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### NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL BUILDING SWEEP BY FIRE

#### Library Part of the Building Destroyed With Loss of More Than \$7,000,000

#### STATE'S PRICELESS RECORDS DESTROYED

New York State Capitol Building Partly Destroyed by Fire With a Loss of \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000—Fire Was in Library Wings and Many Priceless Records Were Destroyed—Building Was Supposed to Be Fireproof and No Insurance Was Carried—Night Watchman Missing.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Albany, N. Y., March 29—Fire today destroyed a large section of that historic \$26,000,000 pile, the state capitol. Three wings of the building were gutted, the main structure was badly damaged and its million dollar staircase wrecked. The state library, one of the greatest in the United States, went up in smoke with hundreds of thousands of costly books and numberless priceless documents. The senate and assembly libraries were also destroyed. The flames caused monetary damage of fully \$10,000,000 but no money can replace the records and documents destroyed.

Nightwatchman Samuel Abbott was burned to death while attempting to fight the flames.

The legislative business of the state was halted and the senate and assembly which for weeks have been trying to elect a United States senator, had to shift their sittings to the city hall, the building having been tendered by the municipality as a temporary capitol.

Several firemen were injured by falling debris but none seriously hurt.

Troops were called out to guard the building from the ravages of curious hunters and to bar the surrounding crowds from death.

Three men who were injured were taken to the Homeopathic Hospital. They are John Brennan, John Whitmyer and William Rogers. The latter may die.

For more than ten hours the firemen have been fighting the flames under the direction of Chief Bridgeford and are utterly exhausted.

Though the fire has been under control of the firemen since 10 o'clock sporadic outbursts of flame have kept the department on the jump.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon it became apparent that there could be no further spread of the flames and preparations were at once begun to establish various offices in temporary quarters. It is believed that, by tomorrow, part of the eastern section will be rendered habitable, the largest part of the damage there having been caused by water.

Details of the Fire.

Albany, N. Y., March 29—Fire swept the \$26,000,000 state capitol building early today destroying the

### TAFT INDIGNANT OVER RECENT REPORT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 29—From sources close to President Taft it was learned today that he is indignant over recent published reports that he favored or lent his influence to the election of William Lorimer as senator from Illinois. In a letter which the president wrote last summer at Beverly to a western politician, he said: "The rumor, report, or statement that I consciously lent weight of the administration to the election of Lorimer is wholly untrue."

This answer was given at the white house today in reply to a question as to whether Mr. Taft had favored Lorimer's election.

Johnson Slightly Improved.

Cleveland, O., March 29—A slight improvement was noted in the condition of Tom L. Johnson today. He is very weak, however, and unable to get.

three wings containing the senate, assembly and state libraries with their records, doing damage estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 and probably causing the death of Nightwatchman Samuel Abbott, who is missing.

The fire started at 2:30 a. m. in a room on the third floor used by assemblyman A. J. Levy, chairman of the judiciary committee, and was swept by a high wind across intervening courts to the old wings. The western, northwestern and southwestern wings were destroyed.

At 8 o'clock the fire was still burning in the west wing but the firemen had it under control. Among the records destroyed were those of the courts of claims, which were kept in a part of the assembly library. For five hours the entire fire-fighting force of the city battled against the flames before they were sure of saving the senate and assembly chambers.

The fire, which was well under way when discovered by a nightwatchman in Washington Avenue, was fed by tons of paper in the library rooms and spread rapidly. The doomed wings were a seething furnace when the firemen arrived. Legislators, aroused from their beds by excitement, aided the fire-fighters. Many of them rushed to the building to carry out documents and books.

Nightwatchman Abbott was employed to patrol the library wings. The firemen battered down doors and searched the corridors for him while the flames raged but they were so filled with smoke and the terrific heat that the firemen were driven back, after a futile quest.

Senators, state officials, assemblymen and employes of minor importance gathered about the great stone structure during the height of the fire. Senator Bayne, of Long Island, helped the firemen man a hose. Assemblyman Terry, of Kings county, and Assemblyman McDaniels, of Tompkins county, also assisted the firemen.

Adjutant General Verbeck saved a number of valuable papers from his office on the second floor.

Employes of the building had been complaining for several days that the insulation was worn from some of the electric wires. The superintendent of the building had requested that this be attended to today. The wires are believed to have started the fire.

As flames leaped for hundreds of feet into the air from the library windows the citizens were awakened and thousands gathered about the hill on which the capitol stands. All the available police were necessary to prevent the citizens from hindering the firemen. The high wind carried live sparks for many blocks and caused tongues of flames which curled from the windows to stretch across intervening courts, igniting the cornices of the adjoining wings.

There was a terrific crash at six o'clock when the roofs of west, southwest and northwest wings fell. Governor Dix was on the scene at that hour. He placed the loss then at about \$7,000,000 but the blaze was still burning fiercely then.

The wind was still blowing strong at that time and Governor Dix feared that the entire group of state structures were doomed. However, he was assured by the firemen that the two executive chambers were safe unless the wind changed its course. The democratic caucus had just adjourned some time before the fire was discovered and many of the legislators who were still up hurried to the scene with offers of assistance to the firemen.

It was half an hour after the flames were discovered before a stream of water was turned on the burning buildings. By the time the firemen had arrived the fire had gained such headway that it was believed that the entire group comprising the state capitol, was doomed.

It was difficult to reach the windows of the apartments where the fire was blazing most briskly because of intervening buildings. Lines of hose were hauled through the legislative chambers and streams were directed from the windows.

As soon as the city's entire fire-fighting force arrived twenty streams were directed upon the fire from different angles.

The fire was the most spectacular Albany has ever known. The flames

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LEADER KING, Division No. 5.

### THE MEXICAN CONGRESS

#### Important Matters Before the New Congress

#### President Diaz at Work on His Message—Assisted Senior Lieutenant—Peace Believed to be Near—If Reformers are Grated Patriots Would be Willing to Lay Down Arms.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Mexico City, March 29—President Diaz today began work on his message to the congress which convenes Saturday. The document is being prepared under the direction of Minister of Finance Ilantour who has conferred with the Maderos and other insurrecto leaders and understands fully Mexico's situation at home and abroad.

From semi-official sources it was learned today that members of congress expect to have presented to them shortly after convening a general amnesty act granting full pardon to all men now in arms who surrender within the thirty days following the passage of the measure. This would give all the men now in the mountains time to deliver up their arms.

Peace is believed to be near. There is little doubt here that President Diaz will ultimately retire thus granting to the rebels their chief demand. He will not, however, quit office until the rebellion is ended and the republic tranquil.

In his message, President Diaz is expected to outline in full his views on the rebellion and the reforms proposed to placate the men now in arms. Upon this will depend largely the question of general amnesty and the deliverance of arms. Members of congress believe that President Diaz will order a new election with popular suffrage.

It is almost certain that the resignation of Ramon Corral as vice president will be laid before congress. Under the Mexican law he has no right to resign but he can get about this point in a diplomatic manner by asking congress that he be relieved for an indefinite period.

Senior Corral is expected to sail with his family for Europe next month. His petition for retirement to congress will be based upon "the precarious condition of his health."

Some of the more radical members of congress favor the abolition of the post of vice president and this will likely provoke a discussion. However, those who have been advocating this step were impelled solely through their hostility toward Corral and not by a desire to curtail public expense.

#### Reforms Must be Granted.

Washington, March 29—Dr. Gomez, head of the revolutionary junta here issued a statement this morning in which he said:

"If the reforms that we are fighting for are granted by the new Mexican cabinet the patriots would be willing to lay down their arms. All good Mexicans desire peace and none more so than those who are fighting in northern Mexico. But we are fighting for the rights of all Mexicans, and until these are granted there can be no peace."

"All we ask in Mexico is fair treatment for the masses, a free press, a free ballot, and equal opportunities and justice to every citizen."

#### Reyes for President.

Havana, March 29—General Bernardo Reyes, the exiled Mexican statesman, will succeed Diaz as president of Mexico. This information, emanating from an official source in Mexico City was received here today by private cable dispatches. According to the proposed program of the Diaz regime, the next congress will grant leaves of absence to President Diaz and Vice President Corral on grounds of "ill health."

Both will go abroad and General Reyes, who will be appointed to take up the duties of the vice presidency will ultimately assume the executive functions of the government in their entirety, thus becoming the president in fact, until another national election is held.

### ON THE HOME STRETCH OF THE CAMPAIGN

#### Good Reports Today Run the Amount Up to \$47,582, End in Sight

#### POWER COM'Y \$2,500

Good Reports Made at the Campaign Dinner Today—Carolina Light & Power Company Gives \$2,500—Gift of \$1,000 from Mr. B. F. Montague and of \$500 from Mr. C. B. Edwards—Banners Change Places, Citizens Banner Going to Jo. H. Weathers and Young Men's Banner to E. B. Crow.

The hands of the Y. M. C. A. clock took another good long move forward today. The amount reported was \$8,923, making a total to date of \$17,582. The young men's committee reported \$2,511. The citizens' committee reported \$2,912. In addition to this there was a subscription from the Carolina Light and Power Company for \$2,500. Included in the young men's report was a subscription from B. F. Montague for \$1,000. Mr. J. H. Weathers, of the citizens' committee, reported a \$500 subscription from Mr. C. B. Edwards. The young men's banner went to Mr. E. B. Crow's company, which reported a total of \$1,915. The citizens' banner went to Jo. H. Weathers' division, which reported \$710.

The reports were as follows:

#### Young Business Men's Committee.

Dr. H. A. Royster, general chairman. Company A, Dr. E. H. Broughton, captain, subscriptions: amount, \$220.

Company B, E. B. Crow, captain; 29 subscriptions; amount, \$1,915.

Company C, W. H. Pace, captain; 2 subscriptions; amount, \$75.

Company D, V. J. Lee, captain; 22 subscriptions; amount, \$135.

Company E, C. T. McClellan, captain; 13 subscriptions; amount, \$250.

Company F, Francis A. Cox, captain; 3 subscriptions; amount, \$70.

Company G, John D. Berry, captain; 7 subscriptions; amount, \$205.

Company H, C. K. Dureff, captain; 8 subscriptions; amount, \$250.

Company I, Z. V. Judd, captain; 5 subscriptions; amount, \$66.

Company K, H. Rosenthal, captain; 3 subscriptions; amount, \$45.

Total subscriptions, 91; total amount, \$3,511.

Grand totals, subscriptions, 140; amount, \$20,867.

#### Citizens' Committee.

N. B. Broughton, general chairman. Division 1, John T. Pullen, leader; 8 subscriptions; amount, \$220.

Division 2, C. J. Hunter, leader; 9 subscriptions; amount, \$240.

Division 3, F. A. Olds, leader; 4 subscriptions; amount, \$135.

Division 4, J. R. Young, leader; 4 subscriptions; amount, \$275.

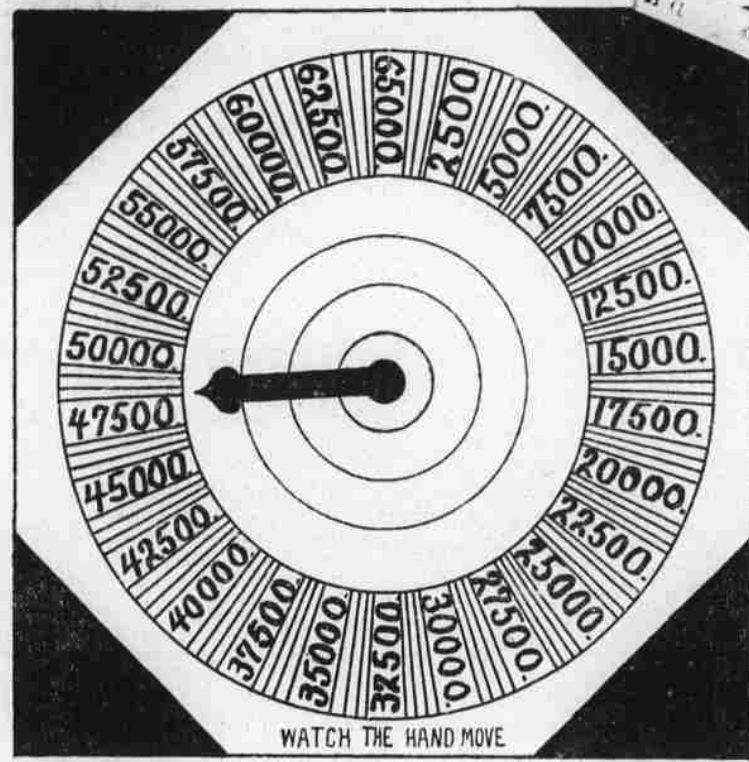
Division 5, J. H. King, leader; 5 subscriptions; amount, \$137.

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### BIBLICAL RECORDER TO ERECT BUILDING

Secretary Olds of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce was greatly pleased today at the news that the Biblical Recorder Company, of which Mr. Carey J. Hunter is the president will at once erect a building on West Hargett street, next to the Oak City Steam Laundry Company. The structure will be of brick, with stone trimmings and will be three stories high, 62x100 feet, in dimension and will contain not only the complete equipment for printing the newspaper, but also the offices of the various Baptist boards which have headquarters here. The building will cost \$15,000.

Secretary Olds receives many letters and words of congratulations on the way in which Raleigh is going ahead. This year's new construction will certainly be a record-breaker, as to number and cost of buildings. The secretary has not yet given out any figures as to dwellings. These will come later. It may be said that plans are in hand for many handsome dwellings. Dr. James R. Rogers will erect one of these on his fine property at the corner of Hillsboro and North McDowell streets.



WATCH THE HAND MOVE.

### CAMPAIGN AT A. & M.

#### First Report Shows \$875 For College Y. M. C. A.

A. & M. Students Start Campaign to Raise \$5,000—\$20,000 to be Raised to Meet Rockefeller's \$20,000—Two Divisions, the Red and White—Campaign Conducted Like the One in the City.

Eight hundred and seventy-five dollars was the encouraging report of the first day's campaign of the A. & M. students to raise the \$5,000 for the Y. M. C. A. building at the college. The campaign was started last night with a banquet in the college dining hall and a number of speeches from those interested in the cause.

Rockefeller has given \$20,000 for a Y. M. C. A. building at the college on the condition that another \$20,000 be raised. The campaign started last night is to raise \$5,000 among the student-body.

The campaign is conducted on the same plan as that now being carried on in the city. The workers being divided into companies, of two divisions each, the red and white. The company of which Mr. E. V. Freeman is captain, of the red division, won the banner today with four subscriptions amounting to \$30. The banner was a red one with white letters, "We are it."

In the white division the company of Mr. J. H. Brown won the white banner with four subscriptions amounting to \$175.

Forty-two men had been seen and 42 subscriptions had been made, every man seen responding, the grand total being \$875.

The campaign clock registering to the amount of \$5,000 has been erected on the mechanical building and will be watched with interest. The campaign will close not later than Saturday afternoon.

The time for raising the whole \$20,000 is limited to July 1.

### EMERSON DIVORCE CASE.

Mrs. Emerson Files Cross Bill for Absolute Divorce.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Baltimore, Md., March 29—What appears to be a preliminary to a conclusion of the Emerson divorce case, took the form today of the filing of a cross bill by Mrs. Emmeline A. Emerson against her husband, Captain Isaac E. Emerson, making an absolute divorce from her husband upon the ground of abandonment. The bill was filed in the circuit court through Attorneys William Shepherd Bryan and George Whitlock.

The first action in the Emerson matrimonial difficulties was a bill of complaint by Captain Emerson asking for an absolute divorce from Mrs. Emerson upon the ground of adultery. Mr. Hazeltine Bashor was named as correspondent. After waiting until the legal time for filing an answer had nearly expired, Mrs. Emerson filed an answer to this bill in the shape of a denial of Mr. Emerson's charge against her.

It is the opinion of many persons now that the filing of the bill today by Mrs. Emerson, alleging abandonment of her by Captain Emerson shows a completely new face on the situation, and is the result of a disposition of Captain Emerson and his attorneys to drop the charge of adultery against Mrs. Emerson and let her secure the divorce upon the charge of abandonment. This would probably save much airing of scandal in court and would be more agreeable to all parties concerned. It is presumed that the

### RETRAYER OF CAMORRA ON STAND AGAIN

#### Proceedings of Court Constantly Interrupted by Taunts of the Prisoners

#### DETAILS OF THE CRIME

Abatemaggio Weak and Trembling From an Operation When He Resigned the Witness Stand—Went into the Details of the Crime—New York Judge Wants to Visit the Court Next Week—Retrayer Got \$80 for His Part in the Murder.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Viterbo, March 29—Weak and trembling from an operation which had been performed upon him in his prison cell during the night, Genarino Abatemaggio, the Camorraist traitor, again took the witness stand today to continue the details of his confession.

The proceedings were constantly interrupted by taunts and threats hurled from the great steel cage containing Enrico Alfano, the Camorraist head, and his co-defendants.

As Abatemaggio went into the details of the crimes of the Neapolitan band, particularly the murder of Genarino Cuocollo and his wife, "the beautiful Sorrentina," the cries and accusations from the accused men became so loud that President Bianchi, of the Assize court, had to order the Carabinieri to quiet them.

A slight growth on the upper part of Abatemaggio's right foot was removed by a surgeon and when the retrayer took the witness stand he limped and placed his handgaged foot on a stool as he took his seat.

President Bianchi has received a letter from Judge Frank C. Laughlin, of the appellate division of the New York state supreme court, who is in Europe, asking that he be allowed to be present next week.

Abatemaggio swore that he had received \$80 for the part which he had played in the murder of Cuocollo. The informer said that protests were made against his receiving so large a sum when he had not participated in the actual murders but these protests were silenced by Alfano. The retrayer testified that the reason for his receiving so large a sum was the desire to silence him as to secrets of the Neapolitan society.

The balance of the \$200 murder fund was divided among those who had helped assassinate Cuocollo and his wife, the distributions being made by Alfano in person.

#### No Trouble at New Laredo.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 29—The state department today denied that there had been any trouble between Mexicans and Americans at New Laredo. According to statements made by the department today, Consul Alfonso B. Garrett, who is stationed at New Laredo, has not communicated regarding any trouble.

### FUND OF \$100,000 TO ELECT LORIMER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Springfield, Ill., March 29—N. H. Kohlhaas, millionaire Chicago publisher, on the witness stand before the legislative committee investigating the election of William Lorimer as United States senator testified today that he had been informed that a fund of \$100,000 had been raised to send Lorimer to the United States senate.

Mr. Kohlhaas when asked to give the names of his informant, refused flatly.

#### Baltimore Conference Meets.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 29—With Bishop William F. Anderson presiding, the Baltimore conference of the Methodist church began today. It will last until next Monday.

A memorial service was held this morning for seven members of the conference who died during the last year.

financial arrangements have been set forth satisfactory to both sides.

In her cross bill Mrs. Emerson says that the abandonment by Captain Emerson has continued uninterruptedly for the past six years, and that there is no hope of a reconciliation. She asks the court to make suitable provision for alimony, lawyer's fees and such other relief as is right and necessary.

#### DRAFTING NEW TREATY.

Secretary Knox and Ambassador Bryce Working on Treaty.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 29—The drafting of a new arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain to cover all probable future disputes between the two countries, has been begun by Secretary of State Knox and Ambassador Bryce. The negotiation of the convention will be expedited as much as possible, in order that it may be submitted to the senate for ratification at the special session, to begin on April 1.

The treaty will be the first of its kind ever negotiated and will provide for the arbitration of all disputes between the United States and Great Britain. The work of drawing up the new convention will be difficult, because of the fact that the document will be the first of its kind, and it will be used as a model for similar conventions with other countries.

The negotiations of the general arbitration treaty with Great Britain is the direct result of the speech of Sir Edward Grey, minister of foreign affairs of Great Britain, in the house of commons several weeks ago, when he said that a proposal for such a convention would be welcomed by the British government.

#### Vote in Supreme Court.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Albany, N. Y., March 29—The 61st joint ballot by the New York legislature for United States senator was held in the supreme court chambers at City Hall, the temporary capital this afternoon. There were only 96 votes cast, they being widely scattered. All of the democratic legislators voted for John D. Kernan of Utica, he receiving the highest number of votes—22.

Senator Wagner announced there would be a joint democratic caucus tonight and also that it would be impossible to do any legislative work this week as a result of the fire, but that both the senate and assembly would be ready for occupancy by Monday night.

Immediately after the session Senator Brackett, the minority leader, called a conference of the republican senators and assemblymen.

#### Threaten Mexican Jail.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

El Paso, Tex., March 29—The streets of El Paso were placarded today with typewritten posters declaring that enough time had been wasted by the state department at Washington in the Blatt-Converse case, and calling upon the public to take immediate action.

The placards recite the fact that 500 men have already been enrolled in an organization, the object of which is to storm the Mexican jail in Juarez and release Blatt and Converse. It declared that the assault upon the jail will only be delayed until 500 men join the organization.

#### Peary Commissioner a Rear Admiral.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 29—Robert E. Peary was today commissioned a rear admiral by the navy department and placed upon the retired list. His commission dates back to April 6, 1909, the day on which he discovered the North Pole.