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ENVIRONED BY FLAMES AND CRASHING WALLS

Firemen Wage a Desperate Battle, Stunned by Roar of Explosions

THEIR CHIEF KILLED AND A NUMBER INJURED

The Injuries of One of These Men Are Mortal—A Hopeless Struggle to Save the Plant of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and a Dozen Large Apartment Buildings—Walls Blown Out by a Series of Terrific Explosions and Six Men Buried in the Debris—Employees of the Plant Aroused by the Thunder of Falling Walls.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 8.—In a desperate and hopeless battle to save the big plant of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and a dozen big apartment buildings in the neighborhood early today, one fire captain lost his life, a fireman was fatally maimed and thirteen men were injured.

A series of terrific explosions accompanied the fire. In one of these walls of the building were blown out and six men were buried beneath tons of brick, one of them losing his life. The dead:

John Ryan, captain of engine company No. 80, crushed by falling wall and died as last rites were being administered to him by the Rev. Father Charles Molloy.

Ryan was sixty years old, a widower. He had been connected with the fire department for thirty-seven years.

Fatally injured: Frederick J. Leopold, of engine company No. 80; taken to the Washington Heights Hospital in a dying condition.

The injured: John Connors, fireman of engine company No. 80, scalp wound; John Roxbury, of engine company No. 80, severely bruised; James E. Coakley, of engine company No. 80, cut about the head and severely bruised; John McCron, of engine company No. 80; Thomas Larkin, deputy fire chief, shocked by coming in contact with third rail.

Eight firemen shocked by coming in contact with third rail; O'Connor, battalion chief, struck on head by falling beam; severe scalp wound.

The big power plant and car barns were almost completely demolished and two hundred and twenty-five cars were also burned, involving a loss of fully \$1,000,000.

An Exciting Moment. A workman in the gauge house, first discovered the flames. It is believed that they were caused by a short circuit. An alarm was turned in, but before a warning could be spread around the plant there was an explosion in the boiler room and a wall toppled over.

Night Engineer James E. Hopkins and three men narrowly escaped being crushed.

The crash of the falling walls aroused the scores of employees in the plant and brought persons in the apartment houses along Seventh and Lenox avenues out of their beds.

Engine Company No. 80 was the next to reach the scene. It was the members of this company who met with the fatalities and injuries. They proceeded around to 146th street and made their way to the rear of the machine shops. While they were at work from that point there was an explosion and the walls of the gauge house collapsed, burying Captain Ryan and Leopold.

With the first crash of the walls there was a general stampede of the firemen. Then a roll-call was held and it was found that Captain Ryan and Leopold were missing. Fireman McCron and Connors hastened back to the scene of the wreckage and bury-up calls were sent for ambulances to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, the Washington Heights Hospital and the Harlem Hospital.

McCron and Connors managed to drag Ryan and Leopold from beneath the debris and as they reached the street, the Rev. Father Molloy appeared. While he was administering the last rites of the church to Ryan, the brave captain died.

Buried Under Walls. Tony Mosin, a car inspector, was

R.C. Blain



This picture is from a photograph of Mrs. Stanford White, wife of the man shot down by Harry K. Thaw. Mrs. White is lying quietly in Cambridge, Mass., and avoids all reports of the famous trial. It is said she will be compelled to sacrifice her all, in order that the debts of the architect may be paid.

UNION ANGERED BY ROOSEVELT TO UNFURL THE FLAG OF BRYAN

A Demand Made Upon Him Grand Banquet at Chattanooga Wednesday

HAS NO FRIEND THERE THE PROGRAM GIVEN

The Slur Cast Upon Moyer and Haywood, Imprisoned Union Officials, Stirs the Central Federated Union of New York to Violent and Intemperate Language.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 8.—President Roosevelt today will receive a resolution, passed unanimously by the Central Federated Union of New York, calling upon him to retract at once his slur and intimation that Moyer and Haywood, the imprisoned officials of the Western Federation of Miners are not "desirable citizens."

There were some violent and intemperate speeches by delegates who were bitterly wrought up, and the discussion waxed warm, although the president did not have a defender.

OFFICIALS CONFER ON UNION STATION

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., April 8.—A number of Seaboard Air Line officials reached Wilmington last night to confer with the Atlantic Coast Line men relative to the building here of a union depot.

DEPOSE THESE MEN, HE URGES

Wilmington Pastor Makes Drastic Recommendation

IT IS REV. FRED D. HALE

They Say That His Object is to Rid the List of Several Unworthy Men. It is Also Said That His Idea Will Meet With Strong Opposition From the Conservatives.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilmington, N. C., April 8.—The annual business meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist Church is to be held tonight, promises to be of unusual interest. The pastor, Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., will recommend in a written report that the entire official board of the church be deposed and that new officers be elected. The executive officers are already in number. It is said that the object of the pastor is to purge the list of several unworthy men.

It is freely intimated that Dr. Hale's idea will meet with opposition should his supporters insist on the adoption of the report. His recommendation is considered extreme by the conservative element in the church. Dr. Hale will not be present, having left the city this morning.

DOES HE SEEK TO EMEROL US WITH THE FRENCH?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Kansas City, Mo., April 8.—The Rev. F. B. J. Lloyd, of Chicago in a speech here last night on "France and the Vatican," said:

"If I were only big and strong enough, I would lead a crusade. It would be a crusade in France, not to restore God, for He never needs restoring, but to restore what the people of France have lost—God."

HOW DOES THIS STRIKE A CHRISTIAN PEOPLE?

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Joplin, Mo., April 8.—J. Kavanaugh has travelled all the way from Korea to secure a carload of "shit," a milky-like formation found in large quantities in the lead and zinc fields of Missouri and Kansas.

Kavanaugh intends to use the "shit" in making idols for the Koreans. A few months ago he was employed by the emperor of Japan to manage a big coal mine in Korea. While thus employed, he noticed that every Korean carried constantly a small glittering idol to ward off disease and disaster of every kind. He determined to supply the demand.

Mr. Kavanaugh proposes to ship a carload of "shit" to Ping Yang and there establish a factory to manufacture idols.

TO ANSWER THE BURGLARY CHARGE

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., April 8.—J. A. Southern, an employe of the Southern Railway, whose wife lives in Amelia, Va., will be brought to Charlotte on August 10 to answer the charge of burglarizing a hardware store here, securing several hundred dollars worth of pistols and other articles. Southern was in Charlotte on the night of the robbery, according to the statement of the officer who made the arrest.

CRUISER TO SEEK LOST COAL BARGE

(Special to The Evening Times.) Norfolk, Va., April 8.—Mechanics at the Norfolk Navy Yard and a double force is today at work getting the fleet cruiser Cleveland in readiness to sail at four o'clock this afternoon to join in the search for the naval coal barge with ten men aboard lost at sea from the towing collier Caesar since April first.

A CHANCE TO AIR VIGOROUS SLANG

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Pasadena, Cal., April 8.—When George Ade was last in Pasadena he wrote to a Dayton, O., nursery ordering a carload of fruit trees, but failed to specify that they were to be shipped to his Indiana farm. The nursery people sent them here and now there is a freight bill of \$1,000 to be met.

SUPREME BATTLE FOR THAW'S LIFE IS BEGUN

THE A. & M. INSPECTION Public Invited to Witness Interesting Event

WILL TAKE PLACE ON COLLEGE GROUNDS Tomorrow Morning at 9 O'Clock. Conducted by Capt. Lenihan of the United States War Department.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Norfolk, Va., April 8.—Two women and eight men were rescued in the breeches buoy by Captain Etheridge's life savers at Nags Head, N. C., when the four-masted schooner Louis Bossert, of New York, was blown ashore. The women are Captain Fletcher's wife and daughter.

The Bossert was bound from New York to a South Carolina port. The schooner was driven ashore at midnight and great waves broke over her. It was too rough to launch a surf boat, but the life savers shot a line over the vessel and were surprised when the first person to be pulled ashore proved to be a young woman.

The annual review and inspection of the military department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College will take place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Capt. Michael J. Lenihan of the general staff at Washington, has been detailed by the war department to conduct the examination. Captain Lenihan arrived in the city at eleven o'clock today and is the guest of Lieutenant J. S. E. Young, commandant of the A. & M. cadets.

There will be drill after the inspection is over; battalion and company drill, in both close and extended formation. Six companies and the band will be on the field, with about four hundred men in uniform. The various manoeuvres are very interesting, and as a general invitation is extended to the public, there will doubtless be present a large number of spectators. All of the events will occur on the athletic field, between the college campus and Pullen Park if the weather be fair and within the auditorium in case of rain.

ASSASSINATION OF BARRILLAS IN A CAR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) City of Mexico, April 8.—General Manuel Lizardo Barillas, formerly president of Guatemala, was assassinated at Callesmari as he sat in a Guadalupe street car. A youth about 17 years old climbed aboard, and, rushing to the general, stabbed him twice, the first blow severing the jugular vein and the second cutting his face. He died instantly.

The assassin was captured. He gave his name as Joseph E. Estrada and his home at Ocos, Guatemala.

CAPTURE OF A BOY THIEF. HIS RETURN

(Special to The Evening Times.) Salisbury, N. C., April 8.—R. L. Gray, night money clerk of the Southern Express Company who absconded last fall, was captured in Brooklyn Saturday and brought to Salisbury this morning by a Baldwin detective. Gray is a boy of seventeen and was supposed to have stolen thirty thousand dollars. He had eluded arrest six months. His robbery developed to have been fifteen hundred added to a diamond ring and a revolver. He will be tried here and will enter a plea of guilty.

A DOUBLE CRASH AND ONE MAN HURT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chattanooga, Tenn., April 8.—Freight train No. 71 on the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railroad crashed into freight train No. 51 on the road early this morning. A moment later freight train No. 17 on the Western & Atlantic crashed into a mass of wreckage which had been thrown alongside. Fireman Tom Black of No. 71 had his right leg broken and was otherwise injured. The three engines were badly damaged and six cars loaded with merchandise were totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at about \$75,000.

MOORE AND WILDER SAID TO BE AHEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, April 8.—Hoke Smith, former secretary of the interior, under President Cleveland is on his way to Europe accompanied by a few friends, prior to assuming the office of governor of Georgia. Governor Smith called on President Roosevelt today. When he emerged from the white house he was asked for an expression of his views on national politics.

ODESSA JEWS ARE IN FEAR FRESH OUTRAGES.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) St. Petersburg, April 8.—The Odessa Jews dread fresh outrages and are certain they will be attacked if the duma is dissolved. The Odessa municipal elections have resulted in a tremendous victory for the league of the Russian people, the most violent opponent of all liberalism.

The Opening of an Extraordinary Address in Behalf of Prisoner

JEROME WILL FOLLOW DELMAS ON TOMORROW

At the Morning Session of the Court, Despite Rumors That Evelyn Thaw Was Again to be Placed on the Stand, This Time to Controvert the Allegations of Hummel, Nothing Sensational Transpired, and Both the Defence and the State Rested the Case—At the Opening of the Afternoon Session the Senior Counsel for Thaw Began His Summing Up.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, April 8.—Lawyer Delmas M. Delmas, senior counsel for Harry K. Thaw, began what is expected to prove one of the most remarkable closing addresses ever delivered in a criminal case in New York at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The California lawyer has devoted a great deal of time and care to the preparation of his final efforts to save Thaw from the electric chair, or a term in prison. In this he has been ably assisted by Thaw himself. The prisoner has made copious notes of his own views and feelings in the case and all of these he turned over to Mr. Delmas to assist him in his summing up.

The Thaw jury had their last three hours of freedom for perhaps several days to come. Justice Fitzgerald announced when he adjourned court at 11 o'clock that he would cause the jurors to be locked up and kept under guard from the time the case was resumed until they have rendered their verdict. They were allowed to go to their homes today during the recess to prepare for their incarceration.

Mr. Jerome is expected to wind up the case tomorrow afternoon, and if sufficient time remains Justice Fitzgerald will charge the jury and give the case into their hands. Should there be no disagreement among the jury it is possible a verdict may be had tomorrow night. This, however, is not expected either by Thaw's lawyers or the prosecution.

A Crowded Court Room. Despite the earlier announcement that the women would be excluded from the court room, the women members of the Thaw family took their seats half an hour before that set for the beginning of Mr. Delmas' address. It was originally planned not to have them present during Delmas' summing up because it was feared they might break down.

But this plan was changed. The mother of the prisoner sat between Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and the Countess of Yarmouth, while Mrs. George L. Carnegie and her husband occupied seats in the row in front. Edward Thaw sat in the next seat to the Countess.

Assistant District Attorney Garvan, Dan O'Reilly, and all the lawyers for the defense hurried around inside the room finding accommodations for their friends. The scene inside the court room was one of bustle and hurry for more than half an hour before the lawyer from the Pacific slope began.

The friends of the prosecution found chairs inside the lower rail while those invited by the defense had to take their chances of securing seats on the outside. Before Mr. Delmas began his summing-up address at 2:15 p. m. Justice Fitzgerald began by ordering counsel for each side to exchange the suggestions they wish to be embodied in the court's charge. Justice Fitzgerald ordered the officer of the court to see that order was maintained. Mr. Jerome was not present.

Delmas Opened His Argument. Mr. Delmas said: "If your honor please, and you gentlemen of the jury, we have no more right, if the fact were known, to be here today trying the prisoner at the bar than if it was prohibited by statute. Had you heard these words from any irresponsible person?" (Continued on Page Seven.)