Rockles.

preme court: Newell who offered an invocation and thanksgiving and at seven a. m., the party was off.

Leaving the function the railway at once begins to climb the mountains. Starting by way of McKays Cove it winds up this lovely valley and with the aid of two switchbacks climbs to a shoulder of Rattle Snake knob, leaving this peak to the east passes through Sour wood Gap to the eastern slope of Rockey Knob and into McDowell county. here the wonder-

ful panorating of the east breaks upon the view. The Royal Gorge, the long Braceful curves of the Southern rail-organized for the purpose of deliver-Watson, was offered in evidence by way, the white spray of Andrews ing educational lectures and keeping fountain at Round Knob away down the side of the people interested in it

in the valley of the Catawba, and all before the public, around and beyond-and still beyond, "Has it anythin "Has it anything to do with lobby until the eye sees only purple lines work?" he was asked. "Yes, sir; it was organized to proand gray points, peak hides behind peek, and ridge follows ridge for a tect its members or to work for leg-

later.

association.

facturers.

ness.

islation it wanted, inquding legislahunded miles of scenic glory. Sweeps The Crest. tion against labor."

man asked for an explanation.

Educational Loctures.

turers, today retracted the most se- Rev. Father Schanley, of that city. "I have had several long intersenate investigating committee. He swore yesterday that former Representative James E. Watson of Indiana had been employed by private Eacher Schanley he most noted Catholic Ciergymen in the east." He said interests in 1909 while he was still a Father Schanley, he was sure, would member of the house, to work for a be delighted to deliver a lecture in tariff commission bill. He testified St. Louis. Mulhall's activities, detoday that what he had sworn to yes- tailed in letters put in the record to-BLACK MOUNTAIN, July 22 .- This terday was wrong; that Watson was day, were directed early in 1909, to Ans been a history making day in not a member of the house at the work in behalf of a tariff commission, although he told of occasional excursions to break strikes and do Reports that Watson, who is in other odd jobs for the National As-Washington, was about to ask the sociation of Manufacturers. District of Columbia grand jury to One of the letters on the tariff com-

indict Mulhall for criminal libel was mission bill, written by H. E. Miles, Mulhall volunteered his retraction was prominent in the fight, declared after the noon recess. He said he that Speaker Cannon was the main SENATOR FALL DEMANDS STRONG realized his mistake when he saw the obstacle. The letter was dated July date of a tariff convention to be held 21, 1909, when the Payne-Aldrich bill, with its tariff board provision, The committee did not question had gone to conference. In it Miles Mulhall about the discrepancy in his said:

President Unyielding.

sworn testimony. Watson is under "The president is said to be abso subpoena and will take the stand lutely bent upon his program and wonderfully unyielding. And the en-Just before the close of today's session the Mulhall letters began to re- tire opposition, so far as it resists fer to efforts to secure Cardinal Gib- him, is in Speaker Cannon as the one bons, Presiding Bishop Daniel F. opposing unit, and behind him a ma-Tuttle of the Episcopal Church of jority of the house conferees. America, Ambassador James Bryce, "I am satisfied if Speaker Cannor America, Ambassador James Bryce,

the late Justice Brewer, of the su- could name the personnel of the Vice-President Sher- proposed commission he would grant ceremonies called upon Rev. W. A. man, Senators Borah and Doliver, and it instantly and would undoubtedly other prominent men, to speak in name the sort of men he packed the St. Louis during a course of lectures conference committee with. If we to be given by the Citizens' Industrial don't get this commission it will be Cardinal Gibbons was because of Speaker Cannon and the mentioned in several letters between influence he personally stands for. The Muthall and F. C. Schwedtman, sec- president will be as disappointed as retary of President Van Cleave, of We. The letter said that Miles was wir-

the National Association of Manuing organizations to "telegraph Taft, Aldrich and Cannon," insisting upon Finally Chairman Over-"I don't believe I saw the cardi-nal on that mission," said the witthe commission provision put in by A "war list," including six congress-

men, said to have been marked for Watson, was offered in evidence by Mulhall today. Augustus P. Gardner of Massachusetts, Gilbert N. Haughen of lowa, Victor Murdock of Kansas, A. E. Morse, J. M. Nelson and Irvine L. Lenroot of Wisconsin, were the marked six. Mulhall, on March

17, 1909, wrote Secretary Schwedtman, of the manufacturers, to that

States.

POLICY OF PROTECTION FOR ALL AMERICANS IN FOREIGN LANDS Attempts to Press His Resolution, Admittedly Aimed at Mexican Situation, Before Senate. and Warm Debate Ensues-Declares Waiting Policy of United States Is Responsible for Outrages.

OBBY

to force the senate to enunciate a and in moving to refer it to the foreign strong policy of protection for American citizens in foreign countries today times and this is one of the times." precipitated a lively debate which

demonstrated appreciation on the part of the senators of the gravity of the Mexican situation and the necessity for a determined stand by the United

that the new president and the new secretary of state had not inaugurated ical situation, one which, he intimated, a different Mexican policy.

That the delicacy of the situation

Works Counsels Patience. Senator Works, of California, as-

Taft's Delay Denounced. The policy of delay on the part of the Taft administration was emphat-ically denounced by senator Fail and blamed by him for the present critical the taft administration was emphated by a senator fail and blamed by him for the present critical the taft administration to a realization situation, which, he said, could have former administration to a realisation been prevented by a sterner national of the fact that a stern Mexican pelpolicy. This declaration was approv- icy would have prevented rather than ed by Senator Lodge, of Massachus- have precipitated war. The American etts, who expressed disappointment policy of delay in Mexico was respon-

might yet demand intervention.

relations committee he asserted that "words are very serious things some-

The Greased Pig.

serting the Fall resolution constituted

Action on the resolution today was

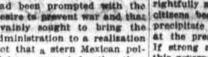
a declaration that the United States

was prepared to make war on Maxico Americans there were not protected.

are told the situation is so delicate that we should not make a declara- friends. tion of this principle. The senator

sible, he declared, for the present crit-

WASHINGTON, July 22 .- An at- directed against Mexico, Senator Ba- fact so as to prevent war. But matempt by Senator Fall, of New Mexico. con declared, could not be concealed ters have dragged on until now we police lines from rushing into the ruins





WASHINGTON, July 22 .- Consid-

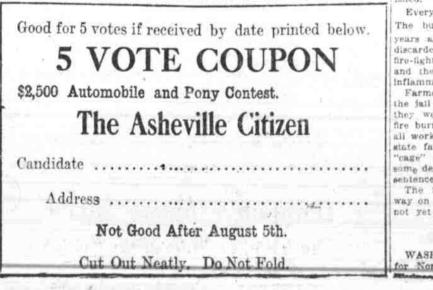
ages to be handled in the service.

Search for the bust was instituted which recently seceded. Martial law antiquated convict camp, the first floor here after Dr. Alexandre Vource, was proclaimed today in Kiang Si of which was used to store hay, grain here after Dr. Alexandre Vource, was protained and Kiang Su province, according and molasses, thirty-five negro pris- congress to Postmaster-General Burlethe story of the bust's disappearance, At this time of year Ku Ling is oners were burned to death at the son's reducing parcel post rates and with their consideration of the ad-and of clues involving a Baltimore filled with Americans and other for-Oakley convict farm, twenty miles increasing the maximum size of packeigners. The principal city in Kiang from here late last night. Greek.

Major Hill decided that it was a Su province is Shanghai, which last problem for the local police and a week threw off its allegtance to the the only stairway leading to the sec- the senate postories committee re- real search warrant for Nemphos home Peking government.

was issued. It has become necessary to exer-It was only after Nemphos had been subjected to a "third degree" Pexing to preserve order. The con-the windows but to no avail. Their the windows but to no avail. Their the windows but to no avail. Their the windows but to no avail. Their neep subjected to a "third degree" Peking to preserve order. The con-quizzing lasting all night that he sub-general at Canton reports that the windows, but to no avail. Their for his action. broke down and showed where the action of the provincial government screams brought guards and other of Kwang Tung in declaring inde- prison attaches, but the flames drove promises to be a bitter contest. When money trust money and banking at Princeton and clustered, and inside, others were waitbust was buried. The relic was taken charge of by pendence of the central government back members of the rescue party, the postmaster-scheral has been condition to police and Nemphos was looked is strongly opposed by Chinese mer-

the police and Nemphos was looked is strongly opposed by Chinese merup on the technical charge of re- chants and that business is practigally at a standstill. ceiving stolen goods.



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fell back into the flames and per- August 15 any authority he may claim ment in the house, who is associ-Ished. Everything was in the fire's favor. rates and sizes.

inflammable material. Farmers living nearby hurried to operations of the parcel post.

the jail to help the fipe-fighters, but they were of no assistance, as the fire burned too rapidiy. The convicts all worked in the cotton fields of the should change the rates, democrats presented by Representative Rags-"cage" at night. Among them were congress ought to have this power.

some desperate criminals serving long sentences

THE WEATHER.

The controversy has aroused extra- the federal reserve banks to be cre-The fire started under the stair- in official circles, since the parcel way on the first floor. The origin has post touches more or leas directly not yet been determined. nearly everybody in the country. Those who are supporting the post-

ted an Pass Sa

The building was constructed ten that the proposed changes would en- changes proposed in the substitute. years ago of lumber taken from a tail an enormous loss to the govern- The president did not go over the discarded penitentiary. There was no ment, and some of the members com- amendments in detail, but it is unfire-fighting apparatus at the farm, plained strenuously that the post- derstood he will review them, and and the first floor was filled with office department had failed to fur- later will confer with Representative nish congress with data concerning Henry and those members of the

committee, who have manifested op-Apparently there was no difference position to the Glass measure.

called on President Wilson at the

state farm and were housed in the and republicans agreeing that only dale, which would have made cotton warehouse receipts re-discountable in

ordinary interest at the capitol and ated under the new law. A number of minor amendments was approved and Chairman Glass country, said that only two important sections remained to be considered. He was master-general's position insist that unable to say when the democrats the only loss imminent under the would conclude their deliberations WASHINGTON, July 22 .- Forecast proposed changes would be to the and he is prepared for some rather

congress has given him to change ated with the "insurgent" movement,

It was contended in committee white house and presented

strenuous opposition before he can sours an acreament.

Meeker, of New Jersey, to be com-WASHINGTON, July 22 .- The missioner of statistics. Mr. Meeker, now professor of poerable opposition has developed in democrats of the house banking and

along litical economy in Princeton university, is a close friend of President management currency bill today and when they adjourned tonight only a Wilson. He has given much attensuccelled insurgent members of Tharmany stitute measure, which would make mediation and conciliation working on

more radical currency ideas, and Professor Meeker has in the last building at once. Upon the fire es-This was the first step in what would embrace many of the recom- few years been giving a course in capes' girls, women and men were has frequently been consulted by

Representative Henry of Texas, currency question

the

That meant ten minutes delay for who arrived first were unable to do anything. The first puff of flames

was hardly discovered before the fire leaped along the stair cases and walls, up the elevator shaft, along the floors and ceilings. There was a roar, front and rear, and the flames belched forth clear across Wall street, on which the The order was issued Sunday, to be- few scattered sections remained to tion to inbor problems and it is ex- building fronted, withering the shade While the flames rapidly destroyed come effective A must 15, and today be considered. At the same time sevdesignated to act on the board of a building across the alley at the rear. Fire Burst Forth.

After this fierce blast the seemed to burst from every part of the ing to get on the iron ladders. But the flames were too quick for them.

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North Carolina: Local showers