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25 LIVES LOST WHEN BOSTON HOTEL BURNS

Many Others Were Rushed To Hospitals Injured

The Fourth Floor Was The Scene Of The Greatest Tragedy—Men Caught In Deadly Fire And Burned To Death.

Others Jump To Roof of Adjacent Buildings And Save Themselves—Fire Was In Center Of Tenement District.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 3.—Twenty-five men were killed in a fire which swept through the upper floors of the Arcade hotel, a lodging house in the west part of Boston early today. Many are missing. Scores were taken to hospitals suffering from burns and injuries received in jumping from windows.

How Fire Started. The fire apparently started in a hallway on the street floor. The flames swept up the wooden stairways and burst into the roof. According to William Walsh, the night clerk, there were 175 lodgers in the building when the fire was discovered by a passing streetcar. After turning in an alarm he rushed into the building, awakening the men with his shouts. The fire was a widespread room filled with coats and trunks.

The Fourth Floor. On the fourth floor, where the loss of life was heaviest, there were 20 men, like cells, with two cots in each. A hallway ran through the center. Nearly all those occupying rooms on the front of the building perished. The men in the rear rooms, opening on the fire escape, had locked the doors when they went to bed and those in front were unable to reach the escape.

Rescued in Life Nets. When the firemen arrived flames were shooting 20 feet in the air from the windows on the fourth and fifth floors and the fire escapes and the roof were a mass of shrieking, struggling humans. Deeply shouting of assurance from below, the men jumped from the roof. Two were instantly killed. The third who had wrapped a mattress about himself, escaped with a few bruises.

Scene of the Fire. The fire was in the heart of a crowded tenement and lower-class hotel district. Hundreds of occupants of adjoining buildings rushed to the street when the great quantity of apparatus piled out by three alarms clanged up their doors. Scores of excited firemen crowded about the burning building, impeding the firemen in their work. A large squad of police had great difficulty in forcing back the throng.

It was nearly an hour after the fire broke out before they were able to enter the building. The first man to see a smoking ladder shouted: "By God, boys, that place is littered with dead."

Mayor George B. McGrath arrived shortly afterward and soon was joined by Dr. Timothy Leary, associate medical examiner. It was a gruesome sight as the bodies were removed in the early dawn. Onlookers turned away as the charred and mangled bodies were lowered one by one to the street and placed in wicker baskets.

Two more bodies were found in the ruins during the forenoon, bringing the death list up to 27. The only body identified was that of George F. Adams of South Boston. One of the injured is Frank Harris, of South Market street, Chicago.

Before the ruins had cooled two investigations were begun. One was undertaken by the grand jury, who viewed the scene and prepared to hear testimony regarding the manner in which the owners and lessees of the property had observed the building and fire regulations.

Another probe by the building inspection department of the city was started under orders from Mayor Fitzgerald.

PART OF WACO IS UNDER TEN FEET OF WATER

By Associated Press. Waco, Texas, Dec. 3.—The Brazos river flood passed all previous records here today when it touched 36 feet, 6 inches, and still was rising. East Waco, the old portion of the city with about 10,000 inhabitants, had ten feet of water in its principal streets. This section began flooding last night when a levee broke. A loud warning to move out was given before there was any danger of loss of life.

Floods Elsewhere. Dallas, Texas, Dec. 3.—Swollen by heavy rains, creeks and rivers reached a dangerous stage today in central Texas, much of West Texas and South Oklahoma. Waco was the only city of consequence in serious flood trouble but Dallas expected a rise in Trinity river.

BIG GAIN IN DONATIONS TO COLLEGE FUND TODAY

The committees appointed to raise \$150,000 for Queens College reported at the 1 o'clock luncheon today at the dinner and a very notable element of enthusiasm and determination that undoubtedly assures the success of the campaign in the ten-day limit.

The table below shows the work done today and the progress of the campaign up to the present time: Committee A—Captain W. S. Alexander, \$1,420; Committee B—Captain F. C. Abbott, 2,500; Committee C—Captain J. M. Scott, 2,500; Committee D—Captain J. Arthur Person, 10; Committee E—Captain P. S. Gilchrist, 500; Committee F—Captain E. R. Smith, 3,110; Committee G—Captain Wm. Anderson, 455; Committee H—Captain, J. R. Pharr, 25; Committee I—Captain, O. J. Thies, 25.

WOMAN ARRESTED IN CARTER CASE—TO BE EXAMINED

Mrs. Nick Johnson, Wife of One Of Men Being Held, Is Now Being Detained By Police—Gave First Information To The Police.

Coroner Will Resume Sittings This Afternoon When Mrs. Johnson Will Be Examined—Belief That She May Know Further Facts.

Mrs. Nick Johnson, wife of one of the men held in connection with the killing of B. B. Carter Saturday evening, was today apprehended and locked up at police headquarters for investigation in connection with the mysterious killing of Carter in his office four days ago.

No statement has been given out from the coroner's office or from police headquarters regarding the arrest and detention of Mrs. Johnson, nor has any declaration been made that new evidence has been procured, but it is believed that the police are satisfied that the woman who is now being detained can tell something that may throw light on the crime which was committed Saturday when Carter was found in his office with his head frightfully cut and gashed and a bloody adz lying on the floor near the body of the victim of what appears to have been one of the most dastardly and cruel killings in the annals of the city or county.

Woman First Gave Alarm. It was Mrs. Johnson who gave the first information that anything was wrong in Carter's room on Saturday evening.

According to the information available, Mrs. Johnson had heard groans coming from the room occupied by Carter over Grier's livery stable on West Sixth street for two or three hours before it was known what had happened inside of the room. Then Mrs. Johnson informed her husband of the matter, it is said, and a colored man was called on to enter the room and see what had taken place. The result of the investigation was the finding of Carter, in a dying condition, his body lying across an overturned chair and his head gashed and his skull fractured, with the adz which had evidently been the instrument of death, lying near Carter's head while the floor about the body of the victim was covered with his blood.

Mrs. Johnson gave the first information of the affair to the police, telephoning to headquarters that something was wrong. Then it was that the police got busy and soon had arrested four men, three of whom are still locked up, these being James Greg, Brady McNelis and Nick Johnson, husband of the woman who was placed under arrest today.

The situation in regard to the killing of Carter is daily becoming more mysterious as the prolonged efforts of the coroner and of the police have thus far failed to place the responsibility for the crime so far as has been given out from headquarters.

The apprehension of Mrs. Johnson, who gave the police the first information of the affair over Grier's livery stable, added interest and no little excitement to the situation today. Her husband has been held now for nearly four days together with Griggs and McNelis, and the matter is further complicated by the announcement that Griggs is to endeavor to secure his release through a habeas corpus proceeding to be conducted by his attorney, Mr. F. Marion Redd.

It is not believed on the outside that the woman apprehended today had anything to do with the slaying of Carter, but the police believe that information which has not yet been secured and which will be of importance in the unraveling of this mystery.

The jury empaneled by Coroner Z. Hovis reconvened this afternoon, it is said, for the purpose of reopening the examination and investigation, and as is believed, for the special purpose of cross-examining Mrs. Johnson today, reconvening the jury upon this morning after a careful consideration of the whole matter by the authorities.

RECOMMENDS DR. W. G. BRADSHAW

TAMPICO IS MADE TEMPORARY CAPITAL

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Dec. 3.—The seaport city of Tampico was today officially declared the temporary capital of the state of Tamaulipas. General Antonio Rabago, the military governor, who was forced to abandon Ciudad Victoria by Mexican rebels and who was temporarily reported to have committed suicide, has gone to Tampico under orders from the federal government to re-establish his governorship in the temporary capital.

The war department today announced that General Arizandi and other federal officers who fled from Ciudad Victoria to Cuernavaca, in the state of San Luis Potosi, had been ordered to re-organize their forces and to march again upon Victoria. This task had been entrusted at first to General Rubio Navarrette, who retreated to Monterrey after his failure to relieve the hard pressed garrison of Victoria.

MEETING TONIGHT TO MAKE PULL FOR HORNER'S SCHOOL

Tonight at 8 o'clock Charlotte will make a formal offer of sites in a determined and well directed effort to secure Horner's Military Academy for this city, the meeting being held at the offices of the Greater Charlotte Club.

Prof. J. C. Horner, accompanied by Mrs. Horner, arrived in Charlotte last evening, and are stopping at the Selwyn hotel.

Professor Horner was taken in charge by the special committee today, with Mr. S. B. Alexander, Jr., as chairman, and visited a number of sites about the city in which it is believed he will be interested. The committee desired to have Professor Horner view the possible sites here before they extend to him for his consideration a formal offer of land for the buildings for Horner's school.

By tonight it is hoped that all of the details which the committee has to work out in regard to these sites will have been completed, so that a straight and clear-cut offer can be made to Professor Horner for his consideration.

Favorable to Charlotte. It is understood that Professor Horner has expressed himself very freely in regard to Charlotte as a suitable place for the location of his school, the buildings of which were recently burned at Oxford. Professor Horner, it is stated, believes that Charlotte is in the center of a most excellent territory from which to draw students and he believes that if the school is located here it will be possible to greatly enlarge its field and increase the attendance beyond anything that the school has known in the past years of its successful history.

Indeed Professor Horner is quoted as saying at least 400 boys if he can locate the school in Charlotte and if the local alumni shall come forward to the support of the institution and give it their aid and assistance. Professor Horner, it is further believed, regards Charlotte very favorably and is anxious to bring his school here if by the city, the alumni, and others interested, can make him such an offer as will justify his acceptance of the same at this time.

The meeting tonight will be one of the most important gatherings that has taken place in Charlotte in many months. The possibility of securing this well known boys school opens up for the city an inviting prospect and the great value of this kind of an institution to a city educationally and otherwise, is fully realized by the patriotic citizens who are interested in persuading Professor Horner to bring his school to Charlotte and locate here permanently.

TRAIN NO. 11 DERAILED—2 CARS BURNED

Baggage Car and Combination Day Coach Turn Over and Burn—No One Injured is the Report Which Came At 1 O'clock This Afternoon.

Cause of Derailment of Cars Not Known—Train Had Just Left Keyesville For Danville—Details of the Wreck Are Difficult to Secure.

Train No. 11 from Richmond to Charlotte was derailed near Keyesville, Va., at an early hour this morning and two cars burned. According to the report of the accident received here none of the passengers or the train crew were injured.

The train had just left Keyesville for Danville, 70 miles distant, when the baggage car and the combination day coach left the rails and were turned over. The cars quickly ignited and were burned. The engine was quickly brought to a stop and the three cars were pulled back to a safe distance. The two cars derailed were entirely consumed. The remainder of the train was saved, as above stated.

The cause of the derailment is not yet known. The train is supposed to have been running at a moderate rate of speed, though the time at which the accident happened indicated that it was about 10 minutes behind time.

No. 11 is due at Keyesville at 2:30 p. m., and the accident happened about 20 minutes after this hour. Not a person was injured according to a telegram received here by Superintendent Foreacre and Mr. DeButts, traveling passenger agent.

Full details of the accident had not been received up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, but it is believed that the derailment was not serious, other than the reported burning of the two cars next to the engine.

given out as to these sites in prospect, the committee will have completed the necessary preliminary work by this evening when it is expected that a formal presentation of the whole matter can be made at the meeting at 8 o'clock, when Professor Horner will have an opportunity of making a formal declaration on his part as to what he desires and what also will constitute a sufficient guarantee to induce him to remove the site of his school from Oxford.

The opportunity which is knocking at Charlotte's doors is looked upon by those who have studied the question, as one of the most inviting that the city has known in many years and there is therefore a keen degree of public interest manifest to know what declaration Professor Horner will make at the formal session tonight when the matter is to be taken up in a business-like way, and carefully weighed.

The committee realizes the importance of this opportunity and the officials of the Greater Charlotte Club are likewise deeply concerned in the affair, and although the removal of the school to Charlotte is not assured, it is felt that if a proper inducement can be offered, Charlotte will have a fine chance of securing the school so much desired. For this reason those at the head of the movement locally are exerting their best efforts to get as good a proposition as possible to present to Professor Horner, knowing that on this will depend largely the success of Charlotte in her efforts to get Horner's school brought to this city.

President Hook's Message. In view of the importance of the matter under consideration, President C. C. Hook of the Greater Charlotte Club, has had mailed to a large number of citizens and members of the club the following invitation, which, it is believed, will be very generally heeded:

Dear Sir: We would like to have you attend a meeting at the Greater Charlotte Club Wednesday evening of this week at 8 o'clock to hear President J. C. Horner and to encourage him to build Horner's School near Charlotte.

No subscription will be asked for. Some interesting propositions will be presented. This is Charlotte's opportunity to show an interest in securing enterprises for this city. The members of the alumni have asked me to extend to you a special invitation. Please therefore, do not fail to attend the meeting Wednesday of this week at 8 o'clock.

Very truly yours, CHARLES C. HOOK, President.

SAY FIRE INSURANCE RATES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 3.—Laws widely adopted since 1909 by various states to regulate fire insurance rates were denounced as unconstitutional today in a printed brief filed with the United States supreme court by John G. Johnson, of Philadelphia, and associated counsel.

The brief was filed on behalf of the German Alliance Insurance Company which is seeking particularly to have court declare unconstitutional the Kansas fire insurance rate law. A similar attack will be made shortly before the court on the Kentucky fire insurance rate law. A number of other state laws, it is said, will stand or fall by decisions in these cases.

It was insisted by counsel that a state has no power to fix rates charged to the public by those engaged in private business.

NEW DIFFICULTY IN OPENING UP OF MINT STREET

Mayor C. A. Bland has not let signed the agreement presented by Uncle Sam for the use of 8 feet of Mint street to widen that thoroughfare.

The securing of this space from the United States government for the widening of Mint street promises to be a somewhat difficult task after all, according to city officials today, and while officials hope to get the matter arranged satisfactorily in the end, it seems now that there is a more or less difficult task ahead.

Mayor C. A. Bland has just had a conference with Postmaster J. H. Weddington and the latter showed to the mayor the contract or agreement which the city is to sign and some of the terms of this contract make the undertaking look almost out of the question just at present.

In particular is this true of the condition that the widening of the street shall not in any way interfere with the government property or buildings. The taking off of 8 feet from the west side of Mint street will bring the curb line within two or three feet of the stone steps entrance to the postoffice on the Mint street side, and Postmaster Weddington stated that he did not believe that the entrance could be thus interfered with while the present postoffice building stands.

Mr. Weddington was firm in his contention that to bring the curb within two or three feet of the Mint street entrance would be contrary to the provisions of the proffered contract, and accordingly Mayor Bland has not signed the agreement and when seen at his office today Mayor Bland was unable to say what the outcome would be. The situation is as stated above and it is now up to the city to suggest or find a way around the obstacle that has come to light in the agreement and understanding which Uncle Sam demands before the land can be used. Such use also is subject to a revocation at any time, the grant being placed in a form designated as a "revocable license" to use the 8-foot strip of land on the government property.

Motorman Fatally Wounded. By Associated Press. Tampa, Fla., Dec. 3.—Louis D. Hockett, the motorman employed by the St. Petersburg Street Railway Company, was fatally wounded there last night by falling beneath the wheels of the trolley car which he was driving. Hockett leaned over the dashboard to adjust the headlight of the car, lost his balance and fell, the car passing over his body. His left arm and left ear were cut off and he was otherwise injured. He died early today.

GEN. DIAZ IS PUT ON THE ACTIVE LIST

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Dec. 3.—The war department of the Mexican government today published an order transferring General Porfirio Diaz, the former President, from the retired to the active list. The order bears the date of September 20th.

Seven Federal Generals To Seek Refuge In U. S.

Hearing This Report General Villa Sends Troops to Intercept Them—Many Subordinate Officers Are With Them—Also Citizens.

It is Believed the Dictatorship of Huerta in Northern Mexico Has Now Collapsed—Latest News From the Storm Center.

Special to The News. Jaurez, Mexico, Dec. 3.—Confident that the seven Mexican federal generals who evacuated Chihuahua City with their troops intend to seek refuge in the United States and thus be beyond danger of being taken prisoners by the rebels, General Francisco Villa today sent more troops to attempt to intercept them.

The generals, led by General Salvador Mercado, whose desertion of Chihuahua and whose statements that he had no money to pay his troops are regarded as a virtual breakdown of the dictatorship of Provisional President Huerta so far as the north of Mexico is concerned, are headed for Ojinaga on the border, it is thought they will cross the Rio Grande river to Presidio.

At Presidio they are expected to be arrested by the United States military authorities, taken to Marfa and thence to San Antonio. Their arrest on crossing the river would follow as a matter of course under a ruling of Secretary of War Garrison.

With the generals are many subordinate officers, about 2,000 federal regular soldiers and more than a thousand persons of the wealthier class of Chihuahua who took to flight rather than face an attack by the rebels.

Gen. Pascual Orozco and Gen. Jose Ynez Salazar, believed to be with Gen. Mercado, are under indictment returned in the federal court in El Paso, Texas, for violation of the neutrality laws. Gen. Salazar is out of bond but Gen. Orozco never was arrested.

Gen. Villa had little hope that his soldiers would be able to overtake the federals who had left Chihuahua several days before the fact of their flight became known.

That Gen. Mercado, after handing the portfolio of state to Frederico Moya, civil governor ad interim, should on behalf of himself and subordinates offer to surrender and then fly to the border, was regarded by Gen. Villa as an unusual proceeding.

"The only place they will surrender will be in the United States," said Villa, as he sat at breakfast in his Jaurez headquarters today and patted an automatic revolver which lay among the spoons and forks at his hand.

Carlos A. Heberlein, of Los Angeles, Cal., who came from Chihuahua with the peace commission requesting Gen. Villa to occupy the city, said that before the federals left the penitentiary was emptied of all the political prisoners.

"Everything possible was done by Gen. Mercado to treat the citizens humanely," said Mr. Heberlein. "Patience, however, was worn out. The people had been in a panic for so long they could endure it no longer. All the money had been withdrawn from the city. The repeated defeat of the federal troops, as they ventured forth and came back broken, was discouraging. There was no money to pay the troops and everybody lost heart."

THINK LOPEZ IS NOT IN THE MINE

By Associated Press. Bingham, Utah, Dec. 3.—That the work of Sheriff Andrew Smith and his 200 deputies in the last three days has been for naught and that Ralph Lopez, the Mexican bandit and murderer, has not been in the Minnie mine here since Sunday was the opinion generally expressed among the miners of the camp today.