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BANGOR SUFFERS \$6,000,000 FIRE

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CITY NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Flames Cause Great Damage in Maine City. Rapid Spread
of Fire. One Life Lost. Buildings are Blown up to
Prevent Spread of Fire. Other Towns As-
sisted in Extinguishing Fire.

Bangor, Me., May 2.—Property valued at upward of \$6,000,000 was destroyed, hundreds of people made homeless, and almost the entire business section of the city devastated during the first six hours of a conflagration which raged here Sunday night.

One life is known to have been lost, an unknown man who was killed by a falling wall.

Mayor Mullen called out the local national guard and placed the city under martial rule. Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Oldtown, Brewer, and every other city and town within the reach were asked for help and sent it.

Already a score of buildings have been blown up in an effort to check the flames, and dynamite is still being liberally used.

The fire started in the hay shed of J. Frank Green, in Broad street and in a short time was sweeping through the city in a northwesterly direction.

Half an hour after the first alarm had been sounded, nearly a dozen buildings were in flames and the fire was eating its way northerly up the Broad and Exchange streets on either side of Kenduskeag Stream. In its pathway were banks, office buildings, the public library and other structures, all of which were reduced to ashes.

The city was soon shut off from telephonic communication by the burning of the central office of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and calls for aid from Portland, Lewiston, and Augusta was sent out by the wire chief of the company, who climbed a pole and cut in on a trunk line. The telegraph company's offices were both burned during the early stages of the conflagration but later they established temporary offices outside the fire zone and communication was resumed.

One of the few buildings to escape destruction was the city hall. This was in the direct path of the fire, but the flames leaped over it and it was hardly scorched. The city hall is at the junction of Broad, State and Hammond streets. At this point the flames crossed the Kenduskeag and continued along both sides of the stream.

As it burned north, the path of destruction grew wider, while sparks set considerable fires, many of them a considerable distance from the main conflagration.

An ineffectual attempt was made to stay the progress of the flames by demolishing several buildings in the path of the fire.

buildings, located in a triangle formed by Hammond and Central streets and Kenduskeag stream, but the fire bridged the chasm and continued with unabated fury.

Help from outside cities began to arrive soon after 9 o'clock, the Augusta department being the first to arrive, and it was assigned the duty of saving the residential district, if possible.

Among the buildings burned during the early stages of the fire were the Haynes & Chalmers building, the Hodgkins block, the Flishe buildings, Fairbanks & Co's building, and the Bangor Public Library. Then followed the telephone office, the postoffice of the office of the Bangor Daily News, the Morse Oliver block, a seven story structure in which was located the offices of the Bangor and Aroostock Railroad, the Windsor Hotel, and several churches.

Failing in their attempt to stop by dynamiting the buildings at the junction of Hamond the Central streets, the firemen took their stand further to the north and preparations were made to blow up other buildings and make a wider breach.

In all sections of the city people moved out their belongings and hurried to places of safety. Many were already homeless, and with churches and public buildings in ruins, there were few places where they could be cared for.

Telephone and telegraph operators stuck to their posts and sent out information and calls for help until they had not a moment to spare to make their escapes. The Associated Press operator, in the Postal Telegraph office, sat at his key sending and receiving messages while the fire raged hardly 50 feet away from him. In the postoffice building,

Bangor, next to Chicago, is the chief lumber depot in the United States. The city is on the Penobscot River, which taps the forests of Maine and brings to the city logs and sawed timber.

The city has a population of 20,000 and is 60 miles from the mouth of the Penobscot, lying at the head of navigation. There is deep water communication with the sea, and many ships clear annually for foreign ports and in the coastwise trade.

The Kenduskeag stream, so-called empties into the Penobscot at Bangor dividing the city the sections of which are connected with bridges. Bangor is connected with Brewer on the other side of the Penobscot by a bridge 1,200 feet long.

The first permanent settlement at Bangor was made in 1769. The place was known as Kenduskeag plantation until 1787 and then for four years it was called Sunbury, when the name was changed to Bangor. It was chartered as a city in 1834 and it is still governed under its original charter. The locality is given as one of the most probable locations of the mythical city, Norumbega, a name which appears on many early maps.

UNFORTUNATE WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE

Used Rifle to Commit The
Rash Act

BECAME A MOTHER SHORTLY BEFORE

Miss Lela Barrington Victim of Doubly Shocking Tragedy—Was 22 Years of Age and Daughter of Well to Do Farmer—Details.

Albemarle, N. C., May 2.—A doubly shocking tragedy occurred three miles out from this place when Miss Lela Barrington took her own life. A twenty-two calibre Winchester rifle was the instrument used by the young woman, shooting a hole clear through the head, the ball entering just over the right ear. There is more or less mystery surrounding the affair and the coroner has been notified, and will make an investigation. Miss Barringer became a mother just before she committed the rash deed. She was found lying on the floor with the rifle still grasped in her hands. She was placed on the bed but only lived a few minutes after having begun found No one was present when she gave birth to the child, neither did any one see her shoot herself.

The young woman had been living in Albemarle up to two months ago, where she was employed in one of the cotton mills. She was 22 years of age. She was a daughter of Mr. Tyson Barringer a well-to-do farmer who lives three miles out from Albemarle. She was at her father's house when the tragedy occurred.

A GREAT EDITOR LOSES HIS MIND

Stilson Hutchins to be Examined May 4th.

WIFE SAYS THAT HE CANNOT CARE FOR SELF

Founder of St. Louis Times, Washington Post, Washington Times and Prominently Connected With Other Big Papers — Promoter of Linotype.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—A petition to have adjudged insane Stilson Hutchins—founder of the St. Louis Times, Washington Post, Washington Times and once prominently connected with the Des Moines, Iowa State Journal, Dubuque Herald and St. Louis Dispatch—was granted here today the writ being returnable May 4.

Mr. Hutchins is a multi-millionaire and was an organizer and chief promoter of the Mergenthaler Linotype company. The petition was filed by Mrs. Rose Keeling Hutchins his second wife, a Baltimore woman whom he married in 1906. She recited in the petition that for many months past Mr. Hutchins has been paralyzed and is of "diseased and unsound mind." Because of his mental and physical condition she says, Mr. Hutchins is unfit and incapable of managing and properly caring for himself and his estate. It is claimed the estate is worth between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. Mr. Hutchins formerly was a member of the legislatures of New Hampshire and Missouri.

NO VERDICT IN CASE OF F. C. WATKINS

Solicitor Will End Argument Today

POLICE SEARCHING FOR A WHITE MAN

Attempted to Criminally Assault a Fourteen Year Old Girl Last Night—The Police Have Description and Hope to Have Him Soon.

Asheville, May 2.—The police are searching for a white man who it is alleged attempted to criminally assault a 14 year old girl in the Montford avenue section of the city yesterday evening about 7 o'clock. It seems that the girl, whose name was Dalton was in the woods with several smaller children when the man attacked her. He threw her to the ground, but her screams and the cries of the other children aroused the neighborhood, and the man made his escape. A description of the man was given to the police and they hope to nab him soon today.

The trial of F. C. Watkins will be concluded. All arguments have been made, with the exception of the argument by Solicitor Reynolds. He will conclude early this morning and the case will go to the jury before noon.

WARSHIPS READY TO SAIL

Third Division of Atlantic Fleet Will Go to Southern Waters.

Philadelphia, May 2.—Active preparations are being made at the Philadelphia navy yard for the sailing of the third division of the Atlantic fleet.

The battleship Minnesota was towed to midstream this afternoon and, it is expected, will sail tomorrow morning for Pensacola, Mobile Bay, and Galveston. The Mississippi and the Vermont will follow shortly after the Minnesota which is the flagship of the division.

The Idaho will follow the other battleships on Thursday. All have been repaired and reequipped.

Man Rescued Girl From 18 Inch Well
Oriska, N. D., May 2.—Marie Smith fell down a well 22 feet deep and 18 inches in diameter and the only way there was to save her was for someone to go down in the well head first.

H. R. Olson volunteered to do it. He rescued the girl from death, but the strain was so great that blood burst through his chest and left arm. However, he is not seriously hurt.

A rope was tied to Olson's feet and five men lowered him into the well. When he had seized the girl he yelled and the five quickly pulled the two to the surface. The girl weighs 160 pounds and her drenched clothing added to the burden Olson carried.

BEAUFORT NEWS.
Beaufort, N. C., May 2.—Beaufort is taking on new life, great many improvements going on, several large manufacturing enterprises being established, a new ice plant is being erected, great many new dwellings going up.

LEWIS WEST TO DIE ON MAY 5TH

Wilson Desperado Who Killed Deputy Sheriff Mumford

NORMAN LEWIS' END COMES ON MAY 12TH

Lewis Killed Chief of Poetic Stallings of Spring Hope—He Appealed to Supreme Court but That Body Found no Error—Details.

Raleigh, N. C., May 2.—The electrocution of Lewis West, the desperado who killed Deputy Sheriff Mumford and wounded Chief of Police Glover of Wilson, last February is set for next Friday, May 5. West is now in the death chamber of the State penitentiary. There will likely be no demand for executive clemency. West's meteoric career is a familiar chapter. After his fatal onslaught upon Wilson's officers, he escaped and was captured at Maxton by Chief of Police Dunlap and was tried at a special term of Wilson Superior court.

On the following Friday, May 12, the electrocution of Norman Lewis, a negro who killed Chief of Police Stallings of Spring Hope, is to take place. Lewis appealed to the Supreme Court but that body found no error in the trial.

The only other electrocution now set is that of a man named Murphy, of Kancey county, who was recently convicted of killing another man for refusing to give him a drink of his Christmas liquor. The date is June 30. An appeal was noted to the Supreme Court, but the case has not yet been docketed. If argued it will come up the week of May 8.

EXPOSURE KILLED

INSANE SOLDIER

Sergeant on Way to Philippines Jump From Train — Found Dead 4 Miles From Track.

Ogden, Utah, May 2.—While temporarily insane James H. Robbins, a sergeant of the United States army, on his way from Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont to the Philippine Islands, jumped from the window of a Union Pacific train, 35 miles east of Evanston, Wyo., yesterday and eight hours later was found dead four miles from the track.

Although the train was running at a rate of 30 miles an hour when he crashed through the Pullman window it is believed he escaped uninjured. His death probably was due to exposure as he was attired only in his underclothes and trousers.

When found the body bore indications that Robbins had been in water up to his shoulders. Robbins wife and four small children were on the train.

THREE MAY DIE OF BURNS

Editor and Two Lawyers Probably Fatally Injured Fighting Fire.

Pineville, W. Va., May 2.—While fighting a fire here J. J. Swope, lawyer and editor of the Mountaineer and J. H. Gillmore and R. W. Cook, attorneys were dangerously and probably fatally burned.

The fire which originated by the residence of H. L. Taylor, cashier of the First National Bank, destroyed also the residence of A. D. eBayers, deputy United States marshal; R. A. Keller, cashier of the Citizen's National Bank and State Senator W. H. H. Cook, and a hotel owned by Mrs. Eva Luck. The loss is \$20,000, partially covered by insurance.

The flames were held in check by a bucket brigade and the courthouse a large hotel and a number of business buildings were saved.

NO SPECIAL COURT FOR CRAVEN

Up to noon today the reports received by this paper from the various wards in this city and places outside of New Bern point to an overwhelming defeat for the "Special Court for Craven County". In every ward in New Bern a big majority of the votes were against this bill.

A phone message received from Vanceboro stated that about 75 votes had been cast up to that time and that only one vote was for the "Special Court". The Farm Life School had had only 10 or twelve votes cast against it in Vanceboro precinct.

The reports from Cove City and Dover indicate that a majority of the votes there will be against the Special Court and for the Farm Life

School. Only one vote had been cast for Special Court up to two o'clock in Dover.

The majority of votes in the city of New Bern are for the Farm Life School. The main danger in this proposition lies in the fact that this bill requires that in order that the bill become a law that it shall receive a MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED VOTES. It is therefore every man's duty if he has registered, to vote on this proposition. Every vote not cast on this proposition will count as a vote against the school.

Craven County should have this school and if you have neglected to vote, go and do so at once. The polls are open until Sundown.

DON'T FAIL TO VOTE FOR THE FARM LIFE SCHOOL

TO CARRY THE FARM-LIFE SCHOOL
THERE MUST BE A MAJORITY OF
THE REGISTRATION.

If you have not already voted be sure to get your vote in before sun-down and cast it for the Farm-Life School.

This is the most important matter the County has voted on in many years.

Vote and get your friends to vote for the Farm Life School.