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MANY LIVES LOST WHEN ST. LOUIS CLUB HOUSE BURNS

Dozens of Persons May Have Been Lost In Flames

Fire Destroys the Missouri Athletic Club and Boatman's Bank—Loss Over a Million—Two Score of Persons Badly Injured—Six Known Dead—27 Unaccounted For.

Complete List of the Missing—It May Be Several Days Before Complete List of the Dead is Known—Acts of Heroism—Full Account of Disaster.

St. Louis, Mo., March 9.—Six men were killed about twenty-seven are unaccounted for, and about thirty were injured in a fire that destroyed the Missouri Athletic Club today. Three dead are identified.

The property loss was more than \$1,000,000. The building was owned by the Boatman's Bank, which occupied part of the first floor. In the vaults of the burned building, bank officials said were \$1,049,000 in currency of \$27,000 in coin.

club, and his wife were aroused by the smoke. They discovered the fire in the dining room on the third floor. Beside seeking their own safety they rushed up and down the halls waking guests. Both were badly burned.

The telephone operator, a boy, remained at his post on the ground floor even after the firemen began pouring water into the building. Many of the guests credited their escape to him.

At 6 o'clock this morning, four hours after the fire had been discovered, the blaze was believed to have been under control. Half an hour later, however, the boilers in the basement began to explode and for the first time the firemen under orders of their chief withdrew from the street immediately in front of the building.

The sound of flames crackling like giant firecrackers awoke me," said Judge Bishop. "There was a fire escape in front of my window. I ran down the fire escape. I saw some men jump and bounce off the sidewalk like rubber balls. I was only slightly bruised."

The fire started in the Missouri Athletic Club building, which was situated on the corner of Fourth and Washington streets. The building was a six-story structure, and the fire spread rapidly.

While they were escaping another man staggered to the room and fell unconscious. He recovered quickly and went down the rope. Meanwhile smoke began pouring into the room, forcing the men still waiting to close the door and to cease calling others to join them.

BULLARD & CO. TO GO INTO BUSINESS AGAIN HERE

Messrs. J. W. Bullard and J. R. Nix, whose Place of Business Was Wiped Out by Big Fire of Sunday Morning Say They Will Re-open as Soon as They Can Find Suitable Place.

Eighty Per Cent of Stock and Fixtures Was Covered by Insurance—Yorke Bros. & Rogers Damaged to Extent of \$10,000 From Water—Flames Were Very Hard to Reach.

"We will begin business again just as soon as we can find a suitable place and can get affairs adjusted," said Mr. J. W. Bullard and Mr. J. R. Nix of J. W. Bullard & Company this morning.

Messrs. Bullard and Nix stated to a reporter for The News today that approximately 80 per cent of the value of their stock of goods and fixtures were covered by insurance.

The building, which belonged to the Burwell & Dunn Co., and was valued at between \$30,000 and \$35,000, was covered by insurance. The building was thirty-three feet wide and 108 feet deep.

As stated in the city edition of The Sunday Morning News, the firemen had a hard job of it in fighting the flames, and its construction and the fact that the ladders they had could not be used to advantage.

SENATOR FALL URGES UNCLE SAM TO ACT

New Mexico Senator Urges Uncle Sam to Use Troops in Protecting Americans and Other Foreigners in Mexico. Gives List of One Hundred Persons Alleged to Have Been Killed or Maltreated—Cites Action of McKinley in Case of Cuba.

Washington, March 9.—Specific charges that more than one hundred American and other foreigners have been killed, murdered or outraged during the last three years of revolution in Mexico were laid before the senate today by Senator Fall, republican, of New Mexico.

"With the solemn declaration that we do not war upon the Mexican nation nor people," said Senator Fall, "that it is not our purpose to acquire territory, and an invitation to the masses of the Mexican people to cooperate with us, we should immediately direct the use of the land and naval forces of this government for their protection of our citizens and other foreigners in Mexico, and lend their assistance to the restoration of order and maintenance of peace in that unhappy country."

Quoting McKinley he said, "It is not to be forgotten that during the last few months the relations between the United States and Mexico have been such that it is our duty to protect our citizens and other foreigners in Mexico, and lend their assistance to the restoration of order and maintenance of peace in that unhappy country."

THE WEATHER Forecast for North Carolina: Fair weather and slowly rising temperature tonight and Tuesday. Frost tonight. Light to moderate west winds.

Did You Ever Buy or Sell Goods by Auction? Probably you have never appreciated the opportunities for buying very cheaply good merchandise of every description at Auction Sales.

BETTER SCHOOLS; BETTER CITIZENS; BETTER CITY

Banners on Which These Lines Were Inscribed Borne Aloft by Army of School Children on March Today. Striking Demonstration in Interest of School Tax Election of Tomorrow—Streets Blocked During Long Parade.

"Better Schools, Better Citizens, Better City" was one of the striking slogans borne aloft over the heads of Charlotte school children when at noon today they paraded the length of Tryon street in demonstration in favor of the increased school tax which will be voted on tomorrow.

For the occasion it had been announced that there would be only a half day of school today. Before 12 o'clock, the students ceased and the school children were gotten in order ready for the parade.

Every school in the city was represented in the parade and practically every school child in the city took part. The manner of forming at the schools instead of at some central spot guaranteed that none of them would play hooky.

Vote Against Registration. It is understood that in the election which will be held tomorrow the majority of the votes cast will not decide the election. On the other hand the vote will be against registration.

England's View of Huerta Proposition. London, March 9.—The view of the British government is that it would serve no useful purpose to make representations at Washington regarding the recognition of General Huerta as provisional president of Mexico.

Vergara Body Taken From Mexican Side

UNEMPLOYED MEN SENT OUT OF TOWN

By Associated Press. Sacramento, Cal., March 9.—Three militia companies stood guard today to see that "General" Kelley and 1,700 unemployed men obeyed orders when a special train was made up to carry them out of the city. It was planned to ship them back to San Francisco.

LAWYERS FIGHT FOR FRANK'S LIFE

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Lawyers for Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan today were busily engaged in the arrangement of new evidence which will be submitted to the superior court with an extraordinary motion for a new trial.

MEXICAN FEDERALISTS WERE DEFEATED

By Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—Confirmation of the defeat of Mexico federalists by constitutionalists at Altamira, near Tampico, was received at the navy department today. Admiral Fletcher reported the constitutionalists at Altamira to number about 4,000 while the federal garrison is about 1,500.

TURBULENT SCENES IN STREETS OF ROME

Rome, March 9.—Squadrons of cavalry charged and dispersed crowds of turbulent strikers in the streets of Rome today, wounding several of the demonstrators. The action of the troops followed rioting between the strikers and police after an immense demonstration on the Piazza del Popolo.

REFUSE REVIEW OF DYNAMITING CASES

By Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—The supreme court today refused to grant a review of the conviction of the "dynamiting cases" of Frank M. Ryan, and 23 other members of the Bridge Workers' Union.

Persons Whose Identity is Unknown Secure Body, Carry it to U. S. Side of the Rio Grande--Texas Officials Say Rangers Did Not Do It.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—President Wilson expects a full report from Governor Colquitt and American Consul Garrett as to the manner in which the body of Clemente Vergara, an American citizen killed in Mexico, was returned to American soil.

Body Showed Marks of Torture Preceding Killing—President Calls on Governor Colquitt and Consul Garrett For Full Facts.

After reading news dispatches, some saying Texas Rangers had crossed into Mexico and had availed themselves of permission by the Mexican federal authorities to American Consul Garrett to recover the body, the president and Secretary Bryan conferred at length.

Rangers Did Not Do It

Austin, Texas, March 9.—Texas Rangers did NOT cross the Mexican border, nor participate in the expedition by which Clemente Vergara's body was secretly exhumed from an Hidalgo, Mexico, cemetery, and deposited by persons as yet unidentified on the Texas side of the Rio Grande Sunday morning, according to the official version of the Vergara incident from state capitol sources today.

Hidalgo is on the Mexican Side of the River Close to the American Side.

Last night's statement that rangers recovered the body was based on the following information from Ranger Captain J. J. Sanders: "I proceeded to Hidalgo, Mexico, to the body of Vergara. Have it here." The telegram was dated Laredo but the word "here" was explained today referred to the point above Laredo, where Vergara made his home.

The governor said today he did not know whether he would have a full statement to make until he could get additional facts. He declared last night that he had not issued specific instructions for rangers to cross the border.