

HOTEL IS BLOWN UP

FOUR PERSONS KILLED AND FOUR SERIOUSLY HURT AT NIOBRARA, NEB.

BLAST DUE TO IGNITED GAS

Among the Dead Are the Proprietor, One of His Sons and a Traveling Salesman—Three of Injured Victims Are in a Critical Condition.

Niobrara, Neb.—Four persons were killed and four injured in an explosion which occurred here at 7.30 o'clock Sunday evening and the fire which resulted from the explosion burned to the ground the three-story hotel owned by Michael Kendall. The explosion was caused by a leak in the gas plant, which was located in the cellar of the hotel. Mr. Kendall noticed that gas was escaping and went to the cellar to investigate, and it is supposed that he struck a match and ignited the gas in the cellar. It is thought that all of the injured will recover, though the injuries of three are serious.

The dead are: Michael Kendall, proprietor of the hotel; Kenneth Kendall, son of the proprietor; Anna Duseka, a cook; Roy F. Crosby, traveling salesman.

Mrs. Crosby, wife of Roy F. Crosby, had both legs broken, and was burned about the face and arms.

Mrs. Kendall, wife of the hotel proprietor, had one leg broken and was burned about the face, arms and body.

Pearl Kendall, son of the proprietor, had one foot blown off and was badly burned on the legs and about the arms and across the back.

Mrs. Kurpicka was burned, but her injuries are not considered serious. There is no hospital in Niobrara and all of the injured are being cared for at the homes of friends.

HOGREFE FOUND GUILTY

Jury Acquits Defendant on Murder Charge After Being Out since Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock, returned a verdict of acquittal at 11 a. m. Sunday. When the foreman of jury reported that an agreement had been reached, the judge and opposing counsel were hastily summoned. The news of an agreement had not spread, and few were in the courtroom at the time.

When apprised of his freedom the prisoner thanked each juror, and then burst into tears. It is said he was confident of acquittal.

The first ballot taken by the jurors stood five for conviction and seven for acquittal. Subsequent ballots reduced this to two for conviction and ten for acquittal.

Two Men Are Killed.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The boiler in the electric light plant at Rushville, Mo., a small town about fifteen miles south of St. Joseph blew up, demolishing the plant and killing the engineer, Elijah Merrit, aged 60 years, and his son Guy, aged 19.

Starts an Inquiry.

Mexico, City.—Alleged inhuman treatment by the authorities at Zacatecas of J. A. Farrell, an American mining engineer, is being investigated by the American embassy, following a protest signed by eighty foreign residents of El Rio.

Three Kentucky Negroes Lynched.

Shelbyville, Ky.—Fifty masked men stormed the Shelby county jail here, seized and lynched three negroes, two of whom were charged with insulting white women and the third sentenced to hang for the murder of a negro woman and held awaiting execution.

Land Office Fight.

Washington, D. C.—Hearings will be held before Land Commissioner Bennett on January 25 for the benefit of representatives of South Dakota cities which are seeking the location of the land office which is to be removed from Aberdeen.

Wage Raise for Mutineers.

Paris.—Advices from Badajosa, Spain, five miles from the Portuguese frontier, say the Portuguese government has acceded to the demands of the garrison at Elvas, which mutinied recently and demanded increased pay.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, Ia.—Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market were as follows: Top hogs, \$7.80.

Crypt for John Paul Jones.

Washington, D. C.—At a cost of \$135,000 the senate proposes to provide a permanent resting place for the body of John Paul Jones in a crypt in the naval academy at Annapolis, Md. A bill to this effect was passed by the senate and it now goes to the house.

Student's Skull Crushed.

Kearney, Neb.—Milton Benner, 14 years old, a student at the Kearney Military academy, was killed, when he fell from a toboggan slide. His skull was crushed.

BATTLE IS FOUGHT

DISPATCH FROM MEXICAN BORDER TELLS OF RESUMPTION OF WARFARE.

MORE THAN 40 ARE SLAIN

Insurrectos Reported to Have Held Federal Troops at Bay for Three Hours When Latter Withdrew and Went into Camp.

San Antonio, Tex.—According to advices received in this city Thursday more than forty participants were killed in a serious battle that took place between the Mexican federal troops and the revolutionists just across the border.

The news came from Ed. O'Reilly, a newspaper correspondent who has been at the front in Mexico near the international line, and was received here in a dispatch dated Comstock, Tex. It reads:

"Big fight; more than forty killed; hit myself."

The insurrectos, it is reported, held the federals at bay for three hours, after which the latter withdrew two miles and went into camp.

This telegram indicates a reopening of hostilities after a lull of about a month, or since the insurgents fought a draw battle with the forces of General Navarro at Cerro Prieto and soon afterward caught the federal commander's men in an ambush near Mal Paso and inflicted on them heavy losses.

SAYS TRUST WAR A "SHAM"

Samuel Untermyer Declares Little Corporations Are Pursued While Large Ones Let Go.

New York.—In an address before the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation Thursday Samuel Untermyer attacked the government's attitude toward the trusts as a "monstrous sham." According to him the large and "vicious" corporations go unmolested while "the little fellows are being pursued with a brass band and the greatest press bureau ever put in action."

Mr. Untermyer first blamed the courts and the government, since the enactment of the Sherman anti-trust law in 1890, for failing to suppress the crimes it was passed to prevent and thus permitting the growth of "vicious" corporations. He then charged the present administration with prosecuting only the small combinations, such as the window-glass and bath-tub associations, which he claimed were innocent of criminal intent.

As a solution for the trust problem, the speaker advocated rigid federal regulation, asserting that state control was confusing and inadequate. He also maintained that the expression "guilt is personal" was merely "a political catch-phrase" and really had no bearing on the question. Federal regulation, he believed, would preserve all the benefits of combination, such as the elimination of destructive competition, while avoiding its evils.

FIVE DEAD IN GAS BLAST

Ten-Cent Store Is Blown Up at Connelville, Pa.—Twelve Persons Injured.

Connelville, Pa.—Five persons were killed and twelve injured in a gas explosion that wrecked a well-filled five and ten-cent store here Thursday. The fire that followed completely destroyed the building.

Clerks and customers were buried in the collapse of the walls. One young woman went mad in anticipation of her horrible fate, fought off a rescuer and burned to death. The heat and smoke was so intense that all attempts at rescue were futile. Only three of the victims, all girl clerks, have been identified.

The failure of workmen to cap the supply pipe after removing a natural gas meter caused the blaze.

STORM STALLS TWO TRAINS

Fear Is Felt for Safety of Passengers and Crew Snow-Bound Near Fielding, Mont.

Spokane, Wash.—Alarm was felt by railroad officials Thursday for the safety of the passengers and crew of Great Northern passenger train No. 3. "The Oregonian," and the crew of fast mail No. 27, stalled in the snow near Fielding, Mont.

It is estimated that there are more than fifty persons all told on the two trains. There is no diner on either train. The trains have been stalled since Monday. A blinding snow-storm has raged for four days.

The last heard from the trains was a message sent by a train operator early Tuesday morning.

Held for Slaying Husband.

Portland, Ind.—Sallie Karney, widow of David Karney, a storekeeper at Cornwall, this county, who was killed on Halloween night, was arrested Thursday following a grand jury indictment charging her with first degree murder.

New York Banker Indicted.

New York.—The grand jury returned an indictment Thursday charging perjury against William L. Brower, former vice-president of the Northern bank of New York.

REMOVING THE DOUGHRITIS



THE PRINCIPAL SURGICAL OPERATION OF TODAY, ACCORDING TO A CHICAGO PHYSICIAN.

BRIBERY IS CHARGED

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSERT STEPHENSON OF WISCONSIN KNEW OF USE OF MONEY.

ASK UPPER HOUSE TO ACT

Report of Investigators Cites Numerous Violations of the Law and Declares Senator Spent \$50,000 to Win Seat in United States Senate.

Madison, Wis.—The charges of corruption made in connection with the election of United States Senator Stephenson two years ago, were renewed Wednesday when a lengthy statement was filed with Gov. F. E. McGovern by the 1909 state senate committee in which the senator is charged with violating a number of the laws of the state.

The committee recommends that a copy of the report be submitted to the United States senate and that body investigate Mr. Stephenson's election.

A summary of the charges against the senator follows: That he premeditatedly violated the statute which requires the filing under oath of an account of campaign expenditures.

That he violated the law which prohibits any one from contributing money to assist a candidate for the legislature residing outside of the district in which the contributor resides.

That the civil service law of this state was violated when he caused to be paid money, which the evidence shows was paid to State Game Warden Stone and L. B. Dresser, president of the board of control.

That he gave a sum of money to a supporter of McGovern for United States senator, such supporter afterward switching to Stephenson, and that he paid large sums to others which afterward were used by them to induce other persons to assist in procuring his election.

"On the whole record therefore," the report states, "Stephenson is charged with knowledge of the manner in which his campaign was being conducted and the purposes for which money was being disbursed."

FIVE DEAD IN OHIO CITY FIRE

Believed More Bodies Are in Ruins of Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Building.

Cincinnati.—Five men are known to have been killed and there is a possibility of several more being dead as the result of the fire that destroyed the chamber of commerce building Tuesday night.

At the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce Wednesday steps were taken to build an entirely new building where the other one stood.

POWDER BLAST KILLS MANY

Twelve Bodies Are Taken From Ruins After an Accident in Powder Factory.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina.—Many fatalities were caused by an explosion in a gunpowder factory at San Martin. Twelve bodies were taken from the ruins of the plant soon after it was blown to pieces. The search for other dead continued.

Impaled on Ski Stick; Dies.

Houghton, Mich.—Robert Williams, seventeen years old, died Wednesday in Hancock hospital as a result of being impaled on a ski stick which penetrated his bowels. The stick is used in propelling a ski rider.

New York Wars on Long Hatpin.

New York.—New York city will join the list of cities which have legislated against the long hatpin evil. An ordinance was introduced in the board of aldermen Wednesday. It provides a \$50 fine.

HOLSTLAW NO LONGER SENATOR

ESCAPES DISMISSAL FROM SENATE BY RESIGNATION.

Committee Reports Sufficient Evidence Is Found to Warrant His Removal From Illinois Senate.

Springfield, Ill.—D. W. Holstlaw of Iuka, confessed bribe taker, has escaped dismissal from the senate by his resignation, sent in a few days ago.

The senate investigating committee which has been hearing testimony in regard to bribery in connection with the election of Senator William Lorimer reported Wednesday that, although it had found sufficient evidence to warrant the removal of Holstlaw, it was not in its power to recommend such action in view of his official resignation, directed to the governor.

Prior to the reading of the committee's report a communication from Governor Deneen was presented to the senate which stated that the executive had received the resignation of Holstlaw dated January 4, and that the office of senator from the Forty-second district was, therefore, vacated.

Lieutenant Governor Oglesby then declared Holstlaw's seat vacant.

WANTS TARIFF COMMISSION

National Association Formed to Push That Plan Meets in Convention in Washington.

Washington, D. C.—The movement, looking to the erection of a permanent commission that will have charge of all future revisions of the tariff, was given a decided impetus when the annual convention of the National Tariff Commission Association opened in this city Wednesday. This organization, which is composed of delegates from the strongest and most important commercial bodies in the country, has for its sole purpose "the creation of a permanent non-partisan tariff commission," and it is believed that the assembly at this time of such a body will have a powerful effect on congress.

Delegates appointed by the governors of every state in the union, according to the number of congressional districts, are present, as well as a number of governors themselves, and the mayors or their representatives of a number of the largest cities. In all there are between six and seven hundred present.

STRIKE IN ALL PORTUGAL

Rail Employees Walk Out; Business Houses Idle—Spanish Minister Says Paralysis is General.

Lisbon.—A majority of the railroad employees in Portugal have gone on a strike. The government had long been warned of the movement and took active measures to maintain the service, with partial success.

Following the example of the railway men the employees of the commercial houses quit work on the ground that the government had failed to issue a decree fixing the limit of a day's work at 12 hours and providing one day of rest in seven.

As a consequence of this action many business places in this city are closed. The strikers are making an attempt to extend the movement to the provinces.

Postpone Rail Rate Raise.

Washington.—Announcement was made by the interstate commerce commission Thursday that the proposed advances in rates in classification territory voluntarily had been suspended by the carriers until March 15.

Message Urges "Zone" Forts.

Washington.—President Taft sent a special message to congress Thursday urging the immediate appropriation of \$5,000,000 for use in building defenses and fortifications for the Panama canal zone.

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL

ADDS NEARLY \$45,000,000 A YEAR TO THE ROLL.

Sulloway Measure Based on Ninety-Day Service Requirement Grants \$12 to \$36 Monthly.

Washington.—By a vote of 212 to 62, the house of representatives passed the Sulloway general pension bill.

The measure grants from \$12 to \$36 a month to all soldiers who served ninety days in the United States army in the Civil war or sixty days in the Mexican war, and who have reached the age of sixty-two years. The bill adds about \$45,000,000 a year to the pension roll.

Many members availed themselves of the opportunity to pay oratorical tributes to the veterans, Speaker Cannon being among those who took the floor in behalf of the measure. The speaker addressed the house for ten minutes, declaring that the time was fast nearing when the last defender of the Union will have passed from the needs of a grateful nation.

Those who spoke in opposition confined themselves to objections to the large burden that the annual appropriation would entail.

It was declared by the advocates of the bill that 100 veterans are dying every 24 hours.

KANSAS LAWYERS IN SESSION

Bar Association Opens Its Annual Meeting in Ottawa and Hears Address by President Smart.

Ottawa, Kan.—Many reforms in legislation and court practice were urged by President C. A. Smart Wednesday in his annual address before the Bar Association of Kansas assembled for its twenty-eighth meeting. Judge Smart advocated employers' liability to employees for all injuries while in the line of their employment, including the state and all municipalities in so far as they become employers of labor; a tribunal for the trial and adjustment of all difficulties between employers and employees; old age pensions; a limitation upon inheritances; giving to all convicts and their families the net profits of convict labor compensation for all citizens wrongfully accused of crime; the establishment of a commission for the determination of all questions involving the mental soundness or unsoundness of a citizen, whether that question is raised in criminal or civil procedure, the object being the elimination from the trials of lawsuits either criminal or civil the question of mental soundness; and the general charge that most of the objectionable features connected with our present judicial system are matters thrust upon that system by legislation.

TARIFF BOARD WON.

Beveridge Declares Before Business Men's Convention Commission is Assured.

Washington.—The convention of the national tariff commission was stirred to great enthusiasm by Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana, when he declared that although the permanent tariff commission was practically assured, a still greater victory—the triumph of organized public opinion—would be marked by the creation of the commission itself.

He said that the American people had a right to demand of congress the establishment of a commission that would command the "same dignity and have the same adequacy of powers as the interstate commerce commission."

He predicted that the present session of congress would see the enactment of tariff commission legislation, but he advised the convention to insist, through its representatives in congress, on a non-partisan, all-powerful commission.

WIFE SUES N. Y. FIRE CHIEF

Mrs. Edward F. Croker Files Papers for Separation—Alleges Abandonment and Incompatibility.

New York.—Despite all efforts to keep the fact a secret, it has become known that on last Monday the wife of Fire Chief Edward F. Croker filed papers in a suit for separation. The causes she assigns are abandonment, insufficient support and incompatibility. Counsel for Chief Croker said that his client would file his bill inside of thirty days. He added that Mrs. Croker's extravagances have left her husband with only his monthly salary.

Mother Is Slain by Boy.

Joliet, Ill.—Matthew Wilson, aged fifteen, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, while playing with a toy air rifle in the kitchen of their home. Believing the weapon was unloaded the boy in a spirit of jest pointed it at his mother, pulled the trigger, the bullet penetrated her brain and she sank to the floor dead.

Child Slain by Thieves.

Albany, N. Y.—Aid of the police throughout the country has been sought in an effort to learn the identity of a chubby, five-year-old boy whose frozen body with acid stains about the mouth, was found in a swamp on the Schenectady road. The child, it is thought, was poisoned by kidnapers.

House Passes \$35,000,000 Bill.

Washington.—The house Thursday passed the legislative, executive and judicial bill, carrying approximately \$35,000,000.

THE GROWTH OF TOWNS IN WESTERN CANADA

A BAROMETER OF THE GROWTH OF THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

The traveler passing through a country is impressed favorably or otherwise by the appearance of the towns along the line of railways. As they appear prosperous and of healthy growth he at once assures himself that there is either a local industrial factor to cause it, or a splendidly developed agricultural area from which is drawn the resources that contribute or make for the growth that is so readily apparent. On the other hand, if evidence of impoverished streets, badly appearing residences and business places and lethargic citizens, there is an absence of local industry and surrounding agricultural prosperity. There is no line of railway, whether main or branch, throughout western Canada, that through the towns or cities that are built along the ribs of steel do not convey the most favorable impression. The cause is not always apparent, but the facts are there and easily seen. In most cases the growth and the stability of these towns are caused by the excellent agricultural districts that are tributary; in some cases, manufacturing enterprises have sprung up, caused by the agricultural demands and needs. The Winnipeg Free Press and the Edmonton Bulletin have recently sent corps of correspondents through the provinces to secure data concerning the growth of the two or three hundred towns that have come into existence during the past two or three years. The particulars make interesting reading, and as one reads of the station house, the blacksmith shop, the boarding house and the store of April, being dwarfed in August by a hundred or more dwellings, by large hotels, by splendid warehouses, and a half dozen implement stores, not forgetting the two or three churches and the excellent public school buildings, it causes one to stop and think if they ever heard of such marvelous changes. Certainly not often. These are facts, though, as related of western Canada. Then, too, there are now cities—yes, cities of from ten to fifteen thousand people—where five or six years ago there was but the bare prairie and the lone section post. The changes in the Canadian West during the past eight or ten years have been marvelous, and it is no idle tale to say that the development in number and growth of the cities, towns and villages there in the past decade has eclipsed anything in the history of the building of a new country. Agriculture has been the basis, and it is agriculture of the kind that is lasting. The ease with which an excellent productive farm, capable of yielding a splendid living and large profit to the operator, is such that it has encouraged thousands to follow that pursuit, and also other thousands on the limited and expensive farms throughout the Central Western States as well as some of the Coast States, to enlarge their field of enterprise. The climate is excellent, and just the climate that is desirable for the healthy growth of man and the products of the field. All varieties of the smaller and better paying grains are raised, and generally with every assurance of good fields. With government supervision of railway rates, splendid markets are certain, and the highest prices realized. The Dominion Government, that has been carrying on a propaganda of securing settlers for the vacant lands, issues literature descriptive of those available in the provinces, and on request of your nearest Canadian government agent, copies will be forwarded free.

A Deadly Error.

Dr. W. B. Cannon of Harvard, discussing anti-vivisection literature at a dinner in New York, said with a smile:

"This literature, in part at least, is as flagrantly erroneous as the medical department conducted by a young college girl in a weekly paper. A sample reply in this department ran: "Bereaved.—The reply given last week was a mistake. It should have been ten drops of laudanum, not ten cups of laudanum. Yes, we advocate cremation rather than the old-fashioned burial."

Terrified Hero.

"Did you have any narrow escapes in the surf last summer?"

"Yes," replied the life-saver. "One lady whom I rescued was so grateful that she nearly married me."

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