

## 11 DIE IN HOTEL FIRE

PRINCIPAL HOSTELRY AT FORT WAYNE IN RUINS.

Chief of Police Fears Twenty Others Are Still in the Ruins—Thirteen Are Seriously Injured—Hotel Register Is Consumed by the Fire.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4.—Eleven known dead, many missing and thirteen seriously injured is the result of a fire that destroyed the new Avelline hotel, Fort Wayne's principal hostelry, at an early hour. Chief of Police Anekenbruck said he believed twenty bodies were still in the ruins.

The entire interior of the building is a smoldering heap of ruins, and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured. The hotel register was consumed by the fire and there is no accurate means of determining who is missing.

The known dead are: R. S. Johnson of Pana, Ill.; M. Hirsh of New York, J. B. Miller of Sheboygan, J. E. Ellis, salesman, Chicago; W. A. Pitcher, salesman, Fort Wayne; J. W. Deviney, salesman, Philadelphia; three unidentified men and one woman.

The known missing: Frank Baxter, attorney, Auburn, Ind.; E. B. Alty of Wabash, Charles Benjamin, salesman, Detroit; Mrs. Sarah Hathaway and companion of Mishawaka, Ind.; R. S. Tribble of Dalbert, Tex.

The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering bodies a difficult task. A confused heap of charred wood, bricks and twisted girders is piled up between the bare walls to the second story. Piece by piece this must be removed before the roll of the dead can be completed. Some of the bodies taken out are mangled and charred beyond recognition. Infantry company D and battery B of the National Guard are on duty and aiding the fire and police forces to clear away the debris.

**Started in Early Morning.**

The fire was discovered at 3:30 a. m. in the elevator shaft, by Night Clerk Ralph Hopkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarming the guests until the flames, which had spread with appalling rapidity, drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives. The hotel was erected half a century ago and the woodwork was dry as tinder. It burned like matchwood and within a few minutes from the time the fire was discovered the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames that filled the corridors and rooms with suffocating clouds of smoke and laid fiery barriers across all means of escape, save by the windows. The fire department rescued many by means of ladders, but some, frenzied by the onward rush of the flames, leaped from high windows to the paved street. R. S. Johnson of Pana, Ill., jumped from the fifth story. His body struck a balcony and bounded far into the street. He was a crushed and bleeding mass when picked up, and died a short time later in St. Joseph's hospital.

As the flames increased, men and women were seen in the windows of their rooms, where they wildly implored help. Those who got from their rooms before the flames cut off their retreat were able to make their way to the fire escapes, and so were saved with comparative ease. Soon the flames broke from the windows and curled about the fire escapes. Some of the more hardy ones braved the flames and made their way through smoke and fire down the iron stairways.

The Avelline hotel was a six-story building of brick, in the business center of the city. Its erection was begun in 1852, but it was not completed until several years later. In 1895 the building was extensively remodeled and two stories were added. The hotel and furnishings were valued at \$80,000.

**SIX PERISH IN BROOKLYN FIRE**

Police and Firemen Risk Lives in Work of Rescue.

New York, May 4.—An early morning fire in a four-story brick tenement at 17 Humboldt street, Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others.

Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling rescues by police and firemen and it was due to their brave work that the death list was not larger. A half dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets. The financial loss is \$10,000.

The dead are: Mrs. Dora Abrams and Sadie, Carrie, Anna and Charles Abrams; Mrs. Jennie Cohen.

**Three Dead in Butte Wreck.**

Butte, Mont., May 4.—George Ehle, fireman of the Burlington overland limited, the train which was derailed by bandits near this city, is dead. This makes the third fatality of the wreck, the other two being Engineer Charles Bussy and Carl Ming, a tramp. At the sheriff's office it was said that the authorities had obtained no clue as yet which might aid in tracing the men involved in the plot to blow up the train.

**Known Dead Number Eight.**

Chicago, May 4.—The finding of another body in the ruins of the Chicago Reduction company's plant at Thirty-ninth and Iron streets, which was wrecked by an explosion and fire, makes the list of known dead eight. The body was identified as that of William Lenze, a Welchman. One of the bodies previously recovered was believed to be that of Lenze.

## CARDINAL TO MAKE LONG TRIP

Irish Prelate Expects to Journey Across United States Before Return.

New York, May 6.—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, who came to America to attend the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the formation of



CARDINAL LOGUE.

the New York diocese, will, after preaching here next Sunday, make a tour to Boston and Niagara Falls and later to Chicago. He anticipates a visit to San Francisco before his return to Ireland.

**PRIEST PUTS ALTAR ON STAGE**

Chicago Audience of Catholics Surprised at Scene in Play.

Chicago, May 6.—Gasps of astonishment came from an audience, composed largely of Roman Catholics, when the curtain was lifted on the second scene of Rev. L. K. Vaughan's play, "A Woman of the West," produced in the Bush Temple theater.

The interior of a Catholic church, showing the altar and an actor in the vestments of a priest performing the ceremonies of the mass were presented and continued for almost three minutes. With an acolyte assistant the offices of the mass from the sanctus to the offertory were depicted, the chalice was lifted and the mimic priest turned in benediction upon the audience to be interrupted by the flight of a fugitive into the edifice.

Father Vaughan said he had not consulted with his superiors in reference to the depiction of the mass upon the stage. "The celebration of mass is stopped before the consecration of the host. It is simply a picture," he said, "a living painting and should offend no one any more than a representation of the same thing in water colors or oils. I hope it will lead people to think rather than to criticize."

**HOW H. H. TUCKER WORKED**

Evidence in Case Reveals Methods of Uncle Sam Oil Company.

Topeka, May 6.—H. H. Tucker, Jr., secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, invested \$1,500 when he entered into the Publishers' Oil company, which was later changed to the Uncle Sam company. This testimony was brought out under examination at Tucker's trial here on a charge of using the mails to defraud. Tucker said that later he bought some stock. Out of the dividends and sale of stock, he said, he personally made \$15,000. He said other stockholders also received dividends and had the opportunity to make money by selling stock when it went up.

Tucker testified about a \$5,000,000 bond issue. He said the issue was made for the purpose of buying crude oil at 40 cents a barrel, refining it, selling it at \$4 a barrel, and thus raising \$22,000,000 upon which to float the \$5,000,000 bond issue. The bonds did not sell at par. The sale price was made 25 cents on the dollar and the balance in stock.

## METHODISTS TAKE BALTIMORE

General Conference Draws Delegates from Many Lands.

Baltimore, May 6.—All is in readiness for the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which begins here today its twenty-fourth quadrennial session as a delegated body. The Lyric, where the sittings of the body will be held, was the rallying point of the delegates and visitors who arrived in throngs. All races, nations and tongues were represented. From China, Japan, India, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Africa, Canada and South America have come men, bringing greetings to the conference either as delegates or fraternal visitors. In addition, there were representatives from every state and large city in this country.

## Cockran's Successor Picked.

New York, May 6.—Senator Thomas F. Grady, who has announced his retirement from the legislature at the end of his present term, is to be promoted to congress, taking the place of W. Bourke Cockran. This announcement was made upon high authority in Tammany Hall.

**Stonestreet Wins Kentucky Derby.**

Louisville, May 6.—The Kentucky derby was won by Stonestreet. Sir Clergy was second and Dunvegan third. Time, 2:15.

**Lawler Elected Mayor of St. Paul.**

St. Paul, May 6.—Daniel Lawler, the Democratic nominee for mayor of St. Paul, was elected over Joseph McKibbin (Rep.) by an estimated plurality of about 3,000.

## LAPORTE'S MYSTERY

FIVE BODIES OF SLAIN PERSONS FOUND IN FIRE VICTIM'S YARD.

Her Home Burned a Week Ago and She and Her Three Children Perished—Authorities Call Place a Clearing House for Murderers.

Laporte, Ind., May 6.—That Mrs. Bella Guinness was responsible for at least five murders before she and her three children were incinerated in the fire which destroyed her home April 28, is the theory which is held by the local authorities, who are attempting to solve the puzzle of the barnyard burying ground found on her pretty farm, one mile north of this city. Their first impressions to this effect were strengthened when Ray Lamphere was told of the gruesome discoveries.

"My God! Five bodies! What wouldn't that woman do!" exclaimed Lamphere, who is awaiting grand jury action on a charge of first degree murder.

"I always thought something was wrong out there," he said when Sheriff Smutzer questioned him. "Several people came to that farm who never were seen to go away. One was a man, big, with black hair and mustache. Mrs. Guinness told me he was Jennie Olsen's sweetheart. He was there about two years ago. Then one day a man and woman drove up with a baby and went away without it. No; that's all I know about it, but I guess there must have been others. I ain't sure just when that big man was there."

The talk of accounting for nine and possibly eleven violent deaths confronts the authorities of Laporte. In addition to the five bodies discovered and the four charred corpses revealed by a search of the ruined house, there are two husbands of the dead woman, both of whom died under circumstances that aroused suspicion.

Only two of the bodies found have been identified. These are Andrew Heiglein, who came to this city from Mansfield, S. D., for the purpose of marrying Mrs. Guinness, whose acquaintance he had made through a matrimonial bureau. The other is that of Jennie Olsen, a Chicago girl, who had been adopted by Mrs. Guinness. She disappeared in September, 1906, and it was said had gone to Los Angeles to attend school. The other bodies were those of a man and two children, apparently twelve years of age. So many bones of the children's bodies were missing that the sex could not be easily determined.

**Clearing House for Murderers.**

The discovery of the bodies led expressmen to tell of the delivery of five trunks to the Guinness farm during the last six months, and this fact has caused the authorities to work on the theory that the place was a clearing house for murderers. They suspect that wealthy persons, after being lured to Chicago and killed, were packed in these trunks and sent here to be buried. Investigation of Mrs. Guinness' life developed that two of her husbands died under suspicious circumstances, both meeting violent deaths. The first, Max Sorenson, was insured for \$8,500 and the second, Guinness, for \$3,500. This insurance was paid in both cases to the widow. Sorenson died several years ago, while the family lived at Austin, Ill. His death was said to have been due to heart failure, but relatives claimed that he had been poisoned.

While a resident of Austin the Sorenson home was burned and, although some question as to the origin of the fire arose, the insurance was collected. With this insurance money Mrs. Sorenson (as her name was at that time) bought a confectionery store in Chicago, which was located at the corner of Grand avenue and Elizabeth street. A short time later the store was gutted by fire, the origin of which was suspicious, but after making an investigation, the insurance companies paid the claim.

**Second Husband Meets Violent Death.**

After the fire at Chicago, Mrs. Sorenson moved to Laporte, and it was here that she was united in marriage to Peter Guinness. While in the kitchen one day Guinness was struck on the head by a meat chopper and the wife explained to the coroner that it had fallen from a shelf and had killed him. Although her story was questioned, the investigation never was carried any further.

That Mrs. Guinness was contemplating a third marriage is believed by the officers, as the result of the receipt of a letter by Executor Fogle, addressed to Mrs. Guinness. The letter is written in Norwegian and is from Carl Peterson of Waupaca, Wis. He writes that he is sorry he cannot meet her requirements as to his financial conditions, but he is respectable and worthy in every way. He says he hopes she will be able to find the right kind of a man, one who will make her a good and true husband and one who will be a father to her children.

**Police Shoot Two Porto Rican Soldiers**

San Juan, P. R., May 6.—Two privates of the Porto Rico provisional regiment were shot during a clash between soldiers and the insular police. One of the soldiers died later and the other is quite seriously wounded. The fight resulted from an attempt of the part of the police to quell a disturbance.

**Demarest Is Amateur Champion.**

New York, May 6.—Calvin Demarest of Chicago won the international amateur billiard championship by defeating Lucien Herolle, the five-time amateur champion of France, by a score of 400 to 216.

## PRIME BEEF FROM CALVES

Swift & Co., Carry on a Successful Experiment at St. Paul.

St. Paul, May 4.—In order to remove the prejudices of farmers that calves absorb all the nourishment they receive for growth without putting on fat, Swift & Co. have been carrying on an interesting series of experiments in the production of "baby beef" at their St. Paul plant.

The company's buyers selected fifty-one calves, ranging in age from six to eight months, and averaging 629 pounds in weight. Their feed yard was inclosed on the north side by a shed, the entire south side of which was open. This shelter amply protected the calves from the snows and the cold north winds.

Feeding commenced on the first of last November, and by the time the calves were on full feed their ration consisted of cornmeal and oil meal, with plenty of good prairie hay for roughage, twenty pounds per head per day. A few days ago twenty of the calves of an average quality of the whole were taken out of the feeding; pen and slaughtered. The carcasses were submitted to meat experts and were pronounced of the best quality they had ever seen. Every one was prime.

## WEDDING AT TSARSKOE-SELO

Prince Wilhelm of Sweden Takes Russian Grand Duchess as Bride.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—Prince Wilhelm of Sweden, second son of King Gustave, the popular sailor prince, who visited America in 1907, was married to Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, cousin of the emperor of Russia and daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch.

The ceremony took place at Tsarskoe-Selo and was accompanied by all the pomp and brilliant display characteristic of the most stately court in Europe. The day was marred by frequent heavy falls of snow, which, however, failed to chill the enthusiasm of the great crowds that gathered around the palace to catch a glimpse of the emperor and other royal personages and the arriving guests. The crowd stood for hours in the bleak and muddy palace square until the conclusion of the ceremony. A great state banquet was served, at which toasts were drunk to the good understanding between Sweden and Russia recently reached in the Baltic agreement, to which the wedding—the first in modern times between the ruling houses of the countries—puts the seal.

## PROSPERITY LEAGUE FORMED

Result of Conference Held by Business Men at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 2.—A business organization, to be known as the National Prosperity association of St. Louis, has been formed as the result of a conference held by business men here during the past three days, and a formal address was issued to the business interests of the country. It is proposed to extend the ramifications of the association throughout the country for the betterment of all classes of business.

It is stated that the association has for its object the encouragement of a return of prosperity and uplifting of business interests generally. The officers of the association comprise the executive committee and they are: Chairman, E. C. Simmons, formerly president of the Simmons Hardware company, and vice chairman, W. K. Bixby, formerly president of the American Car and Foundry company. In the formal address it is set forth that the purposes of the National Prosperity association are: To keep the dinner-pail full; to keep the pay car going; to keep the factory busy; to keep the workmen employed; to keep the present wages up.

## McCormick Tells of Trust's Levy.

Washington, May 2.—Testifying before the house select committee on wood pulp and paper investigation, Medill McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, explained his several paper contracts of the last ten years, and said that although he had a five-year contract, with one year yet to run, with the International Paper company, the price had been raised from \$1.85 to \$2.20.

## Rail Lawyer's Second Acquittal.

San Francisco, May 4.—Trey L. Ford, chief counsel for the United Railroads, charged with bribing former Supervisor Daniel G. Coleman to vote for a trolley franchise, was found not guilty by a jury here. This makes his second acquittal in three trials. Twelve other indictments remain against him, and he will be tried on them.

## Surgeon in Session at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., May 5.—The American Surgical association met in annual convention here. Eighty-five of the leading surgeons in America were in attendance when the president, William H. Carmall of New Haven, opened the session, which was devoted to the consideration of surgery of the stomach and intestines.

## Wife Murder and Suicide.

Chicago, May 5.—George Bicking, a plumber, shot and instantly killed his wife and then committed suicide. The murderer made a futile attempt to kill his daughter, seventeen years old, and a young lady who was visiting at his house. Both escaped uninjured.

## Rev. Manning Succeeds Dr. Dix.

New York, May 5.—The Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, vicar of St. Agnes chapel in Trinity parish, and assistant rector of the parish, was unanimously elected rector of Trinity parish to succeed the late Dr. Morgan Dix.

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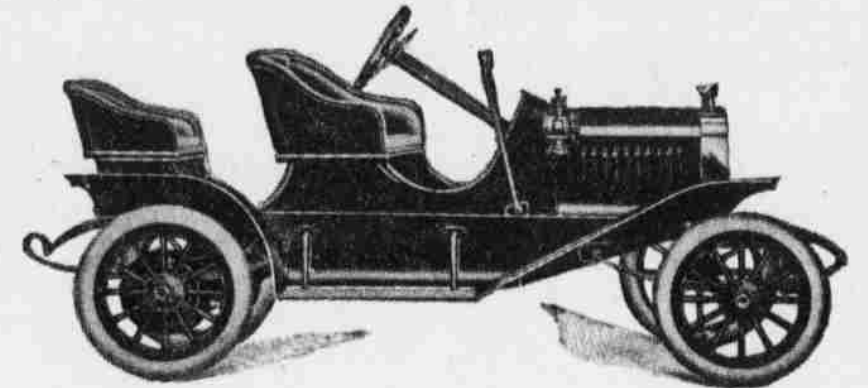
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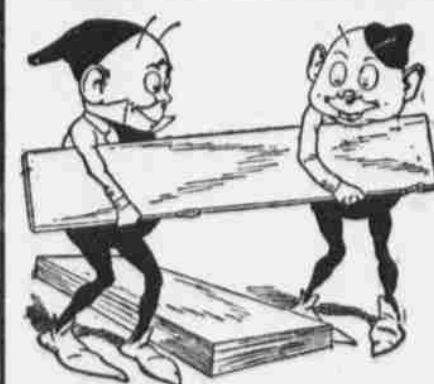
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