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MANY GIRLS TRAPPED IN FACTORY FIRE

Flames Sweep Through Newark Box Factory With Terribly Fatal Results

MANY ARE DEAD

One Hundred Girls Were in Factory When the Fire Started and It Is Thought That as Many as Thirty of Them Lost Their Lives—Forty of the Girls Jumped From the Windows and Many of These Were Seriously Hurt—Flames Spread so Rapidly That They Were Beyond All Control Before the Firemen Reached the Scene—Building Was Destroyed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Newark, N. J., Nov. 26.—Trapped in an inferno of flame, four hundred men and girls fought for their lives when the six story manufacturing building at High and Orange streets was destroyed by fire today. The blaze is believed to have been started when a live cigarette stub was thrown among waste paper on the first floor, occupied by the Newark Paper Box Factory.

By noon fifteen bodies had been recovered, 30 were missing and 75 victims, many of them believed to be mortally wounded, lay in the two chief hospitals of the city.

Many of the thirty missing are believed to have lost their lives when the upper floors crashed through to the basement.

At the height of the fire three Roman Catholic priests fought their way past the police into the burning structure and while the flames roared about them and falling glass and timbers crashed on every side, administered the last rites to the dying.

The destroyed building was a veritable fire trap, being of frame construction with only one fire escape.

Upon this the frenzied girls, and several men, flung themselves. Most of those whose bodies have been recovered were hurled from the fire escape by the struggling crowds and were crushed to death on the pavements.

Chief Astley declared that a rigid investigation, to be followed by arrests would be made.

"Why that building was permitted to stand is a mystery to me," said the chief. "My men were powerless."

RIOTOUS SCENES IN GERMAN REICHSTAG

(By Cable to The Times.)

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Riotous scenes were enacted in the Reichstag today when Herr Labadour, a socialist member, made a bitter attack on the Kaiser. Hisses and oaths came from the government's side of the house when the socialist member, after ridiculing the emperor's pretensions to divine right, declared that the monarch's recent public utterances not only were in execrable taste but were little short of an insult to the intelligence of all Germans who have the true interests of the nation at heart.

The other socialist members wildly applauded Herr Labadour's strictures and the din was terrific as the various sections tried to overwhelm each other with noise. Several of the more extreme members almost came to blows before order was restored.

Richard T. Wilson Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Nov. 26.—Richard T. Wilson, of the banking firm of R. T. Wilson & Co., and one of America's best known millionaire financiers, died at his Fifth avenue home at 2 o'clock this morning. He was 79 years old. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Mrs. Ogden Goelet, daughters of Mr. Wilson, were at the bedside. Mr. Wilson's fortune is estimated at more than \$20,000,000 and he was a director in more than a score of railroad and industrial corporations.



Mrs. Bessie Hunt, who four months ago was divorced by John Wright Hunt, the millionaire "Turpentine King" of Los Angeles, on charges of intimacy with Prince Tcherniatoff, cousin of the Czar of Russia, but who has filed a counter suit for divorce against her husband. She declares that she has evidence which justifies her in asking that the proceedings be again opened.

Those poor girls were killed and maimed in a fire trap.

At 3:30 this evening 43 bodies had been recovered from the ruins.

Details of Fire.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 26.—One hundred girls were trapped by flames in a box factory at High and Orange streets here today and half an hour after the flames broke out Fire Chief Astley declared that at least thirty of them had been killed. The building was destroyed.

The fire broke out shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and spread so rapidly among the combustible materials in the six story building that before the firemen were on the scene flames were pouring from the windows and the building was enveloped in smoke.

Forty of the girls jumped from windows and many of them received serious injuries. Several were fatally injured. The flames made such headway upon the paper and other inflammable materials in the building that it was a roaring, seething furnace before the firemen got fully into action.

Four alarms were turned in and by the time the firemen arrived the flames were shooting from the windows, while girls, hysterical from fright, were climbing through them to seek the air and safety. Despite the warning call from policemen in the street they jumped.

Those upon the lower floors who made their way to safety told the firemen it was useless to try to venture into the place.

The screams of imprisoned men and girls could be heard from the street.

The employees in the upper floors were taken unawares and a mad scramble for the stairways ensued. Many were trampled under foot in the wild rush and soon smoke drove them back towards the windows.

In the other manufacturing places—for there were a dozen in the building, the same maddening scenes followed. The fire started on the first floor and the draft of the elevator shafts fanned it into a fury.

Employees of the lower floor started upstairs to warn the men and girls employed above and were themselves trapped.

The building is in the heart of the manufacturing district and for a time all adjoining structures were threatened.

The paper box factory where the majority of the girls were employed, occupied the second and third floors of the building.

At 10:30 o'clock the police declared that they believed twenty girls had lost their lives and that the death list might be higher.

Among the manufacturing concerns occupying the building which was owned by Frank Gless, of New York, were: Blevins Manufacturing Company, 30 employees; Newark Paper Box Company, 70 employees; Wolf Manufacturing Company, 150 employees; Anchor Lamp Company, 10 employees; Drake Maas Company, 50 employees; Aetna Electric Company, 15 employees.

In nearly every one of the factories (Continued From Page Five.)

INSURANCE MAN BEFORE COMMISSION

George E. Ide Voluntary Witness In Rate Hearing Investigation Today

EFFECT ON INSURANCE

His Appearance Was in the Interest of the Holders of Securities—Insurance Companies Hold a Great Many Railroad Bonds and Any Move Which Unfavorably Affects These Bonds Will Affect the Holders of Life Insurance Policies, Hubbard's Article.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—George E. Ide, president of the Home Life Insurance Company, and president of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, of New York, was the first witness today at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission on the proposed increase in railroad freight rates.

He said his appearance was voluntary and in the interest of holders of securities. Of the \$9,118,000,000 worth of railroad bonds existing, the life insurance companies, he said, held \$1,139,000,000. Continuing the witness said that any move which unfavorably affected the railroads would strike a blow at these securities and affect policyholders in the insurance companies.

Mr. Ide declared that the sentiment expressed by Elbert Hubbard in a paid article which appeared in a recent issue of a magazine, attacking the interstate commerce commission would not affect his opinion as to the credit or reputation of American securities. He thought other financiers maintain similar opinions.

Killed in Boxing Bout.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Presque Isle, Me., Nov. 26.—"Bills" Dunning, of Millinocket, a heavyweight boxer, who five years ago fought the present world's champion, Jack Johnson, to a 10-round draw, is dead here, following a bout with Jack Leon, of Bangor, in which Dunning was knocked out. He did not recover consciousness. An autopsy is to be held today by Coroner George H. Moers, of Ashland, to determine the cause of death. Local followers of boxing say that Dunning was in poor condition and in their opinion should not have fought.

The wireless stations along the coast were instructed to keep constantly sending this message through the hours of early today: "Amnesty has been granted."

Despite this no response was received until this morning when the wireless operator on the Minas Geraes flashed the message from Jean Candide.

In the eyes of the international law the mutineers were little better than pirates and the people residents of the city, especially those living upon the heights and near the naval arsenal, were in a constant state of alarm for fear the ships would return and begin shelling the town as they did the night before.

Among the alarming rumors circulated was one that some of the mutineers had become dissatisfied and that the ships had been seized by them and Jean Candide deposed as commanding officer. This increased the fears of the people. They were in terror lest a reckless element among the crews, following a rival of Candide's had taken over the ships, killing the "able seamen admiral" and hoisting the flag of piracy.

All of these wild rumors were discouraged by the authorities. It is not known what was going on on board the ships because it was not known definitely where they were.

Ever since the ships put to sea for an unknown destination last evening efforts had been made to locate them. Admiral Baptista Lacer, minister of marine under President Fonseca, issued a reassuring statement not alone to quell the people but to stay the belief that the ships would be injured.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS.

Governor Kitchin Will Go to Kentucky Tomorrow.

Governor W. W. Kitchin will leave tomorrow for Frankfort and Louisville, Ky., to attend the conference of governors. He expects to be absent about a week.



J. M. Yankam, of western railroad fame, and President of the Rock Island, who, in company with Percy A. Rockefeller, President A. J. Darling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and President B. L. Mitchell of the Union Pacific, is making a trip of inspection through the southwest over the 'Frisco lines. Much significance is attached in railroad circles to this trip. The understanding in the financial districts is that the purpose of this trip is nothing less than the establishment of a close alliance between the St. Paul system, whose importance has recently been greatly increased by the extension of its line to the Pacific, and the 'Frisco lines which extend to the Gulf of Mexico, and reach points in eleven of the cotton states of the south and southwest.

MORE PARDONS ISSUED

Four Are Pardoned and Two Commuted By the Governor

Governor Kitchin Pardons Ernest Allen, C. W. Nash, Tom Thacker, and James Branch—Sentences of Nelson Stamey and George Gay Commuted—Zeb Hogan's Pardon Announced Yesterday.

Governor Kitchin today issued conditional pardons to four and commuted the sentences of two convicts.

Pardoned.

Ernest Allen, sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads at the November term of Surry county court, 1909, for the crime of selling liquor.

Reasons for pardon:

"In this case the judgment was that capias issue within 30 days for prisoner for the purpose of beginning his sentence. He has served about eight months. The trial judge and solicitor both ask that he be conditionally pardoned. The case does not appear much aggravated. I therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding, industrious, and of good behavior."

C. W. Nash, convicted at the September term of Anson county court, 1910, and sentenced to the roads for six months for the crime of trespass.

Reasons for pardon:

"Prisoner is unable to work and the county physician thinks further confinement in jail will aggravate his condition, according to my information."

"He has been in jail two months since trial and was in jail three and one-half months before trial."

"The private prosecutor, the attorney who aided the solicitor, the solicitor, and the judge all recommend pardon. I therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

Tom Thacker, sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads by a record in Rockingham county, March 22, 1910, for the crime of selling liquor.

Reasons for pardon:

"The trial court, the prosecuting attorney and many other reputable citizens recommend prisoner's pardon. There is no protest. He has made a good prisoner for more than eight months, and his previous general character was good. He did not have the reputation of a 'blind tiger', but was convicted of selling whiskey to one who himself was afterwards convicted of the same offense."

"I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding, industrious, sober, and of good behavior."

James Branch, convicted at the June term of McDowell county court, 1907, and sentenced to the roads for nine years for the crime of highway robbery.

Reasons for pardon:

"Prisoner, then a boy, was induced by two men, one of them a very bad man, to join them in holding up a traveler on the highway. This prisoner confessed and his evi-

dence convicted the others, who were sent to the penitentiary. The superintendent of the chain-gang says he has been a good prisoner, and has been helpful to him in preventing escapes. There is no protest. Many reputable citizens, including the county officials, members of the bar, and other influential men strongly urge his pardon. The trial judge recommends pardon. Owing to his youth and the facts stated above, I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

Announced yesterday afternoon: Zeb Hogan, convicted at September term of Richmond county court, 1909, and sentenced to the road for 18 months for selling liquor.

Reasons for pardon:

"Prisoner has served 14 months. Both the trial judge and solicitor recommend pardon, believing that his punishment has now been sufficient to justify a conditional pardon. I therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he remain sober, industrious, law abiding, and of good behavior."

Commuted.

George R. Gay, convicted at the December term of Wilson county court, 1902, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years for the crime of murder in the second degree.

Reasons for commutation:

"Prisoner, without known cause and without a quarrel, shot deceased and then shot himself, in an attempt to commit suicide. He has been a faithful prisoner and a good worker until his physical condition sent him to the hospital. The prison physician says he has an incurable heart disease that may end his life at any time and yet under which, with proper care, he may survive for some years. There is no protest, and many of the best citizens where the homicide occurred recommend pardon, among them 11 of the 11 jurors. An eminent lawyer who aided the solicitor thinks, owing to the absence of premeditation and to the condition of his mind, perhaps from drugs, he should now be shown executive clemency. The trial judge recommends commutation."

"I therefore commute prisoner's sentence to 10 years on condition that he hereafter abstain from intoxicating drinks and from all drugs of the 'dope' class, and that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

Nelson Stamey, convicted at the April term of Rutherford county court, 1909, and sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary for the crime of manslaughter.

Reasons for commutation:

"Upon recommendation of the 12 jurors and the trial judge, there being no protest and a very numerous signed petition for clemency, I commute prisoner's sentence to three years on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

French Schooner Wrecked.

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, Nov. 26.—The French schooner Marie Pauline was wrecked on the coast of France today. Twenty-four persons are reported to have perished while only five were saved.

PRITCHARD OF MARS HILL THE WINNER

Won In Contest Over Nine Other Speakers at Durham Meeting

HONORS FOR HUNTER

Carey J. Hunter, Jr., of Raleigh, a Close Second in the Honors—Many Excellent Speeches and the Decision a Hard One to Make—Most Significant Event That Has Taken Place at Trinity in Many Years—Banquet Follows Speeches.

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, N. C., Nov. 26.—Mr. Jeter McKinley Pritchard, of Mars Hill College, the son of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, delivering one of the most stirring declamations ever heard at Trinity College and excellent, in the opinion of the judges, the other nine contestants of the evening, was declared winner of the inter-scholastic declamation contest held last night in Craven Memorial Hall at Trinity College, under the auspices of the "9019," a patriotic and scholarship society of the college. The decision was an exceedingly difficult one to make on account of the high order of excellence that marked the declamation of the other nine contestants who competed for the honor. In decisions of this kind there is always room for personal disagreement on account of the appeal that the various declamations make to the hearer, but taking it all in all, the decision of the judges awarding the medal to Mr. Pritchard represented the consensus of opinion and met with the approval of most of those present.

In many respects the contest that has just been brought to a close was one of the most significant events that have taken place at Trinity College in many years. Never in the history of the state's educational system have thirty-two leading secondary schools competed for a declamation prize at one time. That so large a number of the best high schools in this and adjoining states deemed the occasion momentous enough to send their representatives, many of them for a distance of over one hundred miles to take part in the contest, is an encouraging sign that the fine art of declamation, which had so much to do with the grace and eloquence of those present.

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HOPE ABANDONED FOR IMPRISONED MINERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Providence, R. I., Nov. 26.—All hope was abandoned today for the eleven miners entombed by an explosion in mine No. 3 of the Providence Mining Company, but nevertheless the utmost efforts are being made to reach them on the level 102 feet below the surface. The explosion was so violent that all are believed to have been instantly killed.

A mule was blown out of the shaft and alighted 150 feet away from the mouth, still alive. A mine rescue train arrived this morning with J. W. Williams and A. A. Sams, government experts, in charge. Air was pumped up to the mine today. The men in the mine when the explosion occurred were: Charles Simchefford, Will Ross, George H. Johnson and son, Powley Johnson, Cal Northcutt, John Wolfolk, Louis Ligon, Hope Shelton, and Ed Butler, negroes, and Wesley Fugate and Edward Vaughn, white.

C. J. Norwood, state inspector of mines arrived this morning from Lexington with three inspectors. Three bodies were recovered today. Identification was impossible. Several rescuers were overcome by gas.

NAVY WINS GAME.

No Score Until Last Round in the Big Game.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—There was no score in the Army-Navy game until the fourth quarter, when the Navy made a touchdown. The score stands 3 to 0 in the fourth quarter.

Twenty-nine Days to Xmas
NOV. 26
Remember Shopping Rush
Jes' 'Fore Christmas