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FIRE COSTS 300 LIVES.

Horrible Holocaust in Acapulco, Mexico Theater.

Performance Being Given in Honor of Governor and Victims Are of First Families—Films of Moving Pictures Catch Fire.

Between 250 and 300 people were burned to death and many injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores theater in the city of Acapulco, Mex.

The Flores theater was a wooden structure and over 1,000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Governor Damanlan Flores of the state of Guerrero, who was visiting the host at the time. One of the numbers on the program consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these a film caught fire and the blaze was quickly communicated to some bunting which had been used for decorative purposes.

No Chance to Escape. In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the structure. There were but three narrow exits and the panic stricken audience rushed to them, many persons falling, to be crushed to death, their bodies choking the way to escape for others.

The screams of those imprisoned were terrifying. Owing to the rapidity with which the fire spread and its intense heat it was impossible to attempt rescue work and those imprisoned were literally roasted alive, as the fire burned with little smoke and few were suffocated. The efforts of the fire department were confined to attempting to save the adjoining buildings, and the firemen succeeded so well that the property loss was small. The telegraph office, postoffice and custom house were damaged, but all of the government's records and registered mail were saved.

Whole Families Wiped Out.

Pitiful scenes of grief were witnessed on the streets of the city. Men, women and children wandered about hunting for relatives or friends. Many of the dead are from the first families of the state, the affair at the theater being a social event of considerable importance and calling out the wealthiest and oldest families for miles around. In some instances whole families were wiped out. The municipal authorities caused large trenches to be dug and into these the bodies were laid. Identification has been impossible, most of the bodies having been burned to a crisp.

TELEGRAMS SENT TO THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT ACAPULCO ASKING FOR THE NAMES OF THE AMERICAN DEAD HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

TWENTY BERLIN GIRLS STABBED. Police Seek Ripper Who Attacks Women on the Street.

Attacks upon women on the streets of Berlin, recalling the notorious "Ripper" cases of other cities, continue. The assailant stabbed one victim in the upper part of the arm. Another was wounded in the thigh. Five more attacks were made upon women in the eastern suburbs, which brought the day's total up to seven and the aggregate to twenty, since the beginning of these vicious assaults a few days ago. One of the women was seriously injured, but the injuries of the others were slight.

Many persons declare they have seen the criminal and the descriptions tally in most cases, leading the police to the conclusion that the one man is responsible in every case. Witnesses of the attacks, however, have confined their attentions largely to assisting the injured women, allowing their assailant to escape. Several arrests have been made.

COAL ROADS MAKE DEFENSE.

Their Side of Government Case Begun in New York Today. The railroads of the anthracite region began in court at New York on Wednesday their defense against the charge of the government that they form a conspiracy in restraint of the trade in hard coal.

The action of the government was begun in June, 1907, and the prosecution was concluded in Philadelphia last month. Among the evidence offered by the government is a table of statistics showing that of the 76,900,000 tons of coal produced only 46,000,000, or about 21 per cent, are produced by independent operators. Of these 16,000,000 tons it is alleged that all except 6,697,511 tons are in the control of the roads by contract or otherwise at the time it leaves the mines.

Powder Trust Hearing. Evidence in the government dissolution suit against the E. I. DuPont De Nemours company of Wilmington,

Del., and other companies which are parties to the so-called "powder trust" is being heard before Examiner Mahaffey in Chicago. A. G. Fay, president of the Aetna and Miami Powder company, has been summoned to produce the minutes of the meetings of the Gunpowder Trade association, through which, the government alleges, the trust operated.

Seven in Danger of Starvation. Snowbound on the Continental Divide, at Alpine tunnel, on the Colorado and Southern railroad, a party of seven is in imminent danger of starvation, according to snow shovelers who reached Buena Vista, Colo. The party consists of Larry Waters and his wife, who run an eating house there, and five trackmen, three of them sick.

TAFT STARTS FOR WASHINGTON.

Canal Report Will Be Subject of Conference With President. President Elect and Mrs. Taft left Cincinnati Monday for Washington.

The trip to Washington is important as its primary object relates to the report of the engineers who accompanied Mr. Taft to Panama. The contents of the report have been forecasted, the features being a strong endorsement of the present plans, the commendation of the organization under Colonel Goethals and recommendations tending to show that whatever error has been made has been on the side of the unnecessary precautions for safety.

While in Washington Mr. Taft expects to confer with Senator Knox and with others relative to cabinet appointments. The cabinet gossip which is regarded as the most reliable is as follows: Attorney general, Mr. Wickensham of New York; secretary of war, Mr. Wright of Tennessee; secretary of navy, Mr. Meyer of Massachusetts; secretary of the interior, Mr. Ballinger of Washington state; secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wilson of Iowa; secretary of commerce and labor, Mr. Nagel of Missouri. It is the general understanding that Mr. Taft wishes to fill the treasury portfolio either from Illinois or Ohio.

SINKS OFF NEW ZEALAND COAST. Sixty-seven Persons Lost in Wrecking of Steamer Penguin.

The steamer Penguin was wrecked off Cape Terawhiti, N. Z. Some of the passengers and a number of the members of the crew were saved, but the remainder of the ship's company, numbering sixty-seven, are missing and are supposed to have perished. The Penguin is a total loss.

It was at 10 o'clock at night and during a gale that the Penguin struck on the rocks of Terawhiti. The passengers and crew, numbering nearly 100, boarded rafts and two small boats. The other small boats had been smashed when the steamer was wrecked.

Twenty-six persons reached the shore and the remainder are believed to have drowned. The captain was the last person to leave the vessel. He got upon an upturned boat and was saved. Twenty-six bodies already have washed ashore.

STEAMER SINKS WITH SEVEN.

A British steamer the name of which is unknown, during a fog ran on a rock off Quessant, France, and then slid off and sank in deep water. Seven persons were drowned, but the remainder of the crew took to the ship's small boats and later were picked up by a pilot boat.

BANDITS RIFLE MAIL CAR.

Denver and Rio Grande Train Held Up Near Denver.

That the holdup of Rio Grande passenger train No. 4 near Denver was the work of three instead of two robbers and that the robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$35,000 is indicated by the investigation by the police and railroad officials.

Two suspects were arrested at Sedalia and another at Pueblo. The latter, a Mexican, made a desperate resistance when arrested.

MORE SHOCKS AT REGGIO.

More earth shocks were experienced at Reggio, Italy, Sunday. Professor Alfani, director of the Florence observatory, while about to step into a train for Naples, was violently thrown to the ground by what seemed an unusually severe shock. Peasants rushed to assist him to his feet and anxiously inquired concerning the dangers of further earthquakes. He replied: "Be calm, my children. That was a quake of the fifth degree. You must not be frightened by these shocks, for we will have them for two more years."

Two Killed in Mississippi Storm. Two people were killed and seven injured at West Point, Miss., in a tornado.

KNOX BILL IS PASSED.

House Removes Bar to His Serving in Cabinet.

Bill Providing for Separate Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico is Passed Without a Dissenting Voice. Naval Bill in Senate.

By a vote of 173 to 117 the house of representatives passed the bill removing the bar to Senator Knox's eligibility for the office of secretary of state. This was the second vote of the day on this measure and the two were separated only by about two hours' time. The first vote was taken on the bill under general order for the suspension of the rules and under that order, according to the standing rules of the house, a bill must receive a two-thirds majority to insure its passage. The first vote stood 179 to 123, the majority thus falling considerably below the two-thirds requirement. Immediately after this result was announced, the house committee on rules met. This resulted in Dalzell bringing in a rule making it in order for the house to again take up the bill and act upon it under conditions which would require only a majority vote to pass it.

Without a dissenting voice the bill granting separate statehood to Arizona and New Mexico also was passed, as was the bill providing for uniformity in car equipment with safety appliances.

Naval Bill in the Senate. The senate devoted most of the day to considering the naval appropriation bill and there was much discussion concerning the growth of government expenditures for military purposes.

Hale declared unless a halt is called it will be necessary for congress to issue bonds or to increase taxation. Senators LaFollette and Dixon criticised naval methods and especially the use of public funds for construction of a navy yard.

Senator Hale warned the senate that unless more rapid progress could be made "night sessions would soon become necessary."

LOVERING REPLIES TO RAINY.

Massachusetts Man Defends Cromwell, Taft and Others.

The charges of fraud in connection with the Panama canal purchase made by Representative Rainey recently were revived in the house when Lovering (Mass.) entered a sweeping defense of William Nelson Cromwell, William H. Taft, Charles P. Taft and others whom Rainey named as having been involved in the transaction. Olcott (N. Y.) and Bannon (O.) added their voices in protest against Rainey's statements. When Lovering began the Illinois member had gone to the station to take a train for Baltimore, where he was to deliver a Lincoln address, but he was hastily called back, Lovering in the meantime suspending his remarks. Rainey was obliged to leave shortly afterward to keep his engagement, but he announced that he would make full reply.

That Rainey got from the New York World his information regarding the Panama canal affairs, which formed the subject of his recent speech, and that ex-convicts investigated the stories of fraud and corruption pertaining to the acquisition of title by the United States to the property, was the charge made by Lovering. "Maybe," he said, "the World did not originate all the scandalous stories it published, but its columns were public and we do know that the World did give credence and circulation to them."

Lovering declared that "the perpetrators of these false statements are known and the story of their doings reveals a chapter in the history of blackmailing that is rare in the annals of crime. These gentlemen," he said, "are known. Their names are known; their aliases are known; their haunts and their plans are known."

AID FOR HELPLESS CHILDREN.

Presidential Message on Dependent Little Ones.

President Roosevelt transmitted Monday to congress a special message recommending legislation requested by the conference on the care of dependent children held in Washington Jan. 25 and 26.

The aim of the friends of the dependent children is the enactment of legislation providing for their care. This aim is heartily endorsed by the president. He is thoroughly in favor of bills pending in the senate and house of representatives providing such care for the dependent children in the District of Columbia and the territories, the only sections of the country for which congress may enact such laws. These bills will serve as examples for

the rest of the country, it is hoped.

Before the conference at its meeting in the White House on Jan. 25 and subsequently the president expressed the greatest interest in its work. The conference, which was composed of well known philanthropists and sociologists from all parts of the United States, assembled in Washington at his invitation, and its sessions were formally opened by him in a long address.

The president gave his opinion that there could be no more important subject, from the standpoint of the nation, than the care of "the interests of those children whom cruel misfortune has handicapped at the very outset of their lives." He referred to the orphan, the crippled child, the child worker and the child temporarily parted from its parents by circumstances.

GRAIN RATE CASE UP.

Comes Before Interstate Commission on Petition of Kansas City.

The case of the Kansas City board of trade against the Burlington, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island and a dozen other railroads is up for oral argument before the interstate commerce commission at Washington.

Myron L. Learned and E. J. McVann, secretary of the Omaha Grain exchange, arrived in Washington to be present at the hearing. Mr. Learned appearing before the commission on behalf of the Omaha Grain exchange, railroad attorneys and secretaries of grain exchanges interested in this case are also in Washington for this argument. The case involves the entire grain rate adjustment to the south and southeast, both domestic and export, and therefore involves millions of bushels of grain in the primary haul. The section particularly interested is principally in the consuming territory for coarse grain from Nebraska and Kansas points.

Kansas City is seeking to obtain an adjustment of grain rates whereby it would be given a monopoly of the grain trade of Kansas and deprive Omaha of all grain south of the Platte river, which means millions of bushels of corn, oats and wheat.

YOUNG TURKS IN CONTROL.

Impose Upon Sultan a Ministry of Their Own Nominees.

The new constitutional regime in Turkey has just passed through a rather severe crisis, which has resulted in the downfall of the aged grand vizier, Kiamil Pasha and the complete triumph of the young Turkey party, or committee of union and progress, which has virtually imposed upon the sultan a ministry of its own nominees, headed by Hilmi Pasha.

The committee has publicly repudiated any intention to overthrow the sultan or to install a military dictatorship, but the crisis and its outcome are regarded as not boding well for the stability of the throne or the success of the parliamentary government, and it remains to be seen how the moderate elements of the empire will regard this assumption of absolute power by an irresponsible committee, especially in the face of delicate problems still to be solved in the Balkans.

FROHMANS TO SEPARATE.

Theatrical Manager Makes Announcement at New York.

Daniel Frohman, the well known New York theatrical manager, announced that he and Mrs. Frohman, who was Miss Margaret Illington, the actress, had decided upon a separation, with the view to an ultimate divorce. Mrs. Frohman is in California, where she is recovering her health, following a breakdown from her arduous work on the stage.

According to rumors Miss Illington may marry E. J. Bowes, a prominent real estate man of San Francisco.

FILE SUITS FOR BIG DAMAGES.

Widows and Orphans of Hanna Mine Victims Ask \$250,000.

Suits asking damages aggregating \$250,000 were filed in the district court against the Union Pacific Coal company by widows and other heirs of miners who were killed in the two explosions that destroyed mine No. 1 at Hanna on March 28, 1908. Several of the suits are for \$25,000 each and others for \$20,000 each. In almost every instance the petition avers that the body of the deceased has not been recovered. These cases involve six widows and twenty-six orphans.

Storm in Central West.

Sleet and snow, driven by a heavy wind, seriously interfered with transportation and wire communication over a large portion of the Lake Michigan district. The storm was general throughout the central west. Northern Illinois, northern Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and southern Wisconsin had little communication with the outside world by wire.



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