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### THE FLAMES ARE STILL NOT CONQUERED

#### Spreading Hour by Hour and Threatening Further Disaster to the City

### STILL FINDING DEAD

District For Blocks Around Scene of Fire Menaced With Fire Still Burning and Firemen Exhausted From Their Long Struggle—Twenty-six Are Known to be Dead and Twenty Are Missing, While Many Others Are Injured—Fund for Relief of the Families of the Dead Men.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Chicago, Dec. 23.—With twenty-one bodies recovered, two known to be still buried under the ruins of the shattered wall and five firemen missing, Assistant Fire Marshal Patrick Donohue, who took Acting Chief Seyferlich's place in command of the department, this morning fixed the number of dead in the fire at Nelson Morris & Company's packing plant at twenty-eight. The injured now number forty-four and the total damage to the plant, which, with the exception of one warehouse, which was shielded by a fire wall, was totally destroyed, will exceed \$1,000,000.

The whole block from Forty-third to Forty-fourth streets, Loomis to Bishop streets, was swept clear.

At 10 o'clock the fire was reported to be under control for the first time. Weary firemen, heart-broken over the deaths of their chief and comrades, dropped in their tracks and were dragged to places of safety by other firemen. The men who for more than twenty-four hours battled in desperation against the flames, were relieved by reinforcements. This was done at the order of Mayor Busse, who has been almost constantly at the fire. The mayor was the boyhood chum of Chief James Horan and is heart-broken at his death.

The investigation by Coroner Hoffman was begun in earnest today and the coroner declared he would fix the blame for the failure of the high pressure water system to work and would prosecute the guilty man or men to the full extent of the law.

The relief fund already has grown to \$51,000 and according to the committee in charge of collections will reach \$500,000 before it is all in. Most of this money was raised in a few minutes in the fashionable clubs. More will be gathered from the Board of Trade and from wealthy business men.

The work of the firemen today was hardest of all. The men were not only worn out, but were working against tremendous odds.

The water pressure was so low that only fourteen leads of hose were placed on the flaming walls at a time.

Three bodies were recovered this morning. Members of the city council today were arranging for the funeral of Chief Horan, and the Masons had charge of Assistant Chief Burroughs' funeral.

Mayor Busse spent most of the night at the fire and at Daniel Horan's morgue, where the brother of the undertaker, Chief Horan, lies in state. With him was his wife, who broke down and wept when she saw Horan's body.

#### Brave Work of Firemen.

At midnight, when the flames were thought to be under control, they broke out anew and efforts of the firemen, all so tired that they could scarcely drag their grimed bodies around, were futile to check them.

Faster than they could beat out the tongues of flames, the fire scattered until at 7 o'clock the district for blocks around was menaced with destruction.

For a few minutes early today it looked as though another catastrophe as the first which crushed out the lives of the chief and his men was about to descend on the stalking place of death. A three hundred foot wall of warehouse No. 6 toppled and fell with a crash. A score of firemen were working near the wall

and a scream of horror from the on-lookers warned them.

When the dust cleared, their comrades fully expected them to be gone. But they had leaped out of danger and were safe.

Twelve firemen are reported to be missing and should these not turn up, the death list will be swelled to thirty-eight.

Assistant Chief Seyferlich, most of the hair burned from his head and his uniform in tatters, is leading the forlorn hope against the flames.

"We've got the thing beaten," he declared. "It may smoulder and flame for two or three days but we'll beat it yet, if it takes all the rest of the year."

Buoyed up by the cheer—profane at times and prayerful at others—the firemen rushed at the blaze. Reinforcements were called and Chief Seyferlich said the flames would be overcome in a few hours at most. Meantime, despite his orders to keep out of danger, the men risked their lives time after time. The all night vigils of the wives and mothers and sisters of the dead firemen was the unerring influence for the firemen. Women and children, mutely weeping for those whom they loved who had perished in the fall of the wall, huddled around the fire lines, watching the titanic struggle. With their own sorrows, they could be heard praying for the men who still were risking their lives.

Priests and ministers, barred from the danger zone by police barriers, knelt on the frozen ground and consecrated the dead.

Every flag in the city today is at half mast. Children in the public schools said prayers for the heroes of the disaster and men and women in all stations of life paid tribute to the men who gave up their lives.

With the nucleus of \$25,000 for a relief fund, which was raised in ten minutes at the Chicago Club, a committee started today to collect \$150,000 for the wives and families of the dead firemen. The Chicago automobile club has started a special fund for Mrs. James Horan, wife of the dead chief, and a fund of \$1,000 for the families of each of the firemen.

Every newspaper in town has given toward the fund and it is estimated by the committee from the city council, which has the distribution in charge that more than \$150,000 will be raised.

The work of rescue continued all night and shortly after 5 o'clock another body was recovered. It has not been identified. The ruins were cooling rapidly.

Chief Horan's body was sent to his brother's morgue. The other bodies were scattered among half a dozen morgues. Taking of testimony in the inquest will be begun tomorrow. Coroner Hoffmann today declared that the investigation would be rigid and would place the blame for the catastrophe on the shoulders of the man or men responsible. The failure of the high pressure water system to work, he declared, was due to criminal negligence.

The coroner scored the building commissioners office for the fire trap conditions of the Morris building.

The fire started from crossed wires and the coroner declared the wires had been dangerous and had not been repaired.

That the fire will cause a change in the fire fighting apparatus in the stock yards was freely predicted today. The packers will be compelled to install an efficient high pressure service, if not for the protection of the packers, for the protection of the firemen.

In nearly every fire in packing-town firemen are killed or injured and their lives endangered because of the combustible nature of the stocks in storage there.

One of the pathetic features of the fire was the loyalty to duty of seven telephone girls, who stuck to their posts while brothers, sweethearts and fathers were killed. These girls remained at their switchboards and answered calls after call, replying to questions and telling each questioner the names of the firemen who were killed. Three of the girls lost fathers in the fire.

Mrs. James Horan and Mrs. William Burroughs, wives of the chief and assistant chief, who gave up their lives, spent the night at the viers of their husbands together. Chief Horan leaves three children.

Captain Alexander Lennon, of engine company No. 50, who was injured in the wreck of the wall, died at a hospital today. Widows and orphans gathered at the undertaking rooms after the bodies were recovered and the scene was pitiful.

#### Fire Under Control.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The fire at the Morris packing plant was under control at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Authentic figures place the number of bodies recovered at twenty-one.



#### John Burns, whose re-election to Parliament on the Labor ticket recently was one of the features of the British campaign. After a hard fought battle in his district, Mr. Burns increased his majority from 595 in January to a plurality of 1,292 votes, a gain of 757. Mr. Burns, who is president of the Local Government Board, was surprised at the magnitude of his victory. One of the features of the whole campaign, which is commented on approvingly by the London press, is the falling off of the Socialist vote.

Two bodies are known to be in the ruins and five are missing.

The entire plant of Morris & Company, covering the entire block from 43rd to 55th street, Loomis to Bishop streets, with the exception of one warehouse, has been destroyed. This building was saved by a fire wall.

#### Fire Burning Again.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The fire in the plant of Morris & Co. broke out afresh at noon today after apparently having been under control for two hours, and the north wing of the building, in which is situated the only remaining warehouse was believed to be doomed.

Twenty-three bodies had been recovered at noon and one was known to be in the ruins. With the five missing this brought the total of the dead up to 29. The latest body to be found was that of Frank Walters, pipeman of Engine Company 59.

#### Missing Firemen Found.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Five firemen missing and reported dead in the Morris fire for twenty-four hours, were found alive. They are Maurice Regan, Eugene Sullivan, Richard Ryan, Matthew Byrne and George Barth, all members of engine company No. 29.

#### Warship Tendered Chile.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, Dec. 23.—President Taft's offer of a warship to convey the body of Senor Don Anibal Cruz, Chilean minister to the United States to Valparaiso, has been formally accepted by Senor Coucnam, Charge D'Affaires of the legation.

The body will be taken from Washington about February 1 and will be placed aboard the warship at Hampton Roads. From Hampton Roads the ship will proceed around the Horn and will arrive at Valparaiso about March 15.

#### Big Swindle Nipped.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—The biggest swindle ever planned in the south has been nipped in the bud, the police declared today by the arrest of a man giving the name of Richard S. Patrick. According to the authorities Patrick has left a trail of victims clear across the south. The police declare that they found in his possession a trunk nearly filled with blank checks of prominent business houses of this and other southern cities.

#### Ten Persons Killed.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Lima, Peru, Dec. 23.—Ten persons were killed in the Peruvian uprising and troops are being sent against the rebels at San Mateo, where a train was held up yesterday by insurgents who got away with nearly \$6,000 in loot.

### THREE ARE PARDONED

#### Two Men and One Woman Receives Clemency

J. C. Harrington, of Lillington, convicted to Assault With a Deadly Weapon, George Brummel of Guilford County, convicted of Selling Liquor and Mary Lefebvre of Wayne County convicted of Selling Liquor.

Governor Kitchin today conditionally pardoned the following men: J. C. Harrington, who pleaded guilty at the September term of Harnett county court, 1910, and was sentenced to serve six months in jail for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon. The reasons for pardon:

"Prisoner cut prosecuting witness while the witness was on another man beating him, the witness having knocked the other man down with a beer bottle. Prisoner pleaded guilty."

"Prisoner has sold the man he cut satisfactory damages and has paid all lawyers fees, expenses and costs amounting to \$775.00 this consuming practically all his property and has served a portion of the jail sentence imposed upon him. The solicitor recommends pardon. The man he cut strongly asks for prisoner's pardon. All the county officers, all the lawyers of Lillington where the offense was committed, all the physicians and ministers of the Gospel there, many, if not all, the business men of the place and many other citizens of the county strongly petition for clemency for prisoner. There is no protest."

"I therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he abstain from intoxicants and remain a law abiding citizen of good behavior."

George Brummel, convicted in Recorder's court of High Point, June 27, 1910, and sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads for selling liquor. Reasons for pardon:

"Prisoner who is an old man was never charged with crime. He has served six months. The recorder who tried and sentenced him, the clerk of the recorder's court, the policeman who presented, practically every other man holding office in the city of High Point where the offense was committed, and many other citizens ask that prisoner be pardoned. There is no protest."

"Owing to his age, previous record, and the punishment he has already endured, upon consideration of the recommendation in his behalf, I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

Mary Lefebvre (Sutpos), convicted at the August term of Wayne county court, 1910, and sentenced to jail for eight months for the crime of selling liquor. Reasons for pardon:

"This prisoner has married since her indictment. When sentenced last August she was allowed until September 15th to leave the county—this being ordered that captives should not issue till then. She has now been in jail over three months. In her application she promises to leave the county. The judge and the solicitor recommend a pardon conditioned on her removing from Wayne county."

"I pardon her on condition that she remain law abiding, abstain from the use of intoxicants, and remain of good behavior."

### RED CROSS SEALS

#### May be Had in Raleigh Drug Stores—Help Tuberculosis Fund.

To those who have faith in the future of our country and in the success of the experiment in civil government which was begun in these United States in 1776, there are few more encouraging things than the increasing altruism of our citizens shown by the increasing interest which they take in the many movements which, while they promise them no personal advantage, aim to improve the race by helping to lessen sickness and poverty and suffering in their less fortunate brothers. Of such movements there are few which can so justly appeal to all of us as does the Red Cross Christmas

### ONLY 1 SHOPPING DAY TILL

## Christmas

### Be Kind to the Weary Shopgirls



#### Mrs. Virginia C. Pool.

Died Today at 2:15 at Home of Her Sister Mrs. J. C. L. Harris.

Mrs. Virginia C. Pool died today at 2:15 at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. L. Harris, on Fayetteville street. She had only been ill since last Friday and her death came as quite a shock to her friends in the city, many of whom did not know of her illness.

The daughter of the late William G. Uphure and Adeline Royster Uphure, she was a member of a large and well known family and had lived all her life in Raleigh. She was the wife of the late Mr. S. C. Pool, for a number of years a prominent merchant of this city. A member of the First Baptist church, she lived a quiet christian life. Gentle and retiring she was loved by all who knew her.

Surviving her are four children: Mr. Harry Pool, Mrs. Charles Hicks, and Mrs. Christine Blake, of this city, and Mrs. Cadmus Young, of Clayton. She also leaves a number of sisters and a brother, Mrs. Roxanna Dodd, Mrs. F. O. Moring and Mrs. J. C. L. Harris, of Raleigh; Mrs. Wm. Uphure, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Carter, of New York, and Mr. John W. Uphure, of Raleigh.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Col. J. C. L. Harris tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### MEMBERS OPPOSE BALLINGER.

#### In His Attempt to Throw Cunningsham Claims Into Court.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, Dec. 23.—Progressive members of congress who have been studying the Alaska coal land situation, and who were inclined to look with favor on Secretary Ballinger's recommendation that the Cunningsham claims be thrown into the courts for decision, are now prepared to oppose the secretary's recommendation in the event that it is incorporated in a bill.

This action has been decided upon after prolonged conferences among members of the house and senate, lawyers and men prominent in the conservation movement. In view of the fact that President Taft looks with favor on the suggestion made by the secretary of the interior and because of the probability that the secretary's recommendations will be presented for the consideration of congress in the shape of a bill or resolution, it is now regarded as certain that congress will have a fight of considerable proportions to determine what disposition shall be made of the Cunningsham claims.

### WILSON FLAYS SMITH.

#### Issues Remarkable Statement Charging the Senatorial Candidate With Gross Deception.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson in a remarkable statement issued today publicly pilloried former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., of Essex, who seeks to go to the United States senate, and accuses him of the grossest deception in leading Wilson to believe, prior to the election, that he, Smith, would not be a candidate, while at the same time Smith was lining up his forces to land the plan.

Dr. Wilson praises James E. Martin, the senatorial aspirant, who received 48,458 votes in the direct primary in September, and contends that the democratic majority in the legislature is bound to elect him United States senator to take the place of Joan Kean, republican, whose term is about to expire.

### MR. CLARK PROMOTED.

#### W. A. Graham Clark Has Been Appointed Member of the Board States Tariff Board.

Mr. W. A. Graham Clark, son of Chief Justice Walter Clark, is in the city spending the Christmas holidays with his father. Mr. Clark's many friends will be glad to learn that he has been appointed a member of the Tariff Board of the United States and will look after the textile industry. A part of his time will be spent in Washington and the other abroad.

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### MAY BE IN WATER

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At 11 o'clock this morning Grace had been missing for nearly twenty-four hours and his fate was unknown despite the frantic endeavors that had been made to find him. The English Channel was calm this morning and it was believed that, even had Grace dropped into the water, or had he been carried to the North sea, a cork jacket which he wore would probably support him upon the surface of the water until he could be picked up.

It was suggested that a fleet of aeroplanes be made up of the two score machines on the ground here for the cross the channel flight and a widespread search through the air be commenced, the searchers traveling in every direction. It was not believed that Grace was still aloft, for he did not carry sufficient fuel to keep his motors in motion for more than six or eight hours. But it was thought that, by scanning the land and water beneath them, the aviator-searchers would have a better chance of locating their missing comrade than the hunt by telegraph, telephone and wireless.

The admiralty office kept the wireless system of the entire southern and southwestern coasts busy through the night and morning asking every ship within range if aught had been seen or heard of the missing flyer.

The belief that Grace had landed at random on account of the fog and had found himself upon a desolate portion of the coast and may be upon an island. Some even suggested that the aviator had lost his bearings and had crossed the channel for the third time, landing upon the French or Belgian coasts.

The French marine office was requested to make a thorough search for the missing man.

A fleet of boats plied the channel, combing every foot for traces of either Grace or his machine.

This is the first time on record that an aviator has been lost while operating an aeroplane although aeroplanes in balloons have been lost frequently.

Grace, who is a nephew of the late William R. Grace, once mayor of New York, is one of the younger school of birdmen and is one of the most daring of the explorers of the air.

Some of his friends this morning expressed the belief that Grace had purposely turned back after arriving at this side of the channel yesterday. The air was very hazy but at 3 o'clock he was seen descending from a high altitude over Goodwin Sands.

The report was telegraphed to London that Grace had landed. However, a searching party was unable to find him and a temporary rift in the fog revealed the aviator again ascending. That was the last seen of him.

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