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## TENEMENT HOUSE FIRE IN NEW YORK BRINGS DEATH TO 3 TODAY

**Upward of Score Burned Or  
 Badly Injured in Wild  
 Jump from Windows**

**BLAZE MAY HAVE BEEN  
 A TRICK OF BURGLARS**

**Police and Central Office Detectives  
 Proceeding On Theory Crooks Set  
 Fire to House in Order to Distract  
 Attention From Contemplated  
 Looting in Neighborhood.**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, April 2.—Three persons met death, more than a score received burns or were injured by jumping from fire escapes, and an entire neighborhood was thrown into a panic early today by a fire, declared to be of incendiary origin, which burned from cellar to roof in a five-story tenement house at 44 Hester street.

The fire marshal has ordered an investigation of the blaze, and central office detectives are working on the theory that the building, which contained twenty families, was fired by burglars to attract the attention of the police and leave them free to plunder stores in another part of the neighborhood. The dead:

BERT WEINSTEIN, 25 years old, HANNAH WEINSTEIN, 22, Bert's wife.  
 MORITZ WEINSTEIN, their baby, one year old.

The injured: Rosie Dittman, 38; jumped from second story to rear yard, broken leg; Bud Miller, shoemaker, fell from fourth story fire escape, internal injuries; Aaron Goldford, 38, tallor, jumped from second story to street, internal injuries; Meyer Nettleton, 38, tallor, hands and face burned; Bryan Nettleman, 32, jumped from third story fire escape, internal injuries; Rosie Nettleman, aged seven, hands and face burned; Harry Nettleman, two and a half years old; Annie Nettleman, 31; Lena Nettleman, nine weeks old; Jacob Berman, suffering from shock; Fanny Berman, 26, suffering from shock; Annie Berman, nine weeks old, suffering from shock. All these were attended by physicians and cared for by friends.

More than half a dozen others received slight injuries. In the panic following the alarm of fire 100 men, women and children made frantic efforts to escape but were caught in a trap, for by that time the halls and stairs were blazing from cellar to roof. Many of the tenants in their excitement jumped and fell from the fire escapes.

On the first floor over the stores lived Myer Nettleton and his family and his brother Wolfe. They were awakened by the shouts of fire. Wolfe opened the door to the hall and was confronted by a wall of flames. He closed the door and made for the window, shouting to his brother to follow. Wolfe jumped to the yard and received serious injuries. Myer and the members of the family all received injuries or burns before rescued.

## ROADS DO NOT LIKE 2-CENT LAW

**And They'll Make Combined  
 Attack in Three States  
 That Have It**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, April 2.—A combined attack on the two-cent passenger rate is promised by the roads in Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri. It is probable the suits will be filed next week. It is the most important litigation the transportation companies have undertaken in years.

The call for a conference tomorrow in Chicago of officials of the Illinois roads will be sent out today, and plans for the fight will then be laid.

**Bigger Pipe Needed Now.**  
 The gas company is excavating a trench from Fayetteville street down East Martin street, in which a large gas main will be laid, the former pipes being too small to accommodate the increased patrons of gas.

## SENATOR PETTUS LOYAL TO END

**His Characteristic Report on  
 Confederate Claims Passes  
 Without Dissent**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 2.—A characteristic report prepared by the late Senator Pettus, of Alabama, as a member of the judiciary committee, was read in the senate yesterday. It was written to favorably report a bill to repeal section 3480 of the revised statutes which prohibits the payment of any claim against the United States originating before the Civil war to anyone who did not prove his loyalty to the United States during that war. The report in part is as follows:

"In December, 1868, the president issued a proclamation of general amnesty and pardon to the Confederates and the supreme court of the United States, in *Armstrong's case*, in the opinion delivered by Chief Justice Chase, declared the effect of the proclamation to be that every person who acted in that war against the United States was by that proclamation restored to all his rights and immunities as a loyal citizen of the United States, or, in other words, that the pardon of the president has in a temporal sense, the same effect as the pardon of our Master, as declared in the Bible:

"Let the wicked man forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and the sin which he has sinned shall be mentioned unto him no more forever."

"So the president's pardon, in legal effect, repealed section 3480 of the revised statutes."

The bill was passed without a dissenting voice after the report had been read.

## NORTON GOT AWAY WITH \$200,000

Hartford, Conn., April 2.—The amount of the peculations of Lucius B. Norton, president of the National Mercantile company, is placed by Receiver John K. McKone at \$200,000.

Norton has been indicted in two counts of embezzlement. The Mercantile company, which has been in existence three years, and had more than 40,000 clients in New England and the middle states, was thrown into the hands of a receiver through the application of C. F. King, Norton's financial agent in Boston.

## SIMMONS FOR LONG WATERWAY

**His Resolution Directs Survey  
 From Boston to Wilmington  
 at Cost of \$100,000**

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Senator Simmons has introduced a point resolution directing a survey of a continuous waterway from Boston to Wilmington, N. C., by way of Long Island sound, and the approaches to New York city to Raritan bay, thence across New Jersey to Delaware, and through Delaware and Maryland to Chesapeake bay; thence through Virginia and North Carolina by the sounds and Cape Fear river, to Wilmington. This survey is to be for a waterway of a minimum depth of sixteen feet. For these purposes \$100,000 is appropriated by the resolution, which was referred to the committee on commerce.

**Evans' Fleet Sails North.**  
 San Francisco, Cal., April 2.—According to wireless telegraph dispatches from the fleet received here today, the fleet sailed for the north today. Target practice was practically completed yesterday afternoon.

## SOUTHERN WILL NOT CUT WAGES AT THIS PERIOD

**Mediators Knapp and Neill  
 Find Road's Earnings Justify  
 Present Outlay for Help**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 2.—There will be no reduction in the wages of employees of the Southern railway and allied companies at this time. This decision was reached by Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, and Dr. Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, the mediators between the Southern officials and the road's employees. The mediators found the workmen unwilling to accept a reduction because, in their opinion, the depression in the earnings of the railway have not continued to such an extent as to justify a reduction.

After full consideration of the conditions incident to the inquiry, the mediators decided the present wage scale shall be continued until July 1. The company, through its officials, has accepted this, with the understanding that if by July 1 the condition of the company shall not have improved, then the subject of the negotiations shall be resumed, with the idea of reaching an arrangement based upon conditions at that time. The employes have acceded to this.

## ACOUSTICON IS NOW WORKING

**And Justice Department Officials Sit in Offices and Hear  
 Clark Soak 'Em Some**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 2.—The long-promised, widely heralded Acousticon has made its appearance in the house of representatives. It is there on trial. It is an appliance built on the order of the telephone and is designed to permit members of the house, while in the house office building, the heads of the respective departments of the government and the president at the white house, to keep in touch with what may be doing on the floor of the house.

Some humorous situations have arisen in connection with the working of the acousticon. Officials of the department of justice, sitting in their offices, heard the lambasting given them by Representative Clark, of Florida, in connection with peonage investigations and prosecutions.

A group of statesmen stopped to discuss unfavorably a newspaper correspondent. It was before the house met and they talked in whispers. Later they were horrified to learn that the acousticon had faithfully transmitted their talk to friends of the assailed man, and they are fearful of the consequences.

A western member, provoked by the frequent interruption and oratorical outbursts of an active southern member, muttered savagely: 'Ah, sit down, shut up; you talk too much anyhow.' He did not expect to be overheard. He did not wish to be overheard. But he forgot the acousticon. Later he learned his hasty remarks had been carried by the acousticon to a friend of the member criticised.

It is doubtful if the acousticon will last. It tells too many secrets.

## DIXIE FLAGS WILL RETURN FROM JERSEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
 Trenton, N. J., April 2.—The house has passed the senate joint resolution providing for the return of southern flags taken during the Civil war. The flags are to be given back to the organizations from which they were captured, the return to be made under the direction of Gov. Fort.

## LEWIS WILL TRY TO REVIVE THE INTERSTATE ACT

**New President of United Mine  
 Workers Sends for Miners  
 to Confer**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Indianapolis, Ind., April 2.—An attempt is to be made by Thomas Lewis, the new president of the United Mine Workers of America, to revive the interstate agreement between the bituminous coal workers and the operators.

To this end he sent invitations to the miners of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Western Pennsylvania to attend a meeting Monday, when the question of calling a joint conference of the miners and operators of the central competitive field will be considered.

This was practically the plan of action taken by Lewis when he succeeded John Mitchell as president of the union. His determination to carry out the program of restoring the old agreement may result in a longer closing down of some of the mines in the district, as there is a disposition on the part of both operators and miners in some districts to make local agreements for continuance of operations pending new contracts.

## RACIAL BISHOPS NOT DESIRED

**Baltimore Methodist Confer-  
 ence Doesn't Favor Black Dig-  
 nitaries for Black Churches**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 2.—Unanimously in its opposition to the proposition of creating what was termed "racial bishops," the Baltimore annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today voted down the suggestion from the general conference that colored bishops be appointed to preside over colored churches. Bishop Cranston, presiding, read an extract from the report of the proceedings of the general conference by which that body voted to submit to the conferences throughout the country the proposition of creating racial bishops, who shall be of the same nationality as the churches under them. The suggestion, while it does not say so in so many words, means that negro bishops in this event would have the same rights and authority as white bishops who preside over churches of both colors.

The action of the convention follows that of several southern conferences. A few of the northern conferences have voted affirmatively on the proposition, but it is not thought there will be a sufficient number of favorable votes to influence the general conference in inaugurating the plan at the May session.

The conference voted to ask Vice-President Fairbanks and Representative T. W. Sims to attend one of the sessions, and Rev. F. M. Bristol and Rev. R. M. Moore were named to bear the invitation to the two men.

The vice-president and Representative Sims were singled out on account of their attitude on the whiskey question, it is understood.

**State Union of Farmers.**

(Special to The Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., April 2.—After remaining in session until nearly 3 o'clock this morning, the farmers' union of this state was duly organized with Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, president; A. C. Newton, of Catawba county, vice-president; E. C. Failes, of King's Mountain, secretary and treasurer.

## ROOSEVELT STICKS TO IT THAT PEACE MUST DEPEND ON BIG SHIPS

**EVELYN DOESN'T  
 CARE FOR PAPERS**

**They can say Anything They  
 Like, She Tells Reporter,  
 About Thomas Incident**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, April 2.—"I just don't care."

That statement, made and reiterated during the fifteen minute talk with her today, summarized the attitude of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw toward her alleged expulsion with E. B. Thomas, the millionaire from the Hotel Nickerson.

Mrs. Thaw adapted the little sentence made so popular recently from the Vanderbilts: "I don't care what the newspapers say," declared Mrs. Thaw at the Hotel St. George. "I don't care what anybody else says about me."

"Just go ahead and say that I don't care. Print and circulate all the lies you like about me. I don't care." "I was not at the Knickerbocker hotel Monday night with Mr. Thomas, if you want the truth. I was not at the Knickerbocker at all. I did not dine at Monquin's, as the papers said I did. Nor was I at the Cafe Des Beaux Arts."

"As a matter of fact, I was out that evening with my lawyer, Mr. Daniel O'Reilly. But I don't care whether you say so or not. I won't have anything more to say to the newspapers. I won't defend myself in the newspapers. I'm tired of all these talks, so you can go ahead as far as you like."

"But you know Mr. E. B. Thomas, do you not?" gently asked the interviewer.

"I will have nothing to say about that. My personal affairs should not be discussed, and I will not discuss them. But that doesn't make any difference, I suppose."

It was learned today that young Mrs. Thaw's attorney, Mr. O'Reilly, will on Monday next file in the supreme court an amended complaint in her proceedings to annul her marriage to Harry K. Thaw. This amended complaint will set forth, it is said, a number of Thaw's alleged insane actions.

In this connection, it appears that Mrs. Thaw is practically free to do as she likes. No divorce action can be brought against her by the Thaws until the annulment proceedings have been brought to a conclusion, and they are brought on the ground of Thaw's insanity, and it is said, with the practical agreement of Thaw's mother, the outcome is generally regarded as almost a certainty.

Should the courts decide that the marriage between Evelyn Nesbit and Harry Thaw was invalid, there could be no divorce proceedings brought later by him.

## THREE MAY BE FATALLY HURT

**By Railroad Crash on Sharp  
 Curve of Wheeling and  
 Elm Grove Road**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Wheeling, W. Va., April 2.—Over-taken on a sharp curve of the Wheeling and Elm Grove railroad, near East Wheeling, last night, three persons were probably fatally injured when a rapidly moving car dashed into them. They were:

Walter Myers, 29 years old, skull fractured.  
 Ina Myers, 19, skull fractured.  
 William Myers, 9 years old, internal injuries.

Their mother, Margaret Myers, stepped off the track just in time to avoid being run down.

**Dr. Hill May Land in London.**

(By Cable to The Times)

London, April 2.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is creditably reported that Dr. David Jayne Hill, American ambassador-designate, will serve in Berlin a few months and then replace Whitelaw Reid as ambassador at London.

**Tells Delegates From North  
 Carolina Peace Society That  
 We Must Be Prepared**

**NEGOTIATING TREATIES;  
 SENATE RATIFYING THEM**

**We Must, He Says, Have at Least  
 Four More Battle Craft and Some  
 Coilers, and Better Fortifications  
 at Havana and Guantanamo.**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 2.—A delegation of peace-loving citizens from North Carolina called at the White House today, and, as all the parties concerned in the discussion, including the president, agreed perfectly upon the policy to be pursued, there was not a discordant note.

The North Carolina Peace society, which expects eventually to become nation-wide in its influence, was represented by its president, Hayne Davis, and a delegation of 15 members. Capt. Hobson, congressman from Alabama, arranged for the call during a visit he made to the president's office this morning.

Senator Overman, Mr. Davis and others made speeches, and the president expressed his pleasure over the meeting, and the work of the peace society.

The chairman of the delegation spoke as follows:

Mr. President.—The North Carolina Peace society, at a special meeting recently held, adopted the following resolution by an unanimous vote:

"The North Carolina Peace society hereby endorses the naval program submitted to the present congress by the president of the United States. The society advocates adequate armament and effective arbitration as correlative agencies of national security and international justice."

"Adequate armament necessitated an unquestionably superior naval power in the waters adjacent to our possessions in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

"Effective arbitration necessitates treaties between our country and all other governments by which the contracting powers mutually agree to respect each other's territory and sovereignty in said territory, and to arbitrate all other questions of law or fact."

"The Wilmington chamber of commerce, the Raleigh chamber of commerce, and the boards of aldermen in leading North Carolina cities have heartily endorsed this action by the North Carolina Peace society and  
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## SHOOTER HEFLIN GIVES HIS BOND

**Held in \$3,000 for Trial for 2  
 Assaults with Dangerous  
 Weapon**

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, April 2.—Representative Hefflin, of Alabama, appeared in the police court today and gave bond in the sum of \$3,000 to insure his appearance for trial on two charges of assault with a dangerous weapon. Assistant District Attorney Given fixed bond in each case at \$1,500, and this was immediately furnished by Orrin G. Staples, proprietor of the Riggs house, where the Alabama congressman is stopping.

Mr. Hefflin called at Assistant District Attorney Given's office this morning with Representative Clayton, of Alabama, and Mr. Staples and indicated a desire to conclude the preliminary proceedings in the grand jury case.

No further action will be taken in the representative's case until the grand jury reports.