

# BIG FIRE SWEEPS WAY THROUGH 7 BLOCKS AT NORFOLK

Conflagration Brought Under Control After Rain Comes To Aid Of Exhausted Fire Fighters

## CONFINE EFFORTS TO PREVENTING INVASION OF RICH RETAIL AREA

Norfolk, Va., June 8.—A three-million dollar fire following an explosion on an oil barge swept the wharves, and seven blocks in the business district last night, burning for seven hours before being checked shortly after midnight today.

The combined fire fighting forces of the Hampton Roads area had the assistance of hundreds of sailors and marines in fighting the fire and maintaining order; and a steady rain which began to fall helped materially in bringing the flames under control.

Major C. J. Calrow, member of the City Planning Commission, estimated that damage already done would amount to not less than \$3,000,000. Loss of stock and machinery of the American Peanut Corporation alone was placed by company officials at \$1,000,000. The Victoria Hotel, of 200-room capacity, was razed, but so far as could be ascertained, all occupants escaped without injury, except one woman guest, who was treated for shock and hysteria.

### Many Injured

Eight persons, four of them firemen, were injured sufficiently to be taken to hospitals for treatment, and more than a score others received attention at ambulances stationed in the fire zone. Prisoners confined in a jail which at one time appeared to be in the path of the flames raised a clamor, and plans were made to remove them under a marine guard, but the fire was stopped before it reached the building, and they were not removed.

A strong wind, which later brought rain to the relief of the weary fire fighters, hampered their efforts from the time the blaze started. It spread quickly from the barge to the wharf and neighboring business houses, sending up a great pall of black smoke which later reflected the glare of the flames and attracted thousands of persons who crowded streets and added to the difficulties of combatting the fire.

### Outside Help

In addition to the entire available equipment and personnel of Norfolk, fire apparatus and fighters from Newport News, Portsmouth, South Norfolk, Suffolk, the naval base and Norfolk Naval yard were brought to the scene. Detachments of sailors and Marines from the battleships Arizona and Utah and from the Naval base were used to aid police in establishing fire lines, some 500 being placed on active duty, with another 800 held in reserve.

One of the first buildings burned was the Victoria Hotel. Miss Carrie Ambrose, telephone operator, sounded the alarm when the roof caught and stuck to her switchboard until all guests had cleared

the building. An unidentified blue-jacket stood on top of the hotel, signaling instructions until the flames forced him from his vantage point.

Soon the wholesale warehouse district was a seething mass of flames and firemen gave up hope of saving it, concentrating their efforts on preventing spread of the havoc to Granby street and the commercial center of the city.

### Severely Hurt

Fire Captain J. W. Gregory was the most severely injured, although two other firemen were overcome by heat and smoke. A number of others were dragged out by fellow workers when on the verge of collapse.

Among the establishments burned were: The Victoria hotel, the American Peanut Corporation, the National Bag and Paper Company, Union Mission, Crockin-Lacy Store, Gerloff Brazing Company, Tide-water Supply Company, Farmers Manufacturing Company, A. Wrenn and Son paint shop, City Hay and Grain Company, the Farmers Company, Godrey's Body Builders and Norfolk Farm Supply Company.

The T. J. Hooper, 200-foot tug belonging to the Eastern Transport Company, was badly damaged, and an unidentified tug and a smaller barge also were burned. A fire engine was burned when the flames jumped from one block to another.

During the hottest part of the fight against advancing flames, ambulance attendants were giving doses of whiskey to exhausted firemen, and at fire stations throughout the city wives and other members of the families of men on the force gathered in anxious groups, awaiting word that they had come out safely.

## POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

When Ritchie of Maryland, Roosevelt of New York, and Pinchot of Pennsylvania, tore loose from the innocuous program of the recent Governors' Conference to speak on highly controversial topics, they lifted a politically dull season to a new height of interest. The Pennsylvanian possibly has evoked the greatest amount of speculation. His step forward into the limelight has helped to crystallize a more or less uncertain opposition among some Republicans to Hoover's renomination. It is an opposition scarcely strong enough to substitute Pinchot for Hoover as the Republican candidate, but it will sharply emphasize the rift in the G. O. P.

In the improbable event that the Governor of Pennsylvania should head a third-party movement next year, Democrats as well as Republicans will have their worries. Progressive Republican votes cast for Pinchot will detract from Hoover's total, of course. But who can say how many of those votes would go to a liberal Democratic candidate if he and the present White House incumbent were the only contestants? Nothing at all is certain except that the fights in both party conventions and in the ensuing campaign loom bigger and better every day.

A blind man has established a record for having read the Bible 15 times.

## REUNION OF REDD FAMILY JUNE 26TH

Affair To Be Held On June 26th At Old Redd Home Near Fontaine; Many Descendants To Be Present

One of the most interesting events of the year will be the reunion of the Redd family on June 26th.

This gathering will be at the home of Mrs. Pattie Walker, the old home of Major John Redd and which has been continuously in the Redd family for more than one hundred and fifty years.

Major Redd was one of the strongest characters of his time in this section and made large contributions to the building of our civilization. He was with Washington at Yorktown and thereafter continued his patriotic activities until the close of his long life of ninety-five years. He was a member of the Virginia legislature and voted for the Virginia-Kentucky resolutions of 1798-99.

He was for a long time associated with his neighbor General Joseph Martin, in adjusting Indian affairs and for years presided over the local courts. He accumulated a large estate which he distributed in the betterment of his time and his kind.

The most interesting figure at this reunion will be Mrs. Nannie Fontaine, the only living grand child of Major Redd and who is long past four score years.

Below is the announcement and the program:

To the descendants of Major John Redd:

It has been arranged that all the descendants of Major John Redd (their husbands, wives, children and sweethearts) will meet at his old home, seven miles south of Martinsville, taking the right on the National highway 311 four miles out, on Friday, June 26th.

For anyone to undertake to furnish refreshments for such a gathering will be too large a contract, and so each one who attends will be expected to bring lunch and we will join in a family reunion and picnic. A nice program has been arranged, to begin at 11 a. m., and let all who have in their veins the blood of this grand old man meet there on that day, do some honor to his memory and get the better acquainted.

This is the only notice that will be sent out and it is hoped that all who see this invitation will tell those who do not and let all the Redd kin get together on that day.

Papers in neighboring cities will please copy.

Pattie Redd Walker, Adele Dillard Pannill, Lizzie Smith Barbour, Mary Holt Whittle, Mariah Pannill Read, Al Daniel Starling, William Welch Clark, Peter Spencer Ford, John Redd Smith, committee.

### Program

- Invocation, Eliza Reamey Pannill, Song, America.
- Welcome, Kennon C. Whittle.
- Response, H. Burns Trundle.
- Song, Carry Me Back To Old Virginia.
- Address, Life of Major Redd, John Redd Smith.
- Song, When You And I Were Young, Maggie.
- Address, Reminiscences of the Redd family, J. Murry Hooker.
- Song, Sweet Alice Ben Bolt.
- Children's Pageant, Mariah Pannill Read.
- Song, Susannah River.
- Address, Redd family connections, John Redd Dillard.
- Song, Silver Threads Among The Gold.
- Benediction, Nannie Fontaine.
- Lunch.

## Another Revolution In Progress In Spain

Spanish women have emerged from behind their veils and fans to participate in public affairs. Women were active in the election that made Spain a Republic, and a woman, Senorita Victoria Kent, was immediately appointed to the high post of Prison Administrator. Senorita Kent is said to combine the best qualities of Spanish womanhood with those of an able executive.

The heart of the woman's movement in Spain is the Lyceum Club of Madrid with 500 members. Through its study sections on social, international, and economic questions, the once coy Spanish lady is prepared to shoulder her responsibility in government. Senora Isabella de Palencia, writer and President of the Club, summarizes the women's program in four major points: clean administration and politics, development of child welfare, cultural activities, and peace through disarmament.

Although the rural regions have been slower than the urban to respond to feminism, even the women in tiny villages sometimes hold election meetings and otherwise evince their interest in politics.

It is predicted that very soon American housewives will be able to purchase fresh orange juice in frozen cubes across the grocery counter.

## AL SMITH STILL DRAWS A CROWD

Takes Keen Interest In Empire State Building; Al And Wife Great Fans

New York, June 7.—It's two and a half years since Alfred E. Smith was in the big spotlight, but he still draws a crowd.

Wherever he goes, people stop, gaze and say: "There's Al Smith." When he enters a theatre, he always gets a hand; and between acts he is pressed for handshakes and autographs.

The other night he worked late in his office in the new 102-story Empire State Building. Coming out he had to wait a few minutes for an elevator, and a squad of charwomen spied him. They stared a while and finally one of them walked over and said that please, if it wasn't too much trouble, they'd like to shake hands with him.

So, Al grinned, shook hands all around and said he was pleased to meet them.

He gets 60 to 100 letters a day. Often an envelope is addressed simply "Al, New York," or a picture of him is pasted on it. Such letters rarely contain only this message: "I wonder if you get this."

Since the depression started, he's had thousands of letters from people who want his help in getting jobs. Lots of the petitioners don't know him—they simply think he'd be glad to help.

He lives in an eight-room apartment. It takes in the top floor of a lower Fifth Avenue apartment building and a pent-house. There's a solarium in the pent-house with plenty of flowers. He spends much of his time there. The glass walls and roof usually are lighted up nights.

This time of year he goes out to Canoe Point, Long Island, every week-end, leaving Friday and re-

## French President



Paul Doumer, 73, defeated Aristide Briand in the two-day campaign.

turning Monday afternoon. At Canoe Point he swims, plays a little golf and fishes.

The former governor gets his greatest pleasure from his companionship with his wife. They spend much time together. For hours they play a variety of two-hand rummy. Mrs. Smith usually wins.

The governor—he's always called that—goes to the theatre occasionally. His preference is for nonsense comedy or human and homely drama. If a show particularly delights him, he acts it out when he gets home.

He reads newspapers and books about New York—historical or biographical. He went to the opera once, to please his wife, and never will go again. He takes as much interest in the Empire State Building, which he heads, as he used to in the business of the state. When it was going up, engineers' reports were his particular delight. Now he puts through a lease occasionally. It was he who signed up United States Steel for a floor. The big clients ask to do business with him.

He has a dog, two canaries and a parrot that says "Hello Al." That's a slim list of pets—he used to have scores of animals at Albany. He keeps two rooms in his apartment reserved for his daughter, Mrs. John Warner, wife of the head of the state police, and her two children, who live in Albany. Every day he makes a long distance call to Mary Adams Warner, aged four.

## Administratrix Notice

Having this day qualified as Ad-

ministratrix of Mr. W. J. Rogers, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 12, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This May 12, 1931. Mrs. Ada L. Rogers, Administratrix.

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