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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 seven-story building of 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. It was feared the last two remaining walls would collapse and bury them.

Hundreds of automobiles belonging to members of the club who had been apprised of the fire lined the downtown streets early today. Relatives and friends of men who were known to have lived at the club rushed to hotels, then to hospitals and then to the morgue in their general search.

Judge Corrick Bishop, assistant circuit attorney, roomed on the sixth floor. 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 known dead: C. F. Kessler, 49, general manager of Ludlow-Saylor Wire Company, St. Louis, killed in jump from sixth floor. John Martin Rieck, 40, of St. Paul, general auditor of the Ford Automobile Company, found burned to death on third floor. James Riley, 55 a guest. The missing: James McGinnis and Allen Dow, buyers for large St. Louis department store.

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, who business at No. 19 West Trade street, was totally destroyed by the fire which broke out at 2:55 o'clock Sunday morning. The company announces that it has temporarily taken an office at No. 204 of the Realty building and will immediately begin plans for going into business again at the earliest possible date.

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. While they could not state precisely the value of the goods and fixtures destroyed, they placed it between \$80,000 and \$120,000. They had just installed their new stock of spring goods of all kinds and had planned to have their spring opening next Wednesday.

It has been a long time since there was a fire in the city of any size, according to firemen and citizens who have noted such things that was as complete in its work of destruction. With the exception of a part of the first floor and the front part of that floor, the fire made a clean sweep from basement to roof. The office fixtures, books and all kindred paraphernalia associated with the office was destroyed. Those goods that were located on the counters in the front part of the first floor escaped being burned, but are thoroughly water-soaked and smoke-stained so that he goods that can be used for any purpose whatever, other than to throw in the rag bag, is slight indeed.

The building, it is stated, was the first in the city to have steel used in its construction and was therefore something of a landmark. There was not a post on the floor space of the building from basement to roof. The floors themselves were, of course, composed of wood and were burned. Nothing but the steel girders remain stretching from brick wall to brick wall. The upright steel columns of the elevator shaft, on the east side of the building remain, but the elevator car lies in a heap in the basement, whether they dropped when the wooden fixtures in which they were built had burned away.

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, in a speech in which he urged armed intervention—not for war but for protection of non-combatants—and assailed the administration's policy.

Senator Fall's list gave names, dates and circumstances and was gathered from his own sources. Secretary Bryan, when he heard of Senator Fall's charges, said he would make no statement until he had read all of the senator's speech.

Washington, March 9.—Urging the use of the army and navy of the United States for protection of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico, which, he said, would prevent war, Senator Fall, republican, of New Mexico, addressed the senate today and gave a list of sixty-three outrages upon Americans, concerning which he said he had personal knowledge.

"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."

"I might cite authority after authority and pile precedent upon precedent as justification under international law for such action, but I will only read from the message of the martyred McKinley with only the suggestion that we insert the name 'Mexico' in lieu of that of Cuba or Spain."

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.

Officed by the teachers and officials of the city school, the children formed a long marching line from the North Grade school building. They came down Tryon street from the north in twos.

For the occasion it had been announced that there would be only a half day of school today. Before 12 o'clock, the studies ceased and the school children were gotten in order ready for the parade. Banners had been prepared for the occasion. These were borne over the heads of the children at various intervals. One of them read, "Seventeen children and no desks." Others emphasized the need of money, of teachers, of room, and general equipment.

The streets were blocked for the parade. Only the street cars were permitted to break the line. In the streets, numbers of spectators lined up to watch the parade. A cold blast of wind swept Tryon street during the parade but the children were in good spirits and wonderfully serious about the whole matter. The boys of the High School under Prof. R. L. Kessler, in regular marching order went through manoeuvres on the square and gave school yells at intervals.

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. Only those who were necessarily absent from school today were missing from the line of march. The teachers marched at the head of each room.

Vergara Body Taken From Mexican Side

UNEMPLOYED MEN SENT OUT OF TOWN

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

LAWYERS FIGHT FOR FRANK'S LIFE

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. The newly discovered evidence is said to include several affidavits which have not been made public.

There apparently is little probability that Frank will be executed on April 17, the date recently designated by Judge Hill of the superior court. Indications are that the extraordinary motion for a new trial will not be submitted until a few days before the date set for the execution. If the extraordinary motion is denied by the superior court judge it is stated that an appeal to the state supreme court will be made. This action would automatically result in an indefinite stay of execution.

MEXICAN FEDERAL WERE DEFEATED

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. The hospital ship Solace has been ordered to Tampico and she will take wounded combatants aboard if that is warranted. The British cruiser Hermeion and the German cruiser Dresden are due in Tampico today, having gone up from Vera Cruz to guard the interests of their nationals in the danger zone. The cruiser Des Moines is at Tampico.

REFUSE REVIEW OF DYNAMITING CASES

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. Only a pardon can now be granted to the convicted men out of the penitentiary.

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

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson expects a full report from Governor Coquitt 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.

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. The president said afterward that no official information had been received, that he doubted very much whether Consul Garrett had any permission to take the body and that he would await a full report from Governor Coquitt before making any comment.

The president pointed out that the Huerta government had supplied little information about Vergara, declaring simply that it would investigate, but expressing the opinion that Vergara had joined the constitutionalists. Consul Garrett's dispatches have said Vergara came to his death at the hands of Mexican federalists.

Officials of the state and war departments were without any advice whatever today on the removal of Vergara's body to Texas soil. Secretary Garrison called upon Brig-Gen. Bliss on the Texas border for an official report.

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. This version was borne out by dispatches from Laredo, Texas, the nearest point to Hidalgo, where investigation could be made and transmitted by wire.

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

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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. In these disturbances several policemen and manifestants had been badly injured.

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. This announcement was made today by Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary secretary of state for foreign affairs in answering a question in the house of commons.