

# AMERICAN BURNS IN LONDON HOTEL

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Carlton Blaze.

MANY GUESTS FROM THIS SIDE

Americans Are Conspicuous for Bravery—James R. Keene Walks Down Stairs Smoking Cigar—Thomas A. Edison Is Out When Flames Start.

London, Aug. 10.—Jameson Lee Finney, the American actor, perished in a fire which destroyed a part of the Carlton hotel, where he was a guest.

The body was found in the bath room adjoining Mr. Finney's room on the fifth floor of the annex. The face was so badly charred that the features were unrecognizable. Apparently Mr. Finney had gone into the bath room to bathe before dressing and was asphyxiated.

The Carlton was one of London's most fashionable resorts. Of the 200 persons stopping at the hotel when the fire started a majority was from the United States and while all had narrow escapes none except Finney suffered any injury.

The fire burned for two and one-half hours but was confined mainly to that end of the hotel adjoining his majesty's theater and the fifth and sixth floors, which were gutted. Part of the roof also was destroyed. Only the hardest work by firemen saved the hotel and theater.

Lines of hose were dragged up all the stairways and tons of water were poured into the upper rooms. Damage from water is greater than that done by the fire. Most of the interior of the building was thoroughly soaked.

James R. Keene, the widely known New York financier and horseman, was one of the coolest victims of the fire. He was sitting in his room when the alarm rang and calmly walked down stairs, lighting a cigar, and then stood on the sidewalk and watched the progress of the flames.

James Purroy Mitchell, president of the board of aldermen of New York, was asleep in his room but Mrs. Mitchell, who was in an adjoining room, awakened him and they quickly made their exit from the building.

One of the features of the fire was the bravery of the Americans. What little panic and excitement existed was among employees of the hotel, chiefly the continental women in the servants' quarters, who were screaming at the top of their voices.

Thomas A. Edison was staying at the Carlton, but was out when the fire occurred.

## RAISE ON FEEDERS HELD UP

Proposed Advance of 25 Per Cent in Freight Rates Suspended.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Freight tariffs, which increase by 25 per cent the charges for transportation of "feeding cattle" and sheep between Missouri river and Mississippi river transfers, including Chicago, were suspended by the interstate commerce commission until Dec. 13, 1911.

The proposed rates were filed with the commission by the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad, and the Iowa Central railway, effective August 16, and by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad effective Sept. 1. It is probable that others will file similar rates, which will be suspended as they reach the commission.

For many years freight tariffs filed by the railroads between the Missouri and Mississippi rivers have provided that "feeding cattle" or "stock cattle" might be shipped at 75 per cent of the rate charges on "fat cattle," the reason for the difference being that the "feeders" are concentrated during certain seasons at cattle markets for sale to stock raisers and then reshipped to the ranges to be fattened.

On shipments of this kind the railroads obtain three hauls on the same cattle from substantially the same markets coming and going, as "feeders" and returning from the ranches as "fat cattle."

## TWO PROMOTE'S ARRESTED

Got Electricity From Nearby Plants Instead of From Sun's Rays.

New York, Aug. 10.—George A. Cove, president of the Southern Electric Generator company, incorporated in Arizona for \$5,000,000, and Elmer Elsworth Burlingame, stock selling agent, were arrested by United States marshals and held for examination on October 10. Burlingame in \$5,000 bonds and Cove in \$2,500. They were charged with using the mails to defraud.

Postoffice inspectors declare that the company claimed to have perfected an invention for the generation of electricity from sun rays, but investigation proved that the power at the company's plant really came from commercial companies supplying electricity.

## Nearly 500 Miles in Single Flight.

Paris, Aug. 10.—Jules Vedrines, the French aviator, broke the record for a single long distance flight in competition for the Michelin cup. He covered 809 kilometers (496 miles) in seven hours fifty-six minutes and thirty-six seconds, beating Loridan's mark of 702 kilometers (436 miles).

HARRY K. ATWOOD.  
Who Is to Start on His  
Milwaukee-New York  
Flight Next Saturday.



Photo by American Press Association

## STRIKE RIOTS IN LONDON STREETS

Many Collisions Between Police  
and Dockmen and Carriers.

London, Aug. 10.—Increased disorders and progress toward peace were the contrary features of the dock strike. The men of dockland who are already feeling the pinch of deprivation, have adopted drastic measures to prevent any attempt by nonunionists or clerical staffs to move a wheel, and collisions with the police were frequent and sharp.

The Board of Trade is composing the difficulties of employers and employees, and some sectional disputes have now been settled, with every prospect that the demands of other sections will be satisfied before the end of the week. This latter condition is the only one on which the men will call off the strike.

Meanwhile London is practically without vans. Thirty-thousand carters quit work and thousands more plan to join the idle ones before night. The strikers had frequent fights with the police. Women joined the men in preventing a replenishing of the markets with provisions.

The fish porters have joined the strike movement. The wholesale prices of chilled beef have advanced 7 to 10 cents a pound since last Friday. The manager of one of the largest houses importing American beef said that unless the strikers settled by tomorrow there will be the greatest beef famine this country has ever known.

Tons of California peas, Tasmanian apples and French fruits are rotting in their crates and Covent Garden is almost without fruit. Practically no business was done on the corn exchange.

## HIS WIFE TOO LOVING

St. Louis Man Tries Suicide Because Spouse Kissed Him Too Much.

St. Louis, Aug. 10.—Phillip H. Nickerson of 4642 Vernon avenue, who slashed the arteries of his wrists in an attempt to end his life, said at the city hospital he tried to kill himself because his wife was too affectionate. Nickerson has been married only seven months.

"I am fond of my wife," he said, "and I want her to be fond of me. But there is a limit to all things. She wants to sit continually upon my lap and hug and kiss me. If I stand up she stands up, too, and places her arms about me and kisses me until I can hardly breathe. It got upon my nerves."

## INDICT 3 FOR LAND FRAUD

Federal Authorities Attack Promoters of Florida Scheme.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The federal departments in Chicago have revived their investigation of mail frauds, particular attention being paid to land deals and colonizations.

An indictment has been returned against three men for participation in the "Suwanee Valley, Fla., Land company" project, the first of the companies to fall foul of the postoffice inspectors and bureau of justice.

The men indicted are Daniel Riley, Chicago, president of the concern; Frank Lindley and Stephen A. Watson of Danville.

## "Wire Tappers" Find Victim.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Three young men swindled John Schroeder of Milwaukee out of \$11,500 by means of the "wire tapping" fake here.

# PERKINS NEED NOT ANSWER

Steel Trust Official Escapes Citation by House.

Taft TO FURNISH INFORMATION

Attorney Lindabury Announces Steel Corporation Contributed \$10,000, but Says Does Not Know Whether Campaign Was National or State.

Washington, Aug. 10.—George W. Perkins probably will not be asked any more questions about campaign contributions and thus will escape citation for contempt before the bar of the house of representatives by the Stanley steel trust committee of inquiry.

The committee determined in a turbulent executive session not to press questions relating to Mr. Perkins' personal campaign contributions. The matter of inquiry into the campaign contributions of the New York Life Insurance company and the United States steel corporation, it was said, was left in abeyance.

"Even should any other questions regarding campaign contributions be pressed," said Attorney R. V. Lindabury of the Steel corporation, "they would not be answered."

Chairman Stanley, Representatives Littleton and Sterling of the committee and Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, had a conference with President Taft at the White house following the executive session. All refused to discuss the conference. Chairman Stanley and his associates, it was learned later, went to the White House to ask the president to further release the reports of the commissioner of corporations on the steel inquiry, with a view of getting at some of the matters sought in the inquiry.

President Taft, it was said, promised to furnish to the committee all information in the possession of the bureau of corporations in regard to the steel trust which could be furnished within the law.

When the executive session was ended and the committee about prepared to proceed with the examination of Mr. Perkins, Attorney Lindabury announced that the steel corporation in 1904 contributed \$10,000 to a campaign fund, but whether it was national or state he did not know. He said he would produce the papers as soon as possible and that Mr. Perkins was not connected with the contribution.

## RAILROAD OFFICIALS HOLD CONFERENCES

Will Present Firm Front Against Demands of Shopmen.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Railroad officials in Chicago have been arranging conferences to discuss the strike that is said to threaten all western lines, with the purpose of presenting an undivided front if action is taken by employees.

Officials of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad denied the strike rumors, and said their employees had made no demands. Other lines admitted that the possibility of a strike was being discussed in informal conferences among officials.

According to reports in circulation among railroad men, all the western lines have been sent a series of demands from the shop workers, the principal items in which are as follows: Physical examinations and personal record blank requirements to be discontinued; a flat increase of 15 per cent in wages; an eight-hour day; time and one-half for day service after 5 p. m. and double time after midnight; one apprentice to be employed for every five mechanics, and this rate to be maintained; apprentices not to work overtime; employees laid off on account of a reduction in force to be re-employed in the order they have been laid off; piece work premium systems to be abolished.

## JOHN DIETZ IS CRITICALLY ILL

Defender of Cameron Dam Has Blood Poisoning in Old Bullet Wound.

Milwaukee, Aug. 10.—John Dietz, "the defender of Cameron dam," is seriously ill at the Waupun state prison, the result of blood poisoning from a wound received in the memorable battle with deputy sheriffs last October, according to a telegram received by George Schultes, chairman of the Dietz defense committee.

Mrs. Dietz wired that Dietz' right hand, where he was wounded, had become infected.

## Army of Philippines in Detroit.

Detroit, Aug. 10.—The twelfth annual reunion of the Army of the Philippines opens its session in Detroit today. Two hundred and fifty men are here. The first session will be held this evening. Commander-in-Chief A. H. Anderson presiding, Melville W. McManus, commander of the Detroit organization, has been endorsed for the post of commander-in-chief of the national body.

# The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Did you see the Stars Tuesday afternoon. Clyde Graham was at Omaha Wednesday.

John H. Schmidt was at Omaha on Wednesday. Henry Behrus was a Plattsmouth visitor Wednesday.

T. H. Straub was a north-bound passenger Wednesday morning. Miss Marguerite Francis of Dunbar visited at Avoca last week. J. C. Zimmerer was attending to business matters at Omaha Wednesday.

The Avoca ball team has been engaged to play at Louisville next Friday. An ice cream social was held on Dr. Kruse's lawn Wednesday evening.

Avoca is contemplating having a baseball tournament the last of August.

The Avoca ball team plays at the Old Settlers' picnic at Union Saturday.

The Lincoln Stars were billed for a game here on Tuesday, but failed to appear.

J. C. Zimmerer and Harry Marquardt were Nebraska City business visitors Tuesday.

Frank Johnson was here from Sumner the first of the week visiting his brother, Samuel.

A number from Avoca and vicinity expect to attend the Old Settlers' picnic at Union.

Miss Mable Cutler was here from Bethany last week, attending the picnic and visiting friends.

The ball game here picnic day between Avoca and Syracuse was a dandy, resulting in a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the visitors.

## Shower for Sophia Ruhge.

The Misses Emma and Clara Marquardt gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Sophia Ruhge

Wednesday evening, August 2. After enjoying the contests arranged by the hostesses, the guest in whose honor the shower was given was directed to examine, one at a time, the diplomas which were to graduate her from maidenhood into matrimony.

These contained directions for finding and using the many beautiful gifts which were showered upon the bride-to-be. A dainty luncheon was served. Those present were: Sophia, Louise and Annie Ruhge, Eda and Selma Marquardt, Pearl and Andrey Harmon, Wilma Hanger, Bertha Smoots, Stella and Elsie Opp, Viola Fleishman, Julia Nutzman; Messdames M. G. Keedy, L. J. Marquardt, W. A. Hollenberger, O. E. Copes, J. W. Brendel, F. Carsten, F. McGrady and C. Woodson.

## AVOCA WINS.

Jess Gruber Twirls No-Run, No-Hit Game.

There were two fast ball games here Saturday. The first battle was between the home team and the hard-hitting Unionites. The Union team is composed of nice fellows, but it was clearly outclassed by the Gillin Greens. Southpaw Jess Gruber was on the slab for the home team and held the Union boys to a no-hit, no-run game, only one man reaching first base, and he was presented with a pass. The Avoca team played a fast game in the field, going the full game without an error. The features of the game was the playing of the home team and the coaching of Rev. Ousterhout. The score:

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Union . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 —0  
Base Hits—Avoca, 17; Union, 0. Errors—Avoca, 9; Union, 5.

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## REGARDED BRIBES AS GIFTS

Holstlaw Is Last Witness Before Senate Lorimer Committee.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The senate Lorimer committee adjourned its hearings in Washington to resume probably early in October in Chicago at the call of Chairman Dillingham. Attorney Healy of the committee announced that the list of witnesses summoned had been exhausted. "And everybody else," he added. The last session of the committee was occupied with the final cross-examination of former State Senator Holstlaw of Illinois who claims he received \$2,500 for voting for Lorimer. "You said you considered the \$2,500 and \$700 you received from John Broderick as gifts?" asked Senator Kenyon of Iowa.

"Yes, sir."

"You didn't care particularly where it came from?" asked Chairman Dillingham.

"No."

"If you considered it a gift, why didn't you tell your friends that some one thought so much of you as to make you a large present?"

"I didn't consider it much."

## FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

J. A. Johnson, Wife and Two Daughters Meet Death.

Ida Grove, Ia., Aug. 10.—J. A. Johnson, his wife and two daughters were killed at Galva, fourteen miles northeast of Ida Grove, by an east bound passenger train on the Chicago and Northwestern line. The Johnsons were in an automobile and probably had failed to see or hear the train which came around a sharp bend at the point where the accident occurred just west of the town of Galva. The Johnsons resided at Kiron, Ia.

## McCabe Admits Changing Decision

Washington, Aug. 10.—Charges across the table that technical questions were being raised to keep back evidence in the investigation of the Dr. Wiley case created excitement in the house committee on expenditures in the agricultural department during the further hearing of Solicitor McCabe of that department. McCabe admitted that in officially publishing for the department of agriculture a court decision in a Missouri pure food case he had changed several words in the judgment of the court. The change eliminated benzoate of soda from the decree holding certain substances deleterious.

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 10.—Mrs. Rosannah Carter of Hillboro, Ia., who came to attend the funeral of her brother, Bruce Duncanson, died of heart failure while the body of her brother was being taken to the cemetery. She became ill following her arrival here. The body will be taken to Hillboro for burial.

Struck Out—By Gruber, 7; by McKean, 4. Batteries—Gruber and Larson; McKean and Eaton.

The second game was with the Lincoln Stars, and was a fast one from start to finish, but it was the same old story of too much Gruber. Henry Gruber did the twirling act for the home team and let the Stars down with only one hit, while Gillin's Greens hit the horsehide for eight safe ones. The score:

Avoca . . . 0 0 1 0 0 1 \*—2  
Stars . . . 0 0 0 4 0 0 0—4  
Batteries—H. Gruber and Larson; Medlen and King. Struck Out—By Gruber, 7; by Medlen, 7. Base Hits—Avoca, 8; Stars, 1.

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## PUBLIC SALE

The Undersigned Will on

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1911,

At 1 O'Clock P. M. Sharp,

at farm of A. S. Will, Eight Mile Grove, in Mt. Pleasant Precinct, Cass county, Nebraska, being 10 miles southwest of Plattsmouth, and 11 miles northeast of Weeping Water, will sell at public auction from forty to fifty head of good native, well-bred horses.

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The reason for this sale is the dissolution of the firm of A. S. Will & Sons.

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WILLIAM DUNN, Auctioneer.

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