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THREEMEN BLOWN HIGH IN THE AIR

Gas Explosion in Street the Cause of Frightful Tragedy

ENTIRE BLOCK WRECKED

Water Main Breaking the Original Cause of the Disaster, This Causing the Breaking of a Gas Main. Men Looking For Gas Leak Struck Matches, and This Was Followed by a Terrific Explosion—Received Serious Injuries.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, Sept. 21.—Hurled high in the air by a tremendous explosion of gas following the undermining of a part of Hudson street, Hoboken, three men received such terrible injuries early today that they are reported to be dying in St. Mary's hospital.

The men are Robert Broth and Benjamin Brasch, of 126 Hudson street, and William Sass, of 25 Garden street.

By the breaking of a big water-main under the sidewalk in front of 123 Hudson street a large section of the street was undermined and caved in. Little notice was taken of the happening until some time later, when a strong smell of gas routed out the sleepers in the houses thereabouts.

Broth and Brasch went out to investigate. They were joined by Sass, who was passing. The caved-in portion of the street and sidewalk showed that the water-main had burst and the water was flowing down toward the river, but the men could not discover where the gas came from.

Knowing that big illuminating gas-main was laid on that side of the street all three men lighted matches and began to look for the break. An instant later, with a terrible roar, fully 20 square feet of the street, paved with asphalt and the flagging of the sidewalk were shot upward.

High above the debris flew the three men, Sass going as high as the top of the houses. Apparently he got the full force of the explosion. The other two did not make such an extended trip skyward, but all three were unconscious and groaning when occupants of the near-by houses ran out in terror to see what was the trouble. Some thought the explosion was the result of an attack by black-mallers and women and children screamed in terror.

The entire street for nearly a block was undermined.

Surgeons at St. Mary's hospital say the three men have but a slight chance of recovery.

No cause is known for the breaking of the main.

THE MASONIC CARNIVAL.

Ladies Urged to Meet Tomorrow Afternoon to Attend to Decorating.

The executive, and all other committees and ladies interested in the Masonic Indoor Carnival, are urged to meet at the Temple Tuesday afternoon (tomorrow) four-thirty o'clock. The booths have been built and ready for decorating and the midway features are ready to install. The short time allowed before the opening (Oct. 5) will require considerable hustling to have everything ready, so all are earnestly requested to begin the decorating at once.

New features are being added daily and contributions are coming in fast.

Now is the time to start the earnest work. Let every one respond.

RICHMOND WINS PENNANT IN VIRGINIA STATE LEAGUE.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Richmond, Va., Sept. 21.—The baseball season of 1908 came to a close here Saturday, with Richmond 93 points in the lead of Danville. Never before has Richmond even come close to winning the rag. The fight was a long and hard one between Danville and Richmond, and until about three weeks ago, when Danville began to weaken and Richmond grew strong. Manager Perry Alpe is receiving the congratulations of the entire population of Richmond.

CHELSEA AGAIN SWEEPED BY FLAMES

General Alarm for Help Sent Out and Boston and Other Cities Respond

MANY PLANTS BURNED

More Than Twenty Factory Plants and Dwelling Houses Have Been Destroyed, and the Fire Not Yet Under Control—Two Hundred and Fifty Employees in Box Factory Endangered by Rapid Spread of the Flames—Big Shoe Factory of Kelly Bros. Burned.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Boston, Sept. 21.—A general fire-alarm summoning help from Boston, Malden, Everett, and surrounding places was sounded at 8 o'clock for a fire which has already destroyed the immense box manufacturing plant of Atwood & McManus, Sixth street, Chelsea, and which threatened the big manufacturing plants and the tenements adjoining.

The Atwood & McManus factory—a three-story wooden building, was swept by the flames so rapidly that the 250 hands employed there had to scurry out for their lives.

The big shoe factory of Lee Bros., and of Walton & Logan, adjoining the burning box factory, are in danger of being destroyed. The side of the Lee Bros. plant nearest the fire was caught, and the fireman are working to save the endangered structure. At 9:45 the following plants were in flames and destroyed:

Atwood & McManus box factory; Kelly Bros. shoe factory; Pope & Cottles' lumber yard.

Not only is the Atwood & McManus plant a fire-swept wreck, but several million feet of valuable lumber, most of it dried and ready to be worked up, have been destroyed. The Chelsea bottling works and the plant of the John Carr Plumbing Company have been destroyed.

The fire swept along Everett avenue from the Atwood & McManus plant, and burned 14 houses, the occupants fleeing with what light furniture and other possessions they could carry in their arms.

Carr Bros. brass factory, on Carter street, and George T. Emory's mahogany yard, on Everett; a three-story house adjoining, owned by Jas. Hogan and Pope & Cottle (second) lumber yard, as it is known, are burned out.

Fire engines are on the scene from Boston, Charlestown, Somerville, Stoneham, Malden, Everett, and Revere.

CANNON IS A SCALAWAG SAYS THE PREACHER

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Chicago, Sept. 21.—"Joseph G. Cannon is a scalawag, who should be ignored by the people," is one of the statements made by Dr. William T. McElween, pastor of the First Congregational church of Evanston, Ind., in a lively little talk yesterday to the members of the Young Men's Bible Class of the church. The subject that Dr. McElween spoke upon was "The Ethical Significance of Governor Hughes' renomination."

"Young men, be careful in the choice for men for whom you are going to cast your votes in the coming election and beware of Speaker Cannon, of Senators Hopkins, Platt and Aldrich," said Dr. McElween.

"Of course these men are shrewd. That is their business—to be adroit politicians. And as for J. G. Sherman, the 'Sunny Jim' of the newspapers, why, he is nothing more than a prince of politicians who has more tact than worth. The God of Abraham, of Jacob, and of the other notables of Bible days is the God of Hughes, of Bryan and of Roosevelt today."

Georgia Sheriff Shot.
(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Fort Gains, Ga., Sept. 21.—W. W. Beard, sheriff of Clay county, was mortally shot at 7 o'clock this morning by a negro supposed to be the man who killed the Pins boy at Shelburn last week. A posse is in pursuit.

Charles W. Morse Recuperating His Lost Fortunes of the Recent Panic



Charles W. Morse, whose activities in ice, banking and the Coast Line shipping, came to an end some time ago, in the collapse of many of his enterprises, has succeeded in so financially recuperating and is about to resume his control of the National Bank of North America.

TOWNS BURNED MANY HOMELESS

Rhineland, Wis., Sept. 21.—The towns of Gagen and Woodboro are totally destroyed, their populations, consisting of 4,000 men, women and children, are homeless and the refugees are joining with able-bodied residents of Rhineland today in fighting a new forest fire which threatens every minute to bear down upon the town and consume it.

Men and women fought the blaze all night, but despite the aid of a favorable charge of the wind little progress was made.

Citizens of the town, terrified by the fire, have decided to ask Davidson to call out the Wisconsin state troops to aid in saving the town. The fire is a fresh one and is not a continuation of the forest fires which last week did so much damage. The forests are like tinder owing to the continued drought and the flames threaten to consume them entirely.

Fearing the fate that befell Gagen and Woodboro the mayor of Rhineland requested Milwaukee to send a fire engine to protect the city and an engine, have a mile of hose and a truck soon were on the way on a special train.

The fire started in the woods in the early morning and quickly reached Gagen and Woodboro. Men, women and children fought valiantly to save their houses but without avail.

Thieves Dynamite Postoffice.
Erie, Pa., Sept. 21.—Word from Albion early this morning is to the effect that thieves dynamited the postoffice safe there and succeeded in getting away with \$1,000 and a quantity of stamps.

THAW'S FIGHT FOR JURY TRIAL

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Harry K. Thaw's fight for a trial by jury to consider his sanity plea begins today with District Attorney Jerome strenuously opposing all efforts to re-open the case.

Judge Isaac M. Mills, of the supreme court today accepts briefs from Charles Morsehauser, Thaw's attorney, and Mr. Jerome, and will then decide upon the application of Stanford White's lawyer as to whether he is entitled to a trial by jury on his allegation that he is sane and is being unlawfully confined.

BALTIMORE WINS THE EASTERN LEAGUE PENNANT.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 21.—The Eastern League baseball season ended yesterday with double-headers at New York and Providence and Baltimore won the pennant. It was not until the final games that the possessor of second place was determined. Newark captured the opening game from Jersey City while Providence downed the Baltimore Orioles. But the Indians were not successful in the second encounter and as the Grays again defeated the Orioles in the second game, second place goes to Stallings' crew.

The race was one of the closest battles since the league was organized. It was not until the closing week that the pennant winner was decided. The Orioles had the lead by a scant margin, and although they dropped the series of four games to the Grays they led the league by two games.

HASKELL WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

He Flatly Denies Hearst's Charges, Foraker However Out of the Game

INFLUENCE OF CHARGES

Democratic Leaders Said to be Embarrassed by Hearst's Accusations Against Haskell—Mr. Bryan Will Hereafter Paramount Bank Guarantee Plan—Hearst's Attack on Foraker Requires a Change in Plan of Democratic Campaign—Will Now Give Him Plenty of Rope, Paying Him Little Attention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, Sept. 21.—The New York Press has the following news report today on the conference between W. J. Bryan, National Democratic Chairman Norman E. Mack, and D. Cady Herrick, in Albany:

"Chairman Mack and Bryan talked over the Hearst charges against Gov. Haskell, of Oklahoma, the treasurer of the democratic national committee. Parker's advice was sought in this instance. Mack was reticent on his return last night when questioned about Haskell, but he intimated that although Senator Foraker has been driven from the Taft campaign by Hearst's accusation in connection with Standard Oil, Haskell will not quit so easily.

"He will rest his case simply on a flat denial of the truth of Hearst's accusation.

"It is evident, however, that Bryan, Mack, and other democratic leaders are embarrassed seriously by Hearst's charges that Standard Oil interests are on friendly terms with Bryan in this campaign. Bryan, it was learned, intended to 'make a great play' in the west on his assertion that the steel trust is supporting the Taft campaign.

"One of Bryan's closest friends said yesterday the Nebraskan will make most prominent hereafter his plan to have national banks guarantee their deposits, as he believes this is a popular cry. Bryan has said confidentially that he believes the bank guarantee plan one of his strongest issues in this campaign, as it has been received well everywhere he has used it for a text.

"Another change has been made necessary in Bryan's plans. He was preparing to picture Hearst as really 'in cahoot' with the republicans for a consideration, but Hearst's attack on Foraker and the consternation it has caused in republican ranks will cause Bryan to go slow in assailing Hearst along the line planned.

"Prominent democrats advised Bryan yesterday that Hearst is injuring the republican party even more than he is hurting Bryan, and that it would be best for Bryan to give him plenty of rope, and pay as little attention to him as possible."

LIFE SENTENCE TRIVIAL CHARGE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Galveston, Tex., Sept. 21.—Chaplain Jake Hodges, of the Texas state penitentiary, at Huntsville, has just brought to light that W. J. Dent, a cousin of General T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson, and a member of one of the first families of Virginia, is a life-term prisoner in this institution; that his incarceration seems without due process of law and that his offense was not such as to warrant such punishment even in Russia. He has endured the sufferings for eight years, but disclosure by the prison chaplain has aroused indignation and started a move to secure his pardon.

Dent ten years ago was given a short time for swindling, but was pardoned. While imprisoned he formed a friendship with a man named Isaacs, who was serving a life-sentence for accessory to murder. Released from prison, Dent got hold of a pardon blank, which had been used, and substituting the name of Isaacs, secured the latter's release. Isaacs disappeared, but Dent was caught and sentenced for life.

PARIS VISITED BY COSTLY FIRE

Post Office, Central Telephone Buildings and Large Department Store Destroyed

ORIGIN IS MYSTERIOUS

Business Is At a Standstill—Firemen Fight Day and Night—Thousands of Letters and Packages Burned, Confusing the Mail System so Greatly That Authorities Have Issued Bulletins Stating That System Will be Out of Commission for Some Time—Troops Called Out to Drive Away Vagabonds.

(By Cable to The Times)
Paris, Sept. 21.—Business is completely at a standstill in Paris today as the result of the \$5,000,000 fire which wiped out the telephone system and destroyed the new five-story central telephone building this morning.

It was not until daylight that the firemen, weary with fighting flames all day yesterday in the Faubourg street Denis department store and at night at the postoffice and central telephone building, managed to get the ravaging conflagration under control.

Even at this time it is impossible to estimate the vast loss which will result from the sweeping flames. Business is so badly crippled that it will require weeks to get it to normal again. Figured conservatively upon the apparent damage done the loss will reach \$5,000,000, but indirectly the loss will be much greater.

Paris might just as well be transported to the middle ages today so far as long distance communication is concerned. Added to this the burning of the postoffice burned many thousands of letters and postal packages and has confused the mail system so greatly that the authorities have issued bulletins to the people stating that it will be some time before the system is again in working order.

The origin of the fire is somewhat mysterious and numerous rumors gained currency today while the investigation was being made by the police.

It was reported that the conflagration was of an incendiary nature but later this gave way to the newer rumor that it had originated from a short circuit. The employees of the central office are being questioned today but so far this has revealed nothing. The description of the fire as told by the young women employees of the office is most graphic. The girls were first aroused by clouds of smoke, which surged through the building seemingly from nowhere. The burning gutta-percha, which was used in great quantities in the telephone equipment, added a pungent volume which was almost deadly to the inmates of the place.

Within a short time the entire five floors of the building were so completely filled with smoke as to render escape a perilous action. The women found their way to the windows by keeping close to the walls.

The firemen raised ladders and carried down the half fainting women, while others ascended the roofs to adjoining building, carrying ladders and axes and lines of hope upon their errands of rescue.

Meantime the streets were rapidly filling with a crowd so vast that the police could not control it. Platoon after platoon of reserve men were ordered to the scene by the prefect but they were swallowed up in the vortex of seething humanity and proved utterly unable to handle the mighty throng.

The spectators disregarded the orders of the police and crowded upon the firemen hindering them in their work, making the fight against the flames a much more severe task.

The officers of the telephone companies gave the public every assurance today that the system would be placed in normal working order as quickly as possible and almost before the ruins of the building had ceased to smoke an army of men had been set to work.

It was one of the most spectacular and costly fires that ever visited Paris. The flames roared from the roof of the telephone building, giving it the appearance of a seething conflagration. Greedy tongues leaped from (Continued on Page Seven.)

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