

## EIGHTEEN KILLED IN CHURCH PANIC

Cry of Fire Caused Wild Rush in Colored Baptist Church.

### AWFUL JAM IN THE STAIRWAY

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—A wild panic, following a loud shriek of "Fire!" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two-score of others in St. Paul's Baptist church, on the west side of Eighth street, near Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede was probably due to the fact that the church was not crowded. At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700. The fire was a trifling one, and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of Rev. E. W. Johnson, the pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

**Woman Shrieked Fire.**  
The disaster occurred while a collection was being taken up. The pastor had just concluded his sermon, the text of which was: "Why sit we here until we die?" Following the collection, there was to have been a baptism of a man and wife. As the pastor was arranging the pulpit preparatory to beginning the baptismal service, a woman in one of the front rows of the left side of the altar gave a loud shriek of fire. Instantly all those about her were on their feet looking for the blaze. There were no flames in sight, but those near the pulpit smelled smoke and started down the aisle toward the pulpit. Then followed a half dozen cries of fire, and the whole congregation instantly became panic-stricken. The pastor by this time realized the seriousness of the situation, and in a loud voice, which only added to the confusion, called to the terror-stricken people to be seated. No one listened, and despite his frantic appeal a rush started that meant death to many that were in it.

**Awful Jam On Stairway.**  
When the rush started, those in the rear of the church did not fully realize what was wrong, and were slow to move. The frantic shrieking of the women and children became louder and more general, and many were knocked down in the two aisles of the church. Then came the terrible rush down the stairways. For some unknown reason everybody tried to get down the left side of the building, comparatively few attempting to leave by the right stairway. One eye witness says that perhaps a dozen persons got safely down the stairs, when several people tripped and fell and caused the narrow way to become jammed. Several men on the first floor attempted to hold the people back, but were knocked down, and then the human stream came tumbling down. The weaker ones fell, only to be trampled upon and crushed by those coming from behind.

The horrible shrieks sent up by the prostrate persons added to the confusion, and by this time even the cooler ones in the rear of the fighting mass of men, women and children became terror-stricken. Strong men, in fear that the building was falling, leaped over the heads of women and children, and fought only for their own safety. The terrific crush in the bend of the stairs became so great that the balustrade, which was only a frail, wooden affair, gave way. There was a terrible crash as half a hundred persons were precipitated to the floor, a distance of about 10 or 12 feet. This heightened the intensity of the panic, and the rush became one awful jam.

The pastor of the church, a man of powerful physique and strong voice, continued to appeal to the crowd in the rear to stop their rush, but none would hear. Over the prostrate forms the crowd went, crushing the life out of those who were unable to extricate themselves. In the confusion some of the worshippers thought of the narrow door on the right side of the pulpit and made a quick exit that way, which action on their part probably saved the lives of a number of those who had been caught in the crush.

**Terrible Sight On Stairway.**  
When those who came down the front stairs had left the building a terrible sight presented itself to the rescuers. The first floor and the stairway to the bend were covered three deep with the dead and dying. On the street hundreds were shrieking for help and looking for their missing loved ones.

The ringing of the fire bells, the clang of the ambulance gongs, the almost total darkness and the thick fog added to the grewsomeness of the scene, and caused utter confusion for a time. Order was soon brought about, however, and every one who could not stand was placed in ambulances and rushed to hospitals. No time was taken up to see if any victim was dead, and within an hour after the disaster occurred the street had been cleared of the mass of people and the church door closed.

## PENNYPACKER MARKED MAN

Anarchist Plot to Murder Prominent Men Unearthed.  
Washington, Pa., Jan. 24.—In hunting for the murderers of Michael Carrazola, the wealthy Italian who was shot at Dunlevy last week, Washington county authorities have unearthed a plot to assassinate some of the leading men of the country. They have secured evidence that among those marked for death was Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania. Letters and papers are also in possession of the authorities which decree the death of other leading men. The existence of this band of anarchists was unearthed when Coroner Sipe and Chief of Police Logan, of Monongahela, began to follow up clues which indicated that Carrazola's death was due to the machinations of the Italian "Black Hand" society. The evidence on which charges will be based was discovered in a squalid shanty near the mining village of Baird. In this house located in an obscure hollow were found papers and documents pointing to a wholesale assassination scheme. Anarchists in many parts of the country are implicated and arrests in many sections are looked for.

John Spida, president of the society, was arrested and was put in jail along with George Baril, who is suspected of implication in the death of Carrazola.

### LETTER WRITER ARRESTED

**Wanted President and Government Officials to Join "Civic Cadets."**  
Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—An investigation that followed the receipt of scores of letters and circulars by President Roosevelt, members of his cabinet, other government officials and congressmen, urging them to join an organization called "The Civic Cadets of America," resulted in the arrest in this city of Benjamin Katchings, of Birmingham, Ala., who says he is a son of former Congressman W. B. Katchings, of that state. No charge has been made against Katchings, who is about 25 years of age, but he will be held pending the action of his family, with whom the police have communicated.

According to the secret service agent, Katchings has been sending letters to men of national prominence urging them to join the "Civic Cadets." The letters were accompanied by circulars and pamphlets on questions relating to the manner of running the national government. A close perusal of the literature failed to indicate any precise purpose of the sender. The receipt by President Roosevelt of some of the letters and literature was responsible for the investigation. It was learned that the literature, most of which was signed "Civic Counsellor of the Civic Cadets of America," came from this city, and after a search the sender was located at a local hotel. When arrested he wanted to send telegrams summoning 1000 of his cadets to rescue him from his enemies.

### BRAZILIAN WARSHIP SUNK

**Sent to Bottom By Explosion and 212 of Crew Perish.**  
Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 23.—The Brazilian turretship Aquidaban has been sunk at Port Jacarepagua, south of Rio Janeiro, as the result of an explosion on board. The dead number 212 and the injured 36.  
Four rear admirals perished on board the Aquidaban, which had been used for the accommodation of a number of supernumerary officers and men attached to the flotilla escorting the cruiser Barroso. The Barroso had on board the minister of marine and his staff, who were inspecting the sites proposed for a new arsenal.

The explosion on the Aquidaban occurred in the powder magazine. The vessel sank in three minutes.  
**SHORT OVER \$30,000**  
**Auditors Find Discrepancies In County Treasurer's Accounts.**  
Meadville, Pa., Jan. 23.—According to the report of the board of county auditors filed in court, the accounts of former Treasurer D. N. Scott are short \$30,874. Mr. Scott had held the office for three years. He declares that a mistake has been made in accounting. He will file exceptions in court, entering a legal contest against the validities of the findings. He has deposited with the Crawford County Trust Company, at Meadville, mining and oil stock, cash mortgages and other stock giving face value of \$31,000.

**Forged Senator Depew's Name.**  
Washington, Jan. 22.—Elizabeth Ray, a 14-year-old girl, arrested, charged with forging the name of Senator Chauncey M. Depew to a \$50 check, with which she attempted to purchase a gold watch in a jewelry store here, today admitted her guilt. Mrs. Katherine Berger, the mother of the girl, after being questioned by the police, was arrested. Both mother and daughter told stories to the effect that money had been left the daughter in care of Senator Depew, though the police received word saying the senator denies these statements.

**General Wheeler Has Pneumonia.**  
New York, Jan. 24.—That Brigadier General Joseph Wheeler, of the United States army, retired, has a mild attack of pneumonia was announced at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn, where General Wheeler is ill.

**Cardinal Gotti Dying.**  
Rome, Jan. 23.—Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, who has been seriously ill from pneumonia for some days, is dying.

## INDICTED PACKERS HAVE NEW PLEA

Claim President's Letter Makes Them Immune From Prosecution.

### WILL OFFER IT AS EVIDENCE

Chicago, Jan. 23.—President Roosevelt has been made the central figure around which revolves the entire case involving the pleas of the indicted packers for immunity from further prosecution by the government on charges of being in a conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce.

Attorney William J. Hynes, for the defendants, in closing his open statement before the jury hearing the immunity pleas, read an excerpt from a letter written by President Roosevelt to Attorney General Moody in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe rebate case. This letter was a part of the communications between the two men called for by congress some time ago.

This letter is taken by the packers as an admission by the president that the department of commerce and labor and the department of justice worked together to indict the packers, supporting the contention of the packers on which they rest for immunity. The defendant packers will endeavor to interject the letter into the case as evidence, just as if the president were here and testified concerning it. That part of the letter read by Attorney Hynes, and which will be introduced by the defendants if possible as evidence from President Roosevelt, follows:

"With my approval, the department of justice, with the assistance of the department of commerce and labor, has for some months been endeavoring to find out whether or not they can obtain evidence of such wilful and deliberate violations of the injunction by any individual. If the grand jury now sitting in Chicago finds an indictment against any individual connected with the packing corporations, it will be because in their judgment such legal evidence of the violation of the injunction has been laid before them."

The letter is purported to be signed by President Roosevelt, and is taken by the defendants as proof of their contentions.

"That letter is a public document, and we will introduce it as evidence in this case," said Attorney John S. Miller, one of the packers' attorneys. "If the government contests it, we can, of course, call for an original copy."

**Negro Suspects Released.**  
Newtown, N. J., Jan. 22.—There were no new developments in the search for the murderer of Miss Florence Allinson, whose body was found in the stable of a farm near here last Thursday. Several of the negro suspects, including Thomas Berry, who were arrested Friday and Saturday, were released from custody. In the arrest of Berry the police thought they had the right man, but the accused negro's employers came forward and proved an alibi for him. In the hunt for the murderer the police are completely baffled because of the inability of the 5-year-old girl, who was the only one to see the murderer on the farm, to give an accurate description of the man wanted.

### PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

**Names of New Ambassadors and Postmasters Sent to Senate.**

Washington, Jan. 23.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate:  
Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary—Lake E. Wright, Tennessee, to Japan; David E. Thompson, Nebraska, to Mexico; Lloyd C. Griscom, Pennsylvania, to Brazil.

Governor general of the Philippine Islands—Henry Clay Ide, Vermont.

Vice governor of the Philippine Islands—James F. Smith, California.

Collector of customs—C. Wesley Thomas, District of Philadelphia, Pa.

Postmasters—Maryland—Walter R. Rudy, Mount Airy; William M. Schoolfield, Pocomoke City.

New Jersey—William H. Hamilton, Ocean Grove.

Pennsylvania—Joseph H. McClelland, New Florence; William H. Morris, Rimersburg; Wallace W. Oberly, Womelsdorf; John C. Chamberlain, Everett; William J. Leahy, Falls Creek; Warren F. Simrell, Hallstead; Robert D. Peck, Lock Haven; George C. Burns, Montrose; Ezra H. Ripple, Scranton.

Virginia—W. S. Ross, Big Stone Gap; Thomas W. Carter, Orange; Bentley Kern, Winchester.

**Will Discharge 1000 Men.**

Washington, Jan. 24.—Because of the refusal of congress to include in the urgent deficiency bill \$1,000,000 asked for to cover the cost of repairs on ships in need of overhauling, Secretary Bonaparte was compelled to issue an order reducing by 44 per cent. the force of employes under the bureau of steam engineering at all yards and stations. This will cause the discharge of about 1000 men.

**Boiler Explosion Kills Seven.**  
Chippewa Falls, Wis., Jan. 23.—An explosion of a boiler in a saw mill four and a half miles from Hilcomb resulted in the killing of seven men and injury to three others. The mill was badly wrecked.

**Collieries to Close Three Days.**

Mahanoy City, Pa., Jan. 24.—A general suspension of the 26 collieries of the Lehigh Valley Coal company in the anthracite region was ordered for three days, commencing Wednesday night.

## A Robeson Farmer Makes Thirteen Bales of Cotton on Six Acres of Land.

It appears that Mr. N. Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, who made thirteen bales of cotton on six acres, is in the lead as no other equal yield has been reported. It is desirable to know how he did it. Questions are being asked about it. Three facts are recalled. He put two hundred pounds of kainit, four hundred pounds of acid phosphate, four hundred pounds Quick Step and twenty bushels cotton seed broadcast to each acre, all of which cost him fifteen dollars. The land was no pet lot which has been highly fertilized a number of successive years. It was planted and cultivated skillfully. The land was no better than very much of the land through the section in which it lies. Very much of the cause for the large yield is due to the hoeing and plowing? In a word, the cultivation. It calls for as much brains and nice judgment to be a successful farmer as to be the governor of the State. There is more in the man than in the land. The same land and fertilizers and seasons will furnish the same yield if men of the same skill are the farmers, but if of two one is more skillful the more skillful will get the larger yield every time.—P. R. Law, in Lumberton Robesonian.

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### Saloons in Mississippi.

All but thirteen of the seventy-six counties in Mississippi now prohibit the sale of liquor and forbid people to give it away. The remaining thirteen counties have license regulations. It costs \$1,000 to start a saloon anywhere in Mississippi, and in some counties the license fee is \$1,500. There are no saloons in Jackson, the capital.

The only places in Mississippi where whiskey is sold are: Vicksburg, Natchez, Greenville, Canton, Biloxi, Gulfport, and the small winter resorts along the gulf coast. The town of Canton is the only station on the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad between New Orleans and Memphis at which liquor is sold.

The few saloon-keepers in Mississippi, however, have a compact organization and employ shrewd attorneys who are able to defeat the efforts to secure a general prohibition law at the Legislature. The temperate element will renew the fight at the next session and in case it succeeds will follow up in the amendment by demanding a constitutional amendment.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

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### NOTICE.

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Jan. 17, 1906.

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