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## HOTEL BURNED; FIVE ARE DEAD

All Exits Cut off By Flames and Guests Are Taken Through Windows

## THROWN INTO PANIC

Half a Hundred Men and Women Cling to Windows Until Rescued by Firemen But Several Jump and Are Injured—One Man Suffocated in His Room—Tried to Escape Through the Window But Was Weak From Intoxication and Could Not Get Out.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Denver, Col., Sept. 8.—Awakened from their sleep by the shouts of fire shortly after 4 o'clock this morning, guests of the Hotel Belmont, 1737 Stout street, were thrown into a panic which resulted in the death of five.

The dead: George Burtell, conductor; George Bode, Middletown, N. Y., died in hospital from effects of jumping from third-story window; George Ott, Dodge City, Kas., died as result jumping from window; John D. Kane and H. M. Moore, and the serious injury of eight others.

Within a few moments after the shout of fire sounded through the house guests in every room rushed to the exits. All of these were cut off by the flames. There was no way to escape except through the windows and by jumping out.

Half a hundred men, women and children could be seen clinging out of the windows when the fire companies arrived.

Before any assistance could be secured several persons jumped from the burning building to the sidewalk. Of these Moore was one.

Kane was suffocated in his room. He entered late in the evening in an intoxicated condition. It is evident that after he heard the warning he rushed to the window to leap to the adjoining roof. The window was locked and being weak from the influence of liquor he was unable to make his escape.

R. M. Moore, of Philadelphia, who was instantly killed by jumping from the third story window, recently came here from the east for his health.

NEW STOCK COMPANY.

Will Do a Gents' Furnishing Business, Democrats Enthusiastic for Bryan.

Hamlet, N. C., Sept. 8.—Pillow & Co., which do a gents' furnishing business, has been organized into a stock company with the following officers and incorporators: W. H. Purvis, president; J. C. Niemyer, vice-president; G. W. Pillow, secretary and treasurer. Directors: J. S. Bishop, H. P. Austin, J. C. Niemyer, J. C. Medlin, O. T. Goodwin, C. C. Page, and J. R. Gordon. The firm will continue to do business in the same stand with G. W. Pillow as manager.

The democrats in this section are very enthusiastic and will pile up a safe democratic majority for Bryan. Mr. J. C. Niemyer, a well known furniture dealer and a staunch democrat, has a graphophone in his place with a good supply of records of Bryan's speeches, which he plays free of charge to all who wish to hear them. A good many democrats in this section favored Craig for governor, but since he failed to receive the nomination they express their willingness to support the choice of the majority.

TOURISTS FROZEN.

Climb the Alps and Get Lost in a Fog, Rescued by Guide. Geneva, Sept. 8.—After climbing the Jungfrau, Ormiston Smith, an English Alpinist, found four German tourists—two women and two men, in a frozen condition. They had climbed the mountain and, becoming lost in a fog had wandered about for forty-eight hours. All were nearly dead from exposure and lack of food. The men had dug holes in the ice, in which they placed the women. Their hands and feet were frozen. Mr. Smith and his guides carried the exhausted tourists down the mountain some distance, where they received treatment and were later removed to a hospital.

## Mrs. Charlotte Hitchcock On Trial In N. Y. For Murder of Husband



Mrs. Charlotte Hitchcock, on trial in New York on the charge of having murdered her husband, and Dr. Van Gieson, who testified that after placing Mrs. Hitchcock in a hypnotic state, he obtained from her what he declared to be a true statement to the effect that her husband shot her, and then killed himself.

made her promise to take the blame

## CONDITION OF CROPS SEPT. 1ST

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Sept. 8.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture finds, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, that the condition of corn on September 1 was 79.4 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 82.5 per cent. last month, 80.2 on September 1, 1907; 90.2 on September 1, 1906, and a 10-year average on September 1 of 81.0 per cent. The average condition of spring wheat when harvested was 77.6 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 80.7 last month, 77.1 when harvested in 1907, 83.4 in 1906, and a 10-year average when harvested of 77.9.

The average condition of the oat crop when harvested was 69.7 against 76.8 last month, 65.5 when harvested in 1907, 81.9 in 1906, and a 10-year average when harvested of 80.7.

Tobacco—The average condition of tobacco on September 1 was 84.3, against 85.8 last month, 82.5 on September 1, 1907, 86.2 in 1906, and a 10-year average on September 1, of 83.7. The condition on September 1, in important states was: Kentucky, 82; North Carolina, 84; Virginia, 90; Tennessee, 90; Ohio, 70; Wisconsin, 83; Connecticut, 99; Florida, 94.

## CENSUS BUREAU'S GINNING REPORT

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Sept. 8.—The census bureau's report on cotton ginned to September 1, issued today, shows the following, counting round as half bales:

States.	Year	Bales	Ginneries
United States	1908	397,924	6,613
United States	1907	200,278	4,980
United States	1906	407,551	6,628
United States	1905	476,655	8,629
Alabama.	1908	26,096	966
Arkansas.	1908	319	110
Florida.	1908	2,291	82
Georgia.	1908	62,940	1,419
Louisiana.	1908	4,219	383
Mississippi.	1908	4,261	546
N. C. R'lina.	1908	98	28
Oklahoma.	1908	8	7
S. C. R'lina.	1908	9,339	637
Tennessee.	1908	6	3
Texas.	1908	288,347	2,432

Includes 20,514 round bales for 1908, 11,503 for 1907; 21,855 for 1906, and 22,231 for 1905, and 1-324 for 1908, 85 for 1907, 63 for 1906, and 1,165 for 1905. The statistics for 1908 are subject to slight corrections when checked against the individual returns of ginneries being transmitted to the bureau by mail.

GOMPERS ATTACKS CANNON.

Goes to His Home Town and Makes Speech Against the Hard-headed Speaker. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Danville, Ill., Sept. 8.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, attacked the record of Speaker Cannon in the latter's own home town here yesterday. Before an enthusiastic audience of 2,000 labor men in Lincoln Park Mr. Gompers said some mighty uncomplimentary things about the speaker. He came to Danville for the purpose of making a speech to the laboring men of the place, hoping in this way to defeat Uncle Joe for congress in November.

## FOUR DEAD IN TENEMENT FIRE

Ten Are Missing and Others Are Believed to Have Perished

## MANY NARROW ESCAPES

Spectacular Fire Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin in Seven-story Tenement—Search for Bodies Being Made Today. Two Women Seen on Fire Escape Scrambled and Fell Back into Fire and Are Believed to Have Perished in the Flames.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Sept. 8.—Four are dead and the bodies of many others are believed to be in the ruins of a fire which destroyed the seven-story building which extends from No. 542 to 548 Water street. One of the dead was identified as a young woman, another as the body of a man of middle age and the two others recovered were so charred that it was impossible to determine whether they were men or women. All were sweatshop workers. The fire is believed to have been incendiary. Search of the ruins was begun at daybreak to locate other bodies, as ten persons are missing.

Twenty-six men were rescued by the bravery of firemen and police. Many of these had narrow escapes from death. Workers seen in the building which was occupied chiefly by sweatshops at the outbreak of the flames, are missing.

Two women seen on a fire escape on the fifth floor scrambled and fell back into the fire. No men were rescued and their bodies were not certain.

The fire started on the second floor and got going so rapidly that before the firemen arrived on the first alarm the flames had spread up through the upper floors and were shooting from the windows on both the Water and Cherry street sides and it looked for a time as if the entire block was doomed.

The fire ate down to the basement and shot up through the roof, filling the air with brands and sending a shower of sparks over the neighborhood for blocks around. It was one of the most spectacular fires ever seen on the lower Eastside, and for three hours it raged.

SOUTHERN PENSIONS.

James Creelman to Write Story of the South's Efforts to Reward Her Old Soldiers.

Mr. James Creelman, the famous war-correspondent and eminent journalist, has written to Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes asking for information about the pension rolls of North Carolina. He says it is his intention to write a series of articles showing how the south has borne and is still bearing her burdens without asking for outside aid of any kind. These articles will be published in Pearson's Magazine, and will make interesting reading.

## INTENSE INTEREST IN SECOND PRIMARY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Columbia, S. C., Sept. 8.—Intense interest is being shown in the second primaries which are being taken throughout the state today. The races are between E. D. Smith and ex-Governor Jora Gary Evans, for the United States senate; John E. Swearingen, Senator Tillman's nephew, and S. R. Mellichamp for state superintendent of education, and B. L. Caughman and James Candler for railroad commissioner. In each race the candidate first named led at the first primary, and the indications are that each will hold his lead and secure the nomination. Evans has been badly hurt through the eleventh hour revelation that irregular ticket men: out from his campaign headquarters were distributed through official channels. Vote today will probably be heavier than in the first primary, with which river floods seriously interfered.

## ALDERMAN MOORE AND THE POLICE

Alderman Moore and Officer Peebles Discuss Both Sides of an Interesting Question

## WILL BE AIRED IN COURT

Mr. Moore Issues Signed Statement About His Encounter With the Guardian of the Law—Officer Peebles Gives His Side of the Question—"Dad Lim Mr. Robbins!" Says the City Father—Officer Peebles Sorry He Didn't Arrest Alderman.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

The horns' nest stirred up by the report in yesterday's Times, headed "Alderman vs. Police," is responsible for the following statement from T. E. Moore, alderman:

"In reply to an article in The Times of Sept. 7 entitled 'Alderman vs. Police,' I would like to say that I drove down to the depot Sunday p. m. to meet some friends who were coming in on the Seaboard train, No. 41. As the train was backing under the shed I moved my team over to the curb near the men's waiting-room. The officer alluded to requested me to move my team across the street. I asked his reasons for wishing me to move and he replied that 'Mr. Robbins kicked so much about private vehicles being allowed to drive up near the depot, while public hacks were not allowed to do so,' and not because I was blocking the street, or causing anyone any inconvenience. It seems to me that the police are more zealous in catering to the whims of a big 'liveryman' than in upholding the majesty of the law.

"T. E. MOORE."

In conversation with a Times representative Mr. Moore stated that he was not blocking traffic at the station and did not think he was breaking a city ordinance. He said it was his understanding that the officer wanted him to leave just because a liveryman objected to his being there, and he wasn't going to do it, for he has as much right there as anybody.

Learning of Mr. Moore's statements to the reporter, Mr. Peebles, the officer who ordered Alderman Moore to "move on," gave out the following statement:

"Mr. T. E. Moore drove his carriage up to the curbing in front of the men's waiting-room at the union depot, and stopped. I went up to Mr. Moore and asked him to move his carriage away as there was an ordinance against allowing a carriage to stand there. Mr. Moore said it was no violation of the law and he wasn't going to move. I told him that his carriage was standing in front of Mr. Robbins' team, and if Mr. Robbins should come down he could make a big kick against him."

"Dad lim Robbins!" said Alderman Moore.

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## Rev. P. G. Elsom Will Not Resign His Pastorate



## WILL VOTE FOR BRYAN Nearly a Million Negroes Will Vote Democratic

Dr. Carrothers Thinks it Will Be a Good Thing For the Negroes if They Will Exercise Independence in Politics and Not Blindly Vote the Republican Ticket.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Sept. 8.—Declaring that 800,000 or 900,000 negro voters of the country will cast their ballot next November "for Bryan as a rebuke to the Roosevelt administration for its treachery in dealing with the negro soldiers, and the illy white propaganda of the south, which means the political death of the American negro," the Rev. Sylvester L. Carrothers, pastor of the Baptist church last evening.

Dr. Carrothers, who is president of the national independent, civil and political league of American negroes, spoke in reply to negro leaders who are urging the cause of Taft. He said, in part:

"The fact that in every town in the union negroes are divided on the question of politics is the most encouraging sign. No man now can tell to what political party the negro belongs by the color of his face. In future the negro purposes to vote for men and measures, and not for a party."

"If 1,000,000 negroes will vote for Bryan in November the negroes of this country will receive more respect in the next four years than they have received in the last forty. Independence, industry, self-respect demand that the negro, like all other American citizens, use his ballot to secure his rights and allow no man to buy or sell him."

## PAPKE WILL FIGHT KELLEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Sept. 8.—Hugo Kelly, of this city will be Billy Papke's next opponent in the ring. This much was decided today in a bunch of telegrams that flashed between James J. Jeffries, of the Los Angeles Club, and Silvey Ferretti, of this city, manager of Kelly.

The date is set for October 14, and the battle will be 25 rounds in the same arena in which Papke met Ketchel yesterday. The weight will be 158 at 6 o'clock, the men to start battling at 9 o'clock. Fifty-five per cent. of the entire gate receipts will be the reward; 60 per cent. to the winner and 40 per cent. to the loser, with 5 per cent. of the gross to Papke for a bonus.

Blind Tiger in Court House. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Paris, Ill., Sept. 8.—Ellis Weant was arrested while selling whiskey by the bottle in the basement of the court house. Paris is a dry town and Weant was doing a rushing business when caught.

## A STATEMENT BY REV. P. G. ELSOM

Pastor of Disrupted Fayetteville Street Baptist Church Makes a Statement

## HE EXPLAINS SITUATION

Speaks of Work Accomplished During His Pastorate—140 Members Added to Church—Church Stronger Than When He Took Charge. No Charges Against His Character—Retraction of Charges Without Condition—His Statement at Variance With Story of Seceders. Fair Deal to Both Sides.

Rev. P. G. Elsom, pastor of the Fayetteville Street Baptist church, the story of whose troubles with his flock was published yesterday, has returned to the city. It was impossible to get his side of the story yesterday and it is given herewith:

"Since I took charge of the church," said Rev. Mr. Elsom, "the membership of the church has increased from 118 to 258, or about that. There have been 140 additions during my pastorate. We have a large congregation, and deducting the sixty members that have withdrawn, we now have a great many more than when I took charge. I now have a peaceful church. The factions are no longer, and those who remain will work together for good."

"As to the origin of the trouble, I would like to state that the charges referred to did not in any way attack my character. They could bring no charges against my character, as I have tried to live the gospel I preach before the people of Raleigh. The people of Raleigh know me and I love them. My deacon or other member of my church has a right to say against my character. The only charges I know anything about arose about my style of preaching. What certain members of my church said about it was so offensive to me that I threatened suit and demanded a retraction, or that they prove the truth of their charges."

"In a few days I got an apology, retracting all they had said about me and saying that it was a closed incident, if I would join them in making it so. I accepted their apology without any conditions whatever. I was glad that everything was so amicably settled."

"But after the brethren had fixed these matters and I had accepted their terms in good faith, to my sorrow and grief, they left the church. These people had been my friends and brothers, and I loved them all, and we had worked together like brothers. After our differences had been adjusted I was greatly grieved that they should leave."

"There is a great deal of interest in town about the troubles of this church and its pastor. It will be seen that Pastor Elsom's statement, matched up with the story published yesterday, puts the warring factions further apart than ever. The reporter has been careful to state the contentions of both sides fairly and accurately. What will be the outcome of the fight now on, it is impossible to say. It is to be hoped that matters may yet be amicably adjusted and that the seceders will return to the church."

LOOKS LIKE BRYAN.

Judge Parker Thinks the Situation in the West is Encouraging.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, who will appear before Justice Gould in the supreme court of the District of Columbia tomorrow as counsel for the American Federation of Labor and President Samuel Gompers in the injunction case of the Bucks Stove & Range Company, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon.

The political situation, according to the former democratic candidate for the presidency, is favorable to Bryan. Judge Parker said he had gained the impression of a recent trip through the West. He states that the democratic movement was strong and gaining in popularity every day, and that he looked for Bryan's election in November.