

BALTIMORE SUFFERS MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE; BLAZE STARTS IN UNIVERSITY BUILDING AND SPREADS THRO' BLOCK

Johns Hopkins Sustains Heavy Damage—Department Stores and Lexington Market Threatened in Early Morning Fire—Worst Since Conflagration of 1904—Incipient Blazes From Sparks—High Wind—Insurance Covers Medical College Buildings—No Loss of Life But Nine Firemen Seriously Hurt—Explosion Announces Presence of Flames to Passerby—Good Start Before the Alarm

(By the United Press)

Baltimore, Nov. 28.—The most disastrous fire that has befallen Baltimore since the fire of 1904 broke out a few minutes before last midnight in McCoy Hall, one of the Johns Hopkins University buildings here, and spread so quickly that at an early hour this morning every building in the square bounded by Howard, Ross, Monument and Eutaw streets had either been wrecked or damaged.

High winds swept the sparks a dozen blocks. Roofs and awnings in Lexington Market were afire at a number of places. On the roofs of department stores forces of employees watched to stamp out any incipient blaze.

A rough estimate put the damage at probably \$1,000,000. An explosion first attracted the attention of a passerby. Flames were soon leaping from every window in McCoy Hall.

All the Hopkins buildings were insured. Among the buildings burned was the old Hopkins gymnasium, recently purchased by S. Friedberg of Norfolk, representing an investment of \$200,000. Nine firemen were injured seriously but no loss of life has been reported.

Shopping Tours That Last a Week Vogue in Southern Russia

(Special to The Free Press)

Novorissik, South Russia, Nov. 28.—When a housewife in South Russia leaves on a shopping trip she takes a travelling bag along. Because to make an economical success of it she may have to be gone a week and cover a hundred miles of territory.

Conditions in a few of the larger cities which Denikene has wrested from the bolsheviks are becoming fairly stabilized but in hundreds of the smaller villages the utmost economic chaos prevails. Prices vary widely in different towns and the trouble never has the same value in two adjoining villages. So the thrifty housekeeper, buying a week's supply of potatoes or firewood, or seeking cloth for the children's clothes, journeys from town to town seeking the best bargains. The high cost of living is just as much a burning question as it is in America, but reliable information on the cost of commodities is not nearly so definite.

PLENTY OF MUSIC IN "MISS BLUE EYES."

(Raleigh Times)

A crowded theatre greeted the musical comedy "Miss Blue Eyes" at the Academy of Music Friday night. The play lost nothing in interest on its second presentation here, having played in Raleigh the past season. Both the leading members of the cast and the chorus appeared to have plenty of life and put the play across in pleasing manner.

"Miss Blue Eyes" has plenty of catchy music, interspersed with specialty dance numbers by Lam and Goodrich.

"Miss Blue Eyes" will be at the Grand here Monday.

ENEMY WARSHIPS BE WRECKED BY ALLIES

(By the United Press)

Paris, Nov. 28.—The supreme council today decided that all enemy warships shall be destroyed except those to be turned over to France and Italy in compensation for their war losses. The council will order delay in the destruction of a number of the ships being used temporarily.

RADICALS ALLOWED RUN AROUND NATION AS IT PLEASES 'EM

Lax Methods Come to Light in Hearing at Ellis Island

DEPARTMENT IS BLAMED

Ordered Deportation: Warrants Held, Says Congressman Baker—Reds Roam Through Northwest Unhindered by Government

(By the United Press)

New York, Nov. 28.—Twelve radicals arrested at Seattle last winter for an alleged attempt to overthrow the municipal government there are at liberty despite the fact that warrants for their deportation were issued March 17, it developed at the hearing of the Congressional Committee on Naturalization and Immigration at Ellis Island today.

Twelve men were paroled upon agreement to appear when wanted, it was disclosed. They never have appeared.

When the deportation warrants were received, Congressman Baker of California said, immigration officials at Ellis Island asked the department of Labor what action they should take to apprehend the men. The department ordered the Ellis Island officials to hold the warrants until January 1, Baker said.

Police Instructed to Arrest Knee-Pants Gun Toters Regardless Age

Young Kinston is protesting against the latest outbreak of alleged auto-cracy. They say the police are depriving them of their constitutional rights. The police say they are endeavoring to break up the most widespread nuisance this town has known in years. Many youngsters are carrying firearms, they say, in the shape of toy pistols which can be loaded with bullets as easily as with blank cartridges. The police have been instructed to seize every such pistol, and to arrest the youthful owner regardless of age or condition.

Baptists Not Ready to Locate Hospitals Yet; Will Give Due Notice

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—The publication of news stories in several state newspapers in reference to the possibility of the location of the proposed Baptist hospitals has been called to the attention of the campaign officials here and requests have been received for details of the plan for the location of the hospitals.

The recent session of the Baptist State Convention did not consider the location problem, for the reason that the proposed hospital fund would not likely be available until the end of the five year period. In the Baptist 75 million campaign there is a provision for the establishment of Baptist hospitals and \$2,125,000 of the fund is set apart for this purpose.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS PREVENT GERMAN OPERETTA
New York, Nov. 28.—Presentation of a German operetta by the North German Society of Queens was prevented here by members of the American Legion, after attempts to obtain an injunction had failed.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

KNEW SHED WIN.
Warren, Va., Nov. 28.—W. H. Langhorns, brother of Nancy Astor, elected to the House of Commons according to official announcement, when informed of the news by the United Press today stated: "I have nothing to say further than that I am delighted. The victory was not a surprise. I thought she would win."

Safe and—Insane—Be Safe



AMERICA ASKS KNOW SOCIALISTS TO SIT WHAT EVIDENCE IS IN AT CONVENING IN HANDS MEXICANS CHAMBER DEPUTIES

That Consular Agent Jenkins Violated Laws of That Country—State Department Acts in Hurry to Protect Official

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 28.—A new note demanding the details of the charges against William O. Jenkins, American consular agent held in prison at Puebla, will be sent the Mexican government today, it is announced at the State Department.

The department will demand the evidence on which the Mexican government bases its charge that Jenkins falsified in judicial statements as alleged in the reply to the first American note, which demanded his immediate release.

According to the Mexican reply the charge of falsifying in statements and not charges of connivance with the bandits who captured and held him for ransom was the main ground for Jenkins' imprisonment.

Will Break Time-Honored Custom Probably to Embarrass King the More When He Reads Address to Parliament Monday

(By the United Press)

Rome, Nov. 28.—The socialist executive committee has ordered socialist members of the Chamber of Deputies to participate in the opening of parliament, according to the newspaper Avanti.

King Victor Emanuel is expected to convene the Chamber of Deputies Monday. The socialists have threatened to start disturbances to prevent the king from reading his address.

It has been a time-honored custom for the socialists to absent themselves from the chamber when the king appeared as a silent protest against the monarchy.

MESSAGE WILL GO TO CONGRESS 2ND

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 28.—The White House announces that President Wilson's message will go to Congress December 2, the second day of the new session. The President is still working on it and is expected to complete it to be ready for the printer by the last of this week.

LADY ASTOR GETS NOTICE OFFICIALLY

(By the United Press)

Plymouth, Nov. 28.—Lady Nancy Astor was elected to the House of Commons, it is announced officially. The official announcement today showed Lady Astor's vote to be 14,495, W. T. Gay's 9,292, Isaac Foot's 4,139.

South Dakota Farmers on Wisconsin Tour; a Double Trainload 'Em

(By the United Press)

Seib, S. D., Nov. 28.—Two special trains of South Dakota farmers left today for Wisconsin.

One train, over the Northwestern from Huron, was in charge of C. A. Thurston, traveling passenger agent of the road, and the other, over the St. Paul line, in charge of M. J. Flanagan, president of the South Dakota Short-horn Breeders' Association.

One delegation is to visit the experimental station of the University of Wisconsin and the other is to go to Waukesha, Wis., to attend a sale of Wisconsin short-horn cattle.

DRASTIC GOVERNMENT ACTION TO KEEP COUNTRY FROM FREEZING IS EXPECTED

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 28.—Drastic Government action to get the coal mines running is expected before the end of the week. With the west in the grip of a blizzard which seems about to sweep eastward the coal operators and representatives of the striking miners broke up their joint conference late yesterday. Unable to agree on a wage increase the conference adjourned sine die.

THIEF GETS SMALL FORTUNE SIMPLY BY THROWING A BRICK

Schaut, Jeweler, Loses \$1,500 Worth of His Stock and Points Out Moral to Buying Public—Police Have—Hist!

W. J. Schaut, Queen Street jeweler, Friday turned a \$1,500 robbery to advertising account, facetiously making the best of his loss while the police struggled with a single meager clue. "Do your Christmas shopping early; the person who threw this brick did," read a sign in a smashed window at Schaut's, a whole paying brick exhibited with it.

It wasn't Will Carlisle, the western "Robin Hood," who threw the brick. "Shucks, no," say the police, although there have been rumors of Carlisle, the Wyoming celebrity, rambling up and down the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. It was a less discriminating and nifty thief who passed the window. A policeman passed the place at 2 a. m. Everything was all right. He passed again at 2:50 and everything was all wrong in the window.

Most of the big glass pane in the front was out and the brick was reposing in a bed of gold and plush. The cop phoned the proprietor, who hurried to the store to find many articles of nominal value gone. There had been no ultra-expensive piece in the window. All save \$300 or \$500 worth of the \$2,000 worth of goods left there for the night had been grabbed up. A number of watches, card cases, pins and other articles were missing. Two or three diamond pins, several watches of good makes and other small jewelry were included in the loot, while some of the most valuable pieces were left behind. The thief apparently made no effort to enter the store, in which a heavy stock is kept.

FIVE BOYS HELD ON CHARGES OF TRAIN WRECKING AT CAPITAL

(Raleigh News and Observer)

One white boy and four negroes, all under 12 years of age, and none of them attending school, are in the city jail charged with wrecking Seaboard Train No. 2 early yesterday morning when only a miracle saved a smash-up and considerable loss of life. The boys, according to stories told the police, have been operating as a band with the white boy as "lieutenant," and the police are not only charging them with the train wrecking offense, but some of the lot with breaking into the Market House and setting fire to a haystack and some woods near Raleigh.

The boys are James Foy, white, 11 years old, son of J. H. Foy, 7707 South Wilmington Street, the oldest of five children, and with a police record, according to his own admission, of ten offenses.

Ed Perry, 12-year-old son of John Perry, 301 W. Lenoir Street, oldest of six children.

LeRoy Curlee, ten-year-old son of Louis Curlee, Fowle's Vineyard, one of eight children.

Gene Jones, 12-year-old son of Will Jones, near Garner.

Leslie Joyner, 11 years old, father dead, S. Haywood Street.

WIFE OF ANGELES DOES NOT KNOW OF HIS EXECUTION

New York, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Felipe Angeles, wife of the Mexican revolutionary leader, is still in ignorance of his execution. She is very ill.

LARKIN AND GITLOW UNDER CRIMINAL ANARCHY CHARGE
New York, Nov. 28.—James Larkin, Irish labor leader, and Benjamin Gitlow, former Bronx assemblyman, were indicted for criminal anarchy by the extraordinary grand jury.

ROAD WORKER MEETS DEATH IN ACCIDENT THANKSGIVING DAY.

Pennsylvanian Employed by Contractors for Highway Commission Badly Mangled When Stump Puller Tongue Breaks

The body of Isaac Davenport, victim of a Thanksgiving day accident on a new road being cut from this city in the direction of Pink Hill, arrived at Monroeton, Pa., Friday for burial.

Davenport was killed when the lever of a stump puller broke under a high strain. Two horses were dragging at the lever when it buckled and broke, a piece flying back and striking Davenport, who was an employe of T. H. Gill & Co., contractors for the Lenoir County Highway Commission.

Both legs and the right arm were broken and Davenport was hurt internally. He died en route to the hospital. Davenport was about 40 years of age.

BOX PARTIES NETTING HOLDERS BIG SUMS NOW

Rountree Lodge Masons Raise More Than \$400 at Rose of Sharon—Give More Per Capita Than Any Other Lodge to Orphans.

It is the season of "box parties" in this part of the State. Records for attendance and receipts are being smashed on every hand. The past week's schedule was for scores of such events at country school houses and churches. Each little party so far has netted a stack of coin and greenbacks for school or church betterment or charity. Bountiful harvests and the "spirit of the season" have made the farmers extraordinarily generous, and their purse strings are as loose now as their latchstrings ever are.

The box or basket party in this section corresponds to similar entertainments under various names in rural communities everywhere, but here the dancer pays for more than the fiddling. It is estimated that in Lenoir County alone the rural dwellers will contribute \$10,000 to \$20,000 to the various causes during the present brief holiday period.

At Sharon School Thanksgiving night John Cameron, State highway commissioner and some other things, and his fellow Masons of Rountree Lodge No. 243, raised \$414.10 for the Oxford orphanage. There are only 33 members of Rountree lodge, but they give more per capita than any lodge in the State for charity purposes. They invited all the neighborhood. There were the usual amusements and throngs of youths and rosy-cheeked girls. Boxes filled with Thanksgiving delicacies—such things come cheap at "Rose of Sharon"—were auctioned off at prices ranging as high as \$2. The rivalry between youthful bidders was intense. It wasn't all that Rountree lodge will raise before it comes time to send in its contribution to Oxford, but it was a fair start. The teachers of Sharon School, Misses Sallie Ketchie, principal; Pearl Bowler, Retha Flowers and Elsie Flower, helped the Masons put the affair across.

In nearly every rural school a piano, new curtains, a phonograph or something of the sort will be installed next week or as soon as the men of the neighborhood have finished painting the place or building the new room.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Judge Joseph Sabath today refused to release leaders of the Chicago "murder clique" on writs of habeas corpus.