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## BLAZE OF INCENDIARY FIRES DRIVES FORTH TERRIFIED THROUNGS

### Five Fires are Kindled by Some Criminal Hand Within Three Hours

### SCORES OF PEOPLE ARE RESCUED BY FIREMEN

### One Woman Dies of Terror—A Man May Die as the Result of Serious Burns—The Fires are Set in the Two Blocks Bounded by Sixtieth and Sixty-first Streets and Columbus and West End Avenues—The Excitement Spreads Even to Broadway—Thousands Spend a Night of Fear.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 9.—One woman is dead, a man is in a hospital suffering from severe burns, two thousand persons fled from their homes in panic, and thousands more passed a sleepless night, as a result of a series of incendiary fires in the two blocks bounded by Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets and Columbus and West End avenues, early today. Scores of persons whose lives were endangered by the conflagration were rescued by firemen. In all, there were five fires, every one of them incendiary, between midnight and 3 o'clock this morning.

The woman who lost her life was Mrs. Caroline Swain, 70 years old. She lived at 107 West Sixtieth street, adjoining one of the buildings which was fired. She died of heart failure, induced by fright. Adrian Tompkins is in a hospital with his hands and feet severely burned. He is in a serious condition.

The rapidly succeeding fires, the crowds of evicted tenants and the terrifying rumors spread through the neighborhood, with the constant appearance and reappearance of the fire engines, and the big squads of police, raised the people throughout the vicinity to a high pitch of excitement, which did not lessen until daylight brought a measure of assurance that the incendiarism was stopped for a while. The excitement spread even to Broadway, and in the Marie Antoinette, Anson's, Empire and other big hotels in the neighborhood of Lincoln Square the guests were aroused by the commotion. In the St. Paul Hotel, at the southeast corner of Sixty-first street and Columbus avenue, and the Hotel Hudson, at Sixty-second street, both close to the fires, all the guests were aroused and few slept any more.

All the houses where the fires occurred were flat houses. Three of the houses were occupied by whites and two by negroes. Most of the tenants who were in bed when the fires broke out, escaped to the streets in the scantiest clothing.

**The First Fire.**  
The first fire was in a five-story tenement house at 105 West Sixtieth street, occupied by five families, all of whom escaped. Mrs. Caroline Swain, the woman whose death was induced by fright, lived in the adjoining house and had been taken by her daughter to a window in preparation for flight from the house, when she collapsed and died.

**The Second Fire.**  
The firemen were still busy fighting that fire when the second blaze began at 137 West Sixtieth street, in a lot of rubbish in the basement. All the tenants escaped.

**The Third Fire.**  
At the third fire, at 215 West Sixtieth street, there were several narrow escapes and daring rescues of the tenants. William Murray, who lived on the third floor, carried out five of his children, and James Smith, a spectator, went into the house and brought the Murphy child down to the second floor and jumped with it in his arms to the sidewalk. Another spectator caught them both. The child was unhurt. An aged negro was carried out by other spectators.

**The Fourth Fire.**  
An hour later the fourth fire was discovered a block north, at 249 West

Sixty-first street. It was quickly extinguished.

**The Fifth and Worst.**  
The fifth and worst of the fires was discovered at 110 West Sixty-first street, at 3 o'clock, while the street was still thronged with frightened and excited people. There were twenty apartments in the building, and the escape of the occupants of the upper floors was cut off by a blaze in the lower hall. The tenants were so dazed that they were in danger of losing their lives, when policemen and firemen went up on the fire escapes and brought them down. Adrian Tompkins, who lived on the top floor, lingered so long that he was painfully burned while climbing down the fire escape.

In each case the firemen quickly stopped the progress of the flames. The loss was about \$20,000.

**An Arrest Made.**  
Frank Morris, of Boston, a vaudeville performer, was arrested on suspicion of setting the fires. The police allege that in each of the fires tenants reported that when they fled from their apartments Morris was the first person they met.

When Morris, whose home is in Boston, was arraigned in police court Fire Marshal Frit expressed the opinion that he was mentally irresponsible and asked the magistrate to commit the boy to Bellevue Hospital for five days for examination. The magistrate, however, refused and held Morris in \$2,000 bail for further examination on Sunday.

## FOUL MURDER OF OLD WOMAN

(By the Associated Press.)  
Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 9.—Mrs. Catherine Stauffer, a widow, was found murdered in her bed early today at Lehighville, a small village in Somerset county. There was a bullet hole in her head, and when discovered she was lying in a pool of blood. It is believed Mrs. Stauffer was murdered for money which she is supposed to have possessed. A couple of grandchildren were living with her, one of whom a girl, is almost grown up.

The girl was awakened by the presence of a man in her room. He tried to choke her and chloroform her, but she made her escape and aroused the neighbors. When they arrived on the scene the man was gone, but they found his foot prints and are now scouring the country for him.

## MANY BURIED IN THE RUINS

(By the Associated Press.)  
Long Beach, Cal., Nov. 9.—The new Bixby Hotel being erected on the beach here, caved in this morning, supposedly from weak construction and possibly a score of men are buried in the ruins. The building is of reinforced concrete.

The whole structure caved in without warning from the fourth floor to the basement leaving but one wing standing. Great confusion reigns and it is impossible to obtain an accurate report of the number of workmen buried in the debris. Estimates of the number dead range from ten to twenty-five.

The injured were taken from the ruins as fast as they could be extricated. Hundreds of persons flocked to the scene and dozens were pressed into service to aid in the work of rescue. So far nearly a dozen injured, many of them believed to be fatally hurt, have been removed from the wreckage. Others imprisoned beneath the concrete and steel girders are heard crying for help. As many as a dozen are still buried in the ruins. The number of casualties is estimated now at twenty-five. Relatives and friends of workmen employed on the structure quickly flocked to the scene and rushed frantically over the ruins in search of their loved ones, adding to the confusion.

Wives wept hysterically when they were unable to find any trace of their husbands. Others fainted as they saw men dragged out from under the debris.

## DEATH SENTENCE FOR NEGRO ALMOST CERTAIN

### Walker, Who Shot Col. Holt, Indicted for First Degree Burglary

### STRONG EVIDENCE AT THE TRIAL TODAY

### Jury Sworn Within an Hour and Examination of Witnesses Began at 2 P. M.—Tremendous Crowds in Court Room and Intense Interest is Felt—Female Accomplices of Negro Under Arrest—Conviction for First Degree Burglary Means Capital Punishment.

(By Southern Bell Telephone.)  
Graham, N. C., Nov. 9.—Henry Walker, the negro who shot Col. L. Banks Holt in his home here Tuesday night, was placed on trial before Judge Moore in the superior court, charged with burglary in the first degree. He was indicted late yesterday afternoon by the grand jury, and a special venire of twenty-five jurors was drawn. When court assembled at 10 o'clock the twelve members of the jury were sworn in less than an hour, only three objections being made by the prosecution to the regular list.

Twenty-five witnesses have been summoned by the state, including Mrs. Holt and other members of the family. Mrs. Holt was the first person to reach her husband after he was shot.

The accomplices of Walker have been placed under arrest. They are the former cook and the present cook. The evidence this afternoon will tend to show that the cook admitted Walker to the house. It will also be proved that while secreted in the house Walker went to the telephone and rang the bell by turning the crank, in order to call Colonel Holt to the hall. The operator at the central station says that she did not ring the Holt telephone.

It was found this morning that the court was without a stenographer, and a special train was chartered to bring that official from Greensboro. Pending her arrival, a recess was taken until 1:30 o'clock, at which hour Judge Moore said the taking of testimony would begin.

Walker was not indicted for assault. He is charged with burglary in the first degree, and as the shot was fired from the interior of the residence, his crime comes clearly under that head. If convicted, as he will be undoubtedly, he will be sentenced to death on the gallows.

There was a tremendous crowd in the court house today, including many ladies, and feeling is bitter, but there is no ground whatever for the belief that the law will not be regarded. The public, confident that the evidence will convict, is waiting for the law to take its course, in which event Walker will be hanged.

**Colonel Holt Still Improves.**  
Colonel Holt was considerably stronger today. He had another good night, and this morning he talked about the election and discussed other matters with members of his family and the physicians. His wound is healing rapidly. No reference to the trial of his assailant was made to him. His temperature has not risen above normal and no danger whatever is feared. He has practically recovered from the shock.

**Taking Testimony Today.**  
The stenographer from Greensboro arrived here on a special train a few minutes after 2 o'clock this afternoon at which time the trial of Walker was begun. J. S. Cook, a local attorney, was appointed by Judge Moore to defend the prisoner. E. S. Parker, Jr., is assisting Solicitor Brooks in the prosecution. It was believed at this hour that all of the afternoon and a part of tomorrow would be taken up in the presentation of testimony, although reached tomorrow noon or thereabout.

**Mrs. Holt Testifies.**  
Mrs. L. Banks Holt was the first witness for the prosecution. She went on the stand and related the circumstances of the shooting and explained how Col. Holt had gone into the hall to answer a telephone call, as he had supposed. The other

ladies in the house had retired for the night. When she heard the shot Mrs. Holt rushed to the hall and saw her husband stagger for a moment and then lean against the telephone. She put her arms around him and led him into the room. Dr. Walker and Dr. Goley were hurriedly summoned and soon a large crowd gathered.

A diagram was presented showing the location of doors, and the place where the negro was probably concealed. Mrs. Holt testified that all of the doors had been locked for the night, and that all of the servants had left about 7:30 o'clock. After the shooting it was found that the door leading to the north piazza had been unlocked from the outside, and the key was in the lock. Mrs. Holt explained about the discharge of Walker, saying that the cook had quit because he was dismissed. The cook subsequently applied for her old position, but was not given work again.

**Fastening the Chain on Walker.**  
Turner Mackey, wife, the foreman employed on Colonel Holt's farm, was the next witness. He testified that Colonel Holt went to him, told him that he was going to discharge Walker, and asked him, Mackey, to be present at the conversation. When the foreman and Colonel Holt met Walker, he was carrying wood to the kitchen. Colonel Holt said to the defendant that he had been employing about five hundred persons for years, and that Walker was the first man to curse in his presence. He told Walker to go, that he did not want him on the place again. The negro received his wages and left.

**Tells of Threats.**  
Riley Schaefer, colored, who had worked for Colonel Holt for fourteen years, said that after Walker had been dismissed, he told the witness that he would get even with "old man Holt," and that he would fix him, and the witness, who he said was partly responsible for his dismissal.

Col. Holt's coachman, Jeff Mebane, was next sworn. His evidence was strong, showing the threats which the negro had made against his former employer. "Walker told me," said the witness, "that he would get even with Mr. Holt, that he might fly high, but that he had to come down some day, and that he had a good gun as any man. He showed that he was bitter and expected to get even, as he had declared."

E. D. Whitefell, a shoemaker of Burlington, saw Walker after his dismissal, heard him abuse Col. Holt, and heard him say that he expected to fix "the old man" when he got the chance. When in Burlington Walker was with two negro women.

Arthur Graves testified to the same facts. He saw Walker at Burlington with the women and heard him curse Col. Holt.

At this hour, 4:30 p. m., there are many other witnesses to be examined. The jury has been listening with the closest attention as the (Continued on Sixth Page.)

## WHO'S ELECTED?

### ASKS NEW YORK

### Chanler's Majority Has Been Whittled Down

### AN OFFICIAL COUNT

This is Now Considered Necessary in Order to Determine Beyond Controversy Whether Chanler or Bruce Has Been Chosen as Lieutenant Governor of New York.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York Nov. 9.—Latest returns from all sections of the state indicate that the official count will be necessary to determine whether M. La Bruce, republican, or Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, democrat and independence league candidate, was elected lieutenant governor last Tuesday. With incomplete and virtually estimated returns from every county in the state, Chanler's possible plurality has been cut down to 671. The incompleteness of the figures upon which this calculation is based makes it possible that the official returns will show a wide variance in either direction. Corrected returns from six counties on which yesterday's figures were based show a gain of 682 votes in favor of the republican candidate, and additional returns received reduce Chanler's plurality to 671.

**The Latest from California.**  
San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—The returns at midnight from 2,217 precincts out of a total of 2,417 give the vote on governor as follows: Gillet, republican, 120,604; Bell, democrat, 108,131; Langdon, independent, 41,117. Gillet's plurality, 12,443. No figures are at hand from Alameda, Merced, Mariposa, Plumas, Solano and Tracy counties.

**Still Claiming Hoch's Election.**  
Tampa, Fla., Nov. 9.—Republican State Chairman Crummer still claims the reelection of Governor E. W. Hoch by a plurality of 2,500 over W. A. Harris, democrat. Democratic Chairman Ryan does not concede the election of Mr. Hoch, and declares it will take the official count to determine the matter.

Returns from 109 counties out of the 105 in the state received by the republican headquarters show a plurality of 3,531 for Hoch. The official canvass began today. It probably will not be finished till tomorrow.

## RANGERS POUR DEATH INTO MEXICAN FOES

(By the Associated Press.)

Brownsville, Texas, Nov. 9.—A detachment of Texas Rangers en route to Rio Grande city to investigate the assassination of Judge Welch, which occurred Monday night, were attacked of a body of armed Mexicans and a bloody fight resulted. One Mexican was killed and many wounded. Governor Lanham is rushing troops to the scene and the situation is regarded as critical. More fighting is expected before the troops arrive.

The Mexicans are said to be aroused over the opposition to their voting in the recent election.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 9.—A dispatch from Laredo, Texas, says: "Texas Rangers were ambushed last night by armed Mexicans between Fordyce and Rio Grande City. Forty Mexicans were killed in the fight that followed; one was wounded and two captured. The rangers suffered no casualties. A special train is taking troops to the scene."

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 9.—A special to the Times-Herald from Brownsville, Texas, says: "Texas rangers, under command of Captain McDonald, were attacked last night near Rio Grande City by an armed body of men, with the result that four of the attacking party were killed, one seriously wounded

## BUGLE SOUNDS, RIFLES CRASH, MEN DROP, OVER HALF A MILLION GONE

### HER HUSBAND SHOT HIM

### A Faithless Wife Paid a Fearful Penalty

### Frederick Hornberger, Crying Out "You Killed My Wife and I'll Kill You" Fatally Wounds the Destroyer of His Home.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 9.—Frederick Schaffhauser, a civil engineer in the bureau of water of this city, was shot and probably fatally wounded while at work on the seventh floor of City Hall today by Frederick Hornberger, a German at once of the city pumping station. The shooting was sensational and at first was believed to have been the result of politics but later it developed the attempted murder was the outcome of domestic affairs.

Schaffhauser for the past year has been much in the public eye, principally as a star witness in the criminal proceedings against John W. Hill, former head of the bureau of filtration.

Schaffhauser was called from his office to the corridor of the seventh floor today on the pretense that a friend wanted to see him. He was met by Hornberger, who shouted: "You have killed my wife, and I am going to kill you."

**The Deed is Done.**  
He had not finished the sentence when he began firing at Schaffhauser. Hornberger shot five times and two of the bullets took effect. The victim fell and Hornberger started to walk away, but was intercepted and held by eye-witnesses to the shooting until placed under arrest.

In the central police station on the sixth floor of city hall, Hornberger told the police that Schaffhauser had been intimate with his wife and that her relations with him resulted in her death recently from disease.

Schaffhauser was removed to a hospital, where his condition was found to be so critical that the physicians sent for a magistrate to take his ante-mortem statement.

The shooting created considerable excitement in and about the great city building, and political leaders and others interested in the reform movement in Philadelphia hurried to city hall when they heard of the shooting, expecting to hear of some political development.

## SON KNOCKS UP PISTOL SAVES MOTHER'S LIFE

(Special to the Evening Times.)

Winsten-Salem, N. C., Nov. 9.—John J. Nevins, of Cincinnati, attempted to kill his wife here today and was probably prevented from committing the crime by the prompt arrival of their son, who jerked the pistol out of his father's hand and then knocked him down. The father, who was intoxicated, was arrested and locked up.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevins have been separated for some time. The wife is now conducting a boarding house at Asheville and came here at the earnest solicitation of the son, who was hoping to arrange reconciliation between father and mother.

Mrs. Nevins told the officer who made the arrest that this was not the first time her husband had attempted to take her life.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NIGHT AT WILSON

(By Southern Bell Telephone.)  
Wilson, N. C., Nov. 9.—Fire which raged here at midnight entailed considerable loss and destroyed the four-story frame building used as a prize tobacco warehouse, belonging to Col. Thomas Kenan of Raleigh. The building was valued at \$5,000 and was insured for \$2,000. The fire started there from unknown origin, and destroyed tobacco owned by the Banner Warehouse Company, valued at \$600. Perry & Williams sustained a tobacco loss of \$600, with partial insurance. Elmore Walls' carpet cleaning and dye establishment was damaged. J. W. Shelly's machine shops, the foundry of George Wainwright and the skating rink were partially destroyed.

### A Hundred Armed Revolutionists Leap from Woods and Dynamite Mail Car

### GENDARMES AT THE STATION SHOT DOWN

### Cars Torn to Splinters by the Exploding of Dynamite Which Kills Five Soldiers, Mortally Wounding Eleven More—The Robbery of the Mail Carried Out With Military Precision—Wires Were Cut, Sentinels Posted and as Soon as the Money Was Secured the Revolutionists Fled—Cossacks Arrive.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Rogow, Russian Poland, Nov. 9.—The Cossacks have thus far been unsuccessful in their pursuit of the revolutionist train robbers, numbering a hundred well-armed men who at 9 o'clock last night surrounded the station, threw bombs at the mail car of a mail train while engines were being changed, derailed the car, robbed it and fled with a sum of money now said to amount to \$650,000.

The station master declares the revolutionists hid in the neighboring forests and were excellently disciplined, their commander giving orders through bugle signals. When the robbery was completed the revolutionists transported their booty to two wagons and marched off in military order singing socialist songs.

**The Dramatic Robbery.**  
Eye-witnesses confirm the statement that the revolutionists were hidden in the neighboring woods. When the train stopped men armed with rifles sprang upon all sides. They quickly executed the orders conveyed by the bugle, and the gendarmic standing in front of the station were shot and killed and the revolutionists placed sentinels at all the approaches and cut the telegraph wires. While some of them overpowered the trainmen others attacked the escorts of the mail car.

Of the three bombs thrown two exploded with terrific force, blowing the cars into matchwood, killing five soldiers and mortally wounding eleven others.

The revolutionists then ransacked the mail car transferred the bank notes, gold and silver to their own bags, and, unfolding the red flag, formed up in military order, marched out the station, entered wagons which were in waiting in the forest and drove off.

It was not until three hours later that a detachment of Cossacks, hurriedly sent for, appeared on the scene and started in pursuit of the revolutionists.

Rogow is now occupied by troops.

## CRAZY BUTCHER STABS MOTHER.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Appleton, Wis., Nov. 9.—George Horner, a butcher, becoming suddenly insane today, cut his mother so severely that she will probably die. He first killed a number of chickens running in the yard back of his meat market. When his mother interfered he attacked her with a butcher knife, slashing her from head to foot. Horner was overpowered by police, after a hard fight.

**THREAT TO APPEAL TO OUR CONSUL PREVAILS.**

(By the Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, Nov. 9.—James M. James, of New York, who is studying trade unionism in Russia, was arrested yesterday during a police raid on a trades union bureau and was held in a police station for five hours. He was released on threatening to appeal to the American consul. The bureau was closed on the ground that it was a center for revolutionary agitation.