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PARIS SWEEP BY FLAMES

Millions of Dollars Damage; Business Halted

Disastrous Conflagration Visited Paris the Sabbath and Wreaked Great Destruction—Postoffice and Much Mail Burned—Telephone Building Destroyed and Communication Cut Off.

Paris, Sept. 21.—Paris was visited by a destructive fire yesterday and last night and not until this morning did the fire department manage to get it under control. The direct loss from the flames will be five million dollars and the indirect loss much greater. Business is practically at a standstill because of the burning of the telephone building, cutting off both local and long distance communication. The postoffice was also burned with much mail. The fire raged nearly all yesterday and last night, and business is so badly crippled it will take weeks to get it normal again.

BLOWN INTO THE AIR.

Gas Explosion Causes Disaster in Gotham.

New York, Sept. 21.—Hurled high in the air by a tremendous explosion of gas, following the undermining part of Hudson street, Hoboken, three men received fatal injuries early today. The disaster was caused by the breaking of a water main, this causing the street to cave in and break off the gas main. Men, residents of the neighborhood, were looking for the gas leak and struck matches. They found it fully. Twenty square feet of pavement were shot upward, the men on the debris, and the entire block was undermined.

DYNAMITED POSTOFFICE.

Thieves Make Haul at Albion, Pa., Last Night.

Erie, Pa., Sept. 21.—Thieves dynamited the postoffice at Albion last night, getting \$1,000 and a quantity of stamps.

JOHNSTOWN IN DANGER.

Hundreds Leave City to Fight Forest Fire.

Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 21.—Johnstown is in danger from forest fires. Hundreds of men and boys have left the city for the scene of the fire to fight it, but are hindered by high winds.

WANTS TRIAL BY JURY.

Harry Thaw Makes Another Try for Liberty.

White Plains, Sept. 21.—Harry Thaw made another fight for liberty today, when his lawyers applied for an order allowing him to be tried by jury to determine his sanity. The hearing was adjourned until next Saturday.

INNOCENT BYSTANDER SHOT.

Love Maddened Italian on the War Path Today.

New York, Sept. 21.—Giuseppe Gruffa today fired at Isabella Zarena, with whom he was in love and then at her sister, but missed both, though wounding a man who was passing. The assailant was shot by policemen before he submitted to arrest.

Towns Wiped Out by Fire.

Rhineland, Wis., Sept. 21.—Towns of Gagen and Woodboro have been totally destroyed by fire and four thousand people are homeless. This town is now threatened. Men and women have been fighting flames all night, but little progress has been made against the flames. The Governor has been asked to send troops to aid in fighting the fire.

Big Fire in Chelsea.

Boston, Sept. 21.—Chelsea is suffering from another big fire today. A general alarm summoning help from the surrounding towns was sounded at 8 o'clock. Charlestown, Boston and other towns have sent assistance. A large box factory was first burned and about twenty other buildings have already been consumed.

Mr. E. S. Nash.

Friends of Mr. E. S. Nash will be glad to learn that a fine compliment has been paid to his business ability in his recent selection as president of the Peruvian Guano Company, a corporation recently chartered under the laws of Virginia. Mr. Nash will have his headquarters at Charleston, S. C., and he will leave in a few days for that city to enter upon his new and very responsible duties.

Carrying the good roads Bond Issue cannot increase Poll Tax.

CHALLENGE ISSUED

The Order of Owls Declare They Have a Baseball Team Equal to the New York Giants, and They Challenge Either the Elks or the Eagles to meet them on the Diamond Next Saturday—Hoped That Game Can be Arranged.

If the plans mature as now under contemplation, the public will have a treat in the shape of a baseball game at League Park next Saturday afternoon. The Order of Owls, the latest acquisition to the fraternal life of Wilmington, have recently organized a baseball team which they solemnly assert is the equal of the New York giants, and through the medium of the press, they issue a challenge to either the Elks or the Eagles, for a match game to determine the fraternal baseball superiority of the organizations, said contest to be played next Saturday afternoon. It is hoped to arranged the game merely for the sake of the national sport, and provided the challenge is accepted, a fast game may be expected. Provided the game is arranged, a small admission will be charged, and the proceeds will be devoted to charitable purposes. Mr. E. W. Van Duzen has been selected captain of the Owls team and he will be glad to receive an acceptance of the challenge from either the Eagles or the Elks.

FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT

Destroyed Two Houses in Northern Section of the City.

A fire which occurred Saturday night destroyed two houses owned by negroes, located in the block bounded by Front, Second, Hanover and Brunswick streets, and partially damaged an additional house. The dwellings were situated in close proximity to the Standard Oil Company's storage tanks and this fact served as a possible element of danger which might have had serious consequences if the flames had spread.

The two houses, Nos. 111 and 113 Lloyd's Alley, which were destroyed were occupied by Phyllis Moore and Adelaide Sickle, colored, and owned by Eliza Jane Laney, colored. Each of the houses was valued at \$125. The house, No. 1016 North Front street, owned by Betie Nixon, colored, and occupied by Daniel Webster, also colored, was partially destroyed. The alarm was sent in while the streets were crowded with people and hundreds hurried to the scene of the fire to watch the progress of the flames.

ENJOYABLE HOUSE PARTY.

Given at Wrightsville Beach by Mrs. Elizabeth Van B. Sands, Complimentary to Several Young Ladies.

A delightful week-end house party was given at Wrightsville beach over Sunday by Mrs. Elizabeth Van B. Sands, at her attractive suburban home on the beach. There were numbered in the merry party of marooners Miss Margaret Harris, of Glenn Ridge, N. C., the charming guest of Mrs. Sands for the past few weeks and who will remain in the city through-out the fall; Miss Florence Kidder and Miss Mary Ella Moore, and Messrs. Thomas D. Meares, Jr., Richard L. Meares, Markley Crosswell and Louis T. Moore. The party was arranged by Mrs. Sands complimentary to the young lady members, and through her clever hospitality, Mrs. Sands demonstrated herself to be a most gracious hostess indeed. She has been the hostess of a number of delightful outings during the summer, and those of the house party who returned to the city this morning will always retain most pleasant recollections of their pleasurable stay at the beach as the guests of Mrs. Sands.

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BIG VAUDEVILLE BILL.

Crystal Palace Begins With Some Swell Today—Is Very Small Price.

With a grand and exceptionally up-to-date bill the Crystal Palace opens its vaudeville season this afternoon. The offering for the week is something exceptionally clever in the variety line and will make a splendid inauguration. In the bill will appear the popular comedian J. Early Hughes; that well known team of funny and refined sketchists, Green and Jolly; the favorite team, the Bergere Sisters; Chas. Olcott, noted musical artist, and others.

Small prices will prevail, and performances will be given every afternoon and evening, the former commencing at 4 o'clock and the latter at 8.

An Attractive Offer to Gents.

Mr. F. H. Krainke, the well known tailor, whose establishment is on Chestnut street near Front, is making a decidedly attractive offer, and which should certainly interest the men folks. He is offering his extensive fall and winter goods, suitable both for suits and trousers, at reduced figures. It will pay to see him.

HEARTILY FAVOR BOND ISSUE

Expressions From Some Well Known Citizens

They Believe in Good Roads and Want Wilmington and New Hanover County to Progress—Endorse Bond Issue and Will Vote for It—Let the Great Work Progress—Vote For the Bonds.

Thursday an election on the issuance of \$50,000 good road bonds will be held and the event is an important one. It means whether or not the good road building, which is rapidly developing New Hanover county, must stop or go ahead; whether or not the southern section of the county must be given a showing to prosper as has the northern and eastern sections; whether or not our people are to go ahead or standstill. The bond issue is for good county roads, which, as history has shown, are important to the development of the county and will bring business to the city. As to good streets, there is already a bond issue of \$400,000 voted for this work, so one cannot have a hearing on the other, and delays are dangerous. Other counties and other cities are rapidly moving to the front.

With an idea of obtaining the views of different citizens on the bond question, although, of course, not attempting to cover the entire ground, a Dispatch man interviewed some prominent citizens this morning and with one exception those interviewed were in favor of the bond issue. The exception had not made up his mind and therefore really is not as yet against the bond issue and may be for it.

Mayor William E. Springer.

Mayor William E. Springer, who is as deeply interested as any person in the city in the development both of the city and of the county, as the chief executive of Wilmington and should as a practical trustee, stated that he was in favor first, last, and all the time, of improvement of roads, and the maintenance of the same, and that it would afford him great pleasure to cast a ballot for the bond issue.

Mr. H. W. Malloy.

Mr. H. W. Malloy, president of the Navassa Guano Company, stated that he was heartily in favor of the issuance of bonds for the improvement of roads, and that his desire was to see the fund derived from such issuance of bonds economically and faithfully administered.

Mr. W. W. King.

Mr. W. W. King, a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Wilmington from the Fifth Ward, stated that nothing aided in the development and progress of a community and surrounding districts more than good roads, that he heartily approved of bond issue, and proposed to vote for the same.

Col. Walker Taylor.

Col. Walker Taylor, one of Wilmington's most progressive citizens, declared that the recent statement issued by the Board of County Commissioners relative to the amount of money economically expended during the past few years, and the gratifying number of roads that had been improved, had served to convince him beyond the shadow of a doubt that the bond issue was the proper solution of the good roads question, and that he intended to vote for the same.

Mr. M. J. Corbett.

Mr. M. J. Corbett, one of the city's most prominent wholesale grocers, stated emphatically that the bond issue was the thing for the citizens of Wilmington, and of the county to vote for, and that he hoped sincerely the bonds would be issued. Mr. Corbett said that he took a drive along the newly improved Masonboro road from the Second Toll gate to Masonboro Sound several days ago, and that he was both surprised and gratified to notice the marked excellence of the road, and the general improved conditions along the thoroughfare.

Right to the Point.

Iredell Meares, Esq., when asked for a statement on the bond issue spoke in the following strong manner:

"Yes, I favor this bond issue and many more bond issues to build roads. I don't care what it costs, so they are built, and the quicker the better. Action, not talk, is needed here in this and other things. I am on the side of the citizen or official who is doing things, not talking about what else might be done, even if he is doing it wrong. Communists, like individuals, do not make themselves by cheap economy and hesitation, but by daring to do, at any cost, what is well to be done, and then discussing mistakes after the results are obtained. Mistakes may be righted, in the progress of development, but non-action is the first step to community death."

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RESIGNS POSITION

Assistant Secretary Robert E. Hatch, of the Young Men's Christian Association, Left Yesterday for Cleveland Ohio—He Has Several Offers of Positions From Other Associations Under Consideration—Secretary Kettle Has Returned From Buffalo, N. Y.

General Secretary Edward Kettle, of the Young Men's Christian Association, returned to the city yesterday morning after spending his summer vacation period at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Kettle was formerly connected with the Association at Buffalo and while in that city he renewed a number of pleasant acquaintanceships with the people residing there. Before returning to Wilmington, Mr. Kettle visited both the Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., Associations, and he gained a number of valuable points which will be of much value to him in his duties as secretary of the local Association.

Assistant Secretary Robert E. Hatch, of the Wilmington Association, who has been connected with the work for several months past, resigned his position recently and left yesterday for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will spend several weeks. Mr. Hatch has several offers under consideration from various associations in different parts of the country and from these he will make a selection of a position. He was very popular with the members of the local Association and these part with him with real regret.

Dr. F. W. Burkheart, the new physical director of the Association, will arrive Wednesday of this week to assume his duties. Dr. Burkheart has been connected with the Buffalo Association for some months past and he comes to Wilmington highly recommended as a skilled physical instructor and as a clever and affable gentleman.

Secretary Kettle and Mr. K. W. Price have returned from Bolton, where they conducted a very successful meeting last night, which gathering was attended by a large crowd, and yesterday morning these association workers also conducted a meeting on the revenue cutter Seminole.

DECLARED NOT GUILTY.

Charge of Manslaughter Preferred Against W. I. Gore Was Dismissed.

The charge of manslaughter preferred against W. I. Gore, a preacher of the "Unknown Sect" under an alleged statement of facts to the effect that the defendant had allowed a child to die without the proper medical care or attention, was investigated Saturday afternoon by Magistrate J. H. Sykes, the case having been transferred to him from Justice John J. Furlong, upon an affidavit of removal. After hearing the evidence in the case Magistrate Sykes deemed the evidence as introduced insufficient to hold the defendant under the charge preferred and therefore Gore was discharged from the \$300 bond under which he has been since the case was instituted.

Gore was represented at the trial by Woodus Kellum, Esq., and the prosecution was conducted under the direction of County Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Sr., Esq., under a recent order of the County Commissioners that the County Attorney have charge of the prosecution of such cases.

A number of witnesses were introduced in the matter and the trial excited a great deal of interest among Gore's associates in the "Unknown Tongue" Sect and the general public.

MISS MARY L. ALDERMAN

Will Open Her Select School for Children on October 5th.

The fall term of Miss Mary L. Alderman's Select School will commence October 5th and indications point to a very successful year. Already a number of applications have been received for admission to the school and others are being filed from day to day. Miss Alderman will have as her assistant, Mrs. Frances Sawyer, a teacher of experience and ability, and under the direction of these accomplished instructors, the work of the pupils this year will be on the same high plane of excellence as in the past.

Miss Alderman will also conduct her business school this season, and the number of graduates who have secured desirable positions here and elsewhere after completing the course testify to the merit of this department.

THE BIJOU THEATRE.

Two Interesting Films Secured for Today's Performances.

The feature films at the popular Bijou theatre today are called "The Lion's Bride," and "The Hindoo's Ring." Both are very attractive motion pictures, especially the first mentioned, which reveals a story of absorbing interest. A scene in this picture showing the heroine in a den of lions is one of the most startling yet produced. The song for today is called "Sweet Polly Primrose."

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