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A $1,000,000 BLAZE

SYNDICATE BLOCK ON NICOLLET AVENUE, IN MINNEAPOLIS, CONSUMED.

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT NIGHT

St. Paul Department Called on scene to Keep Flames from Destroying Business District—Probable That Two Lives Were Lost.

Minneapolis, Minn.—One of the most disasterous fires this city has ever known, destroyed early Sunday morning the Syndicate block on Nicollet avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The total loss is estimated at $1,000,000 and it is probable that two lives were lost. Twelve persons were rescued from the upper stories of the building while the flames were roaring around them. Some of these sustained serious injuries, but none was seriously hurt.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The alarm was given by some passer-by on Nicollet avenue, who saw the flames bursting out of the second story windows. An alarm was quickly given, but before the firemen had arrived the tenants of the building, who were all asleep in the upper rooms, began to appear at the windows, calling frantically for aid.

A strong southeast wind was blowing and in a very few moments the west half of the building was a roaring furnace. The entire department of Minneapolis was called out, but it was totally inadequate to check the flames. Later a call was sent to St. Paul for help, and this immediately was furnished.

The instant the fire department arrived men were rushed into the building where the entrances were not already choked with flames and numerous ladders were hastily extended to aid the people who were hemmed in by the fire on the second and third floors.

AGITATORS KEEP IN ACTION.

Fear of Russian Aggression on the Increase.

Peking.—The fear of aggression is increasing here. Reports published in Russian papers, and reprinted in Peking papers, greatly exaggerate the dangers from the plague. Many of the higher class of Chinese fear a campaign designed to alarm Europe and justify military occupation. Dispatches from Harbin say Russian military circles are advocating occupation. The Vladivostok newspapers print warnings of the danger of a Boxer uprising, but the Chinese government emphatically denies the possibility of such a thing, declaring the entire country is under control.

Born a Virginia Slave.

Seattle, Wash.—Mrs. Mary Wray, who was born a slave in Virginia, in February, 1807, died here the other day in her 105th year. In her childhood she was sold to John Lovell, of Nashville, Tenn., on whose plantation she lived until the close of the war. She helped to cut and haul the ties for the first railroad built into Nashville.

Cholera Spreads in Hawaii.

Honolulu.—Another case of cholera has developed here, making a total of nineteen cases and fifteen deaths since the disease first appeared. As a precautionary measure the school districts have been closed.

Burns Cause Death.

Lexington, Ky.—Burns resulting from carbolic acid caused the death of James H. White, president of the First National bank of Manchester. He left no statement and no explanation of the tragedy has been given.

Ecuador Calls on U. S.

Washington.—Ecuador is to have a sanitary service and has called on this government for assistance in organizing it. Dr. H. B. Parker, of the marine hospital service, has been detailed.

Engine Boiler Explodes.

Portland, Ore.—While a number of employes of a logging camp were gathered about an engine used in logging off land at Estacada the boiler exploded, killing five men and seriously injuring four others.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, Io.—Saturday's qoutations on the local live stock market follow: Top beeves, $6.10. Top hogs, $6.80.

Escapes from Jail.

Jackson, Ky.—Silencing by a display of guns a crowd of prisoners who attempted to alarm their keepers, Asbury Spicer, a Hargis claisman, led a jail delivery here at midnight. Three other prisoners escaped with Spicer, murder is now pending in state courts.

Wife Freed For Killing Husband.

Centralia, Ill.—A corner's jury has exonerated Mrs. Annie McGreavy for killing her husband Friday night at Central City, deciding the act was in self defense.

LORIMER HOLDS SEAT

SENATE REJECTS BEVERIDGE RESOLUTION DECLARING VACANT POSITION HE WON.

ENDS LONG TOGA BATTLE

Speeches Pro and Con by Nearly a Score of Senators—Cullom's Defense of Himself and His State and Hard Work of the Lobby.

Washington.—Senator William Lorimer of Illinois was vindicated by the senate of the United States Wednesday, when by a vote of 46 to 40 the resolution which was introduced by Senator Beveridge declaring that Mr. Lorimer was not duly and legally elected to a seat in the senate of the United States by the legislature of Illinois was defeated. Mr. Lorimer was not present when the roll was called.

For Senator Lorimer.

Bailey, Texas.	Gamble, S. D.
Bankhead, Ala.	Guggenheim, Cal.
Bradley, Ky.	Hale, Maine.
Brandegee, Conn.	Heyburn, Idaho.
Briggs, N. J.	Johnston, Ala.
Bulkeley, Conn	Kean, N. J.
Burnham, N. H.	McCumber, N. D.
Burrows, Mich.	Oliver, Pa.
Carter, Mont.	Paynter, Ky.
Clark, Wyo.	Penrose, Pa.
Crane, Mass.	Perkins, Cal.
Cullom, Ill.	Piles, Wash.
Curtis, Kan.	Richardson, Del.
Depew, N. Y.	Scott, W. Va.
Dick, Ohio.	Smith, Md.
Dillingham, Vt.	Smoot, Utah.
Du Pont, Del.	Simmons, N. C.
Fletcher, Fla.	Stephenson, Wis.
Flint, Cal.	Taliaferro, Fla.
Foster, La.	Tillman, S. C.
Frye, Maine.	Warren, Wyo.
Gallinger, N. H.	Wetmore, R. I.

Against Senator Lorimer.

Bacon, Ga.	Martin, W. Va.
Beveridge, Ind.	Page, Vt.
Borah, Idaho.	Money, Miss.
Bourne, Ore.	Nelson, Minn.
Bristow, Kan.	Newlands, Nev.
Brown, Neb.	Nixon, Nev.
Burkett, Neb.	Overman, N. C.
Burton, Ohio.	Owen, Okla.
Chamberlain, Ore.	Percy, Miss.
Clapp, Minn.	Rayner, Md.
Clarke, Ark.	Root, N. Y.
Crawford, S. D.	Shively, Ind.
Culberson, Texas.	Smith, Mich.
Cummins, Ia.	Smith, S. C.
Davis, Ark.	Stone, Mo.
Dixon, Mont.	Sutherland, Utah.
Frazier, Tenn.	Swanson, Va.
Gore, Okla.	Taylor, Tenn.
Gronna, N. D.	Thornton, La.
Jones, Wash.	Warner, Mo.
La Follette, Wis.	Watson, W. Va.
Lodge, Mass.	Young, Ia.

Absent—Aldrich, Frazier and Terrell.

Senator Lorimer did not vote because of his interest in the case.

Speeches had been made for or

William Lorimer.

against the accused man during the months of January and February by Senators Bailey, Beveridge, Borah, Bristow, Brown, Burrows, Crawford, Cummins, Davis, Fletcher, Gallinger, Gamble, Heyburn, Johnson, Jones, Owen, Paynter, Root and by Mr. Lorimer himself. Mr. Cullom also spoke, but was noncommittal as to his colleague. He defended himself and the state of Illinois.

Efforts were made daily by friends and foes of Mr. Lorimer to influence the votes of the senators for or against him, and during the last two weeks Mr. Cullom received an avalanche of letters and telegrams so large it was feared his health would break under it.

The Lorimer fight has been one of the most sensational in the history of the upper house. When the committee on privileges and elections returned a report declaring that no evidences of bribery having influenced the legislators in the election of Mr. Lorimer had been found, it was considered that he was amply vindicated and that his senate seat was secure.

This report was prepared by a subcommittee and was the outcome of an exhaustive investigation both at Washington and Chicago, in which the charges of bribery at Springfield were thoroughly gone into.

May Limit N. Y. Skyscrapers.

New York.—Future New York skyscrapers will be held to a height of fourteen stories, or 174 feet, and other drastic restrictions will be placed upon building operations if recommendations contained in the report of the New York city commission on congestion of population, are enacted into law.

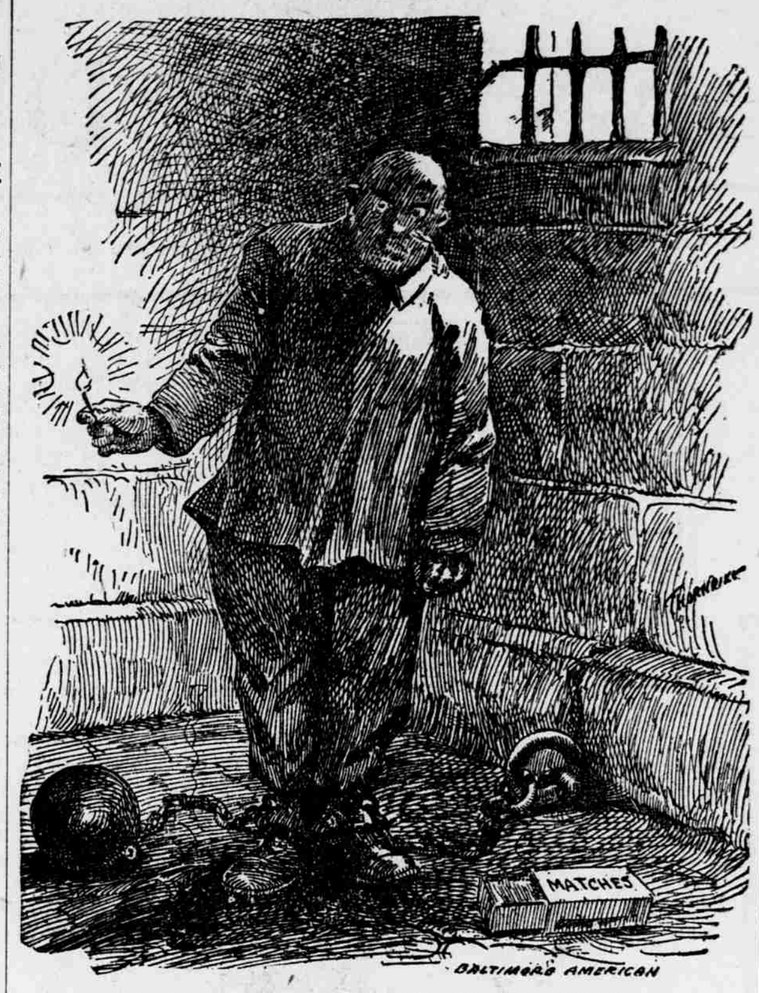
Start Probe of Packers.

New York.—The federal grand jury here Wednesday began an investigation of the meat packers. The inquiry, it is said, involves the same companies and individuals as those indicted in New Jersey about a year ago but never brought to trial.

James B. Speed Critically Ill.

Louisville, Ky.—James B. Speed, probably Louisville's wealthiest citizen, was Wednesday reported critically ill of a complication of diseases at his home here.

THE PROPER PLACE FOR THE FIREBUG



Where He Can't Set Fire to Anything But Himself.

PARCELS POST DEAD

PLAN FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL TRIAL IS RULED OUT IN SENATE.

TARIFF BOARD BILL HALTED

Measure Is Temporarily Blocked by Democratic Filibuster—Four Big Supply Bills Passed—Extra Session May Convene March 20.

Washington.—A point of order raised by Senator Bailey of Texas Thursday killed the plan for an experimental parcels post. Mr. Bailey insisted that the amendment to the post office appropriation bill which authorized the postmaster general to conduct an experimental parcels post system for one year, beginning April 1, 1911, was new legislation. He pressed his point vigorously and the amendment was eliminated from the bill when Vice-President Sherman ruled that Mr. Bailey's point of order was well taken.

March 20 is the date now tentatively fixed for the assembling of the extra session. A conference to be held between now and Monday will definitely fix the date. That the extra session is certain is the firm conviction of all the Republican leaders.

Representative John Dwight, Republican whip of the house, who all along has insisted that a special session would not be necessary, has capitulated and confessed his belief that it would be unavoidable.

Following a filibuster that lasted many hours, intended to emphasize the Democratic objection to the proposed enactment of the tariff board bill, the men behind that measure saw they were fighting against the inevitable and withdrew it for the time being.

Immediately the consideration of appropriation bills was begun and within twenty minutes four measures carrying an aggregate expenditure of $162,000,000 were passed.

This relieved the congestion in the senate only a trifle and did not remove a single one of the snags that still are in the way of adjournment with the entire administration program carried out.

The measures thus passed were the pension bill, carrying $153,668,000, the fortifications bill, the consular and diplomatic bill and the bill for the support of the military academy.

The Sulloway pension bill, which would have added $50,000,000 to the annual appropriations, it is claimed, was offered by Senator Scott as an amendment to the pension bill and ruled out on a point of order made by Senator Lodge.

High Place Given Negro.

Washington.—President Taft nominated William H. Lewis of Boston, a negro, to be an assistant attorney general of the department of justice. This is the first time that a negro has been named for such a prominent position in the department. Lewis at present is an assistant United States attorney at Boston. He succeeds John G. Thompson, who resigned recently to resume his law practice at Danville, Ill.

Winner of Nobel Prize Dead.

Berlin, Germany.—Prof. Jakob Heinrich Vanuxt Hoff, the chemist and author, died here Thursday. He was professor of chemistry at Berlin university and in 1901 received the Nobel prize of $40,000 for research in chemistry.

Matthews (Ind.) Bank Robbed.

Marion, Ind.—The Farmers' State bank of Matthews was entered by robbers Thursday, the safe blown and a sum of money estimated between $3,000 and $5,000 taken.

GORE CHARGES TRUI

COMMITTEE FINDS THAT SENATOR WAS OFFERED BRIBE.

Body That Investigated Alleged Indian Lands Graft Case, Finds Improper Proposal Was Made.

Washington.—The special committee of the house appointed last summer to investigate Senator Gore's charges of attempted bribery in connection with J. W. McMurray's Indian attorney contracts in Oklahoma made its final report to the house.

The majority of the committee finds that Jake L. Hamon actually did, about May 6, 1910, make an improper proposal to Senator Gore respecting the McMurray contracts; and that about June 16, 1910, he approached Representative Charles F. Creager with an improper proposal on the same subject. The committee finds no evidence, however, to show that Hamon was acting "by authority of, or with the consent or knowledge of McMurray."

On this ground the committee exonerates McMurray of any connection with an attempt improperly to influence members of the house or senate. It does find, however, that he used more than "undue influence," to secure the support of Chief Green McCurtain and his son, D. C. McCurtain, in getting these contracts, by transferring a contingent interest of $25,000 in the contracts to D. C. McCurtain.

MURDER AT CHICAGO POLLS

Carter H. Harrison Nominated for Mayor by Democrats and Charles E. Merriam by Republicans.

Chicago.—Carter H. Harrison (Dem.) and Charles E. Merriam (Rep.) will be the candidates for mayor of Chicago at the election to be held April 4. Both Democratic and Republican organizations were smashed.

The bitterest primary election fight in the history of Chicago ended Tuesday with the selection of the above standard bearers and simultaneously begins what promises to be the most hotly contested fight for the actual mayoralty in the city's history.

The primary fight developed more bitter animus than has ever before been seen here.

One man was shot dead, several others were shot and stabbed, more or less seriously, and small riots were reported all over the city during the course of the voting.

Arthur Quinn, son of James A. Quinn, former city sealer, shot and killed a man believed to be Richard Clark, a union hod carrier.

The police say Clark was murdered while he was in the custody of an officer. Quinn is a deputy sheriff.

Banker Robin Pleads Guilty.

New York.—Abandoning the defense of insanity and throwing himself upon the mercy of the court, Joseph G. Robin, young "sky-rocket" financier, pleaded guilty to the indictment charging the larceny of $27,000 from the Washington Savings bank, of which he was formerly president.

Married in Jail Cell.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Dr. J. W. Sherman, in custody here for the murder of his brother-in-law, Thomas Norman, was married in jail Thursday to Miss Cleo D. Lucas of East Chattanooga. Miss Lucas met Sherman just before the murder of Norman.

Naval Man's Son a Suicide.

San Francisco.—Paul Orchard, twenty-two years old, son of Capt. John M. Orchard of the cruiser West Virginia, committed suicide Thursday by drinking cyanide of potassium.

COUNTESS IS SLAIN

LADY IN WAITING TO ITALIAN QUEEN MURDERED.

Her Slayer, Prince Paterno, Cavalry Lieutenant, Makes Unsuccessful Attempt at Suicide.

Rome.—Baron Paterno, a cavalry lieutenant, shot and killed Princess Ciula Trigona, lady in waiting to Queen Helena, Thursday. The baron then attempted suicide, but was unsuccessful.

The tragedy took place in the Hotel Rebecchino, the trysting place of the two members of the Sicilian aristocracy. Some time ago Prince Trigona realized that his wife was bestowing her affection upon Baron Paterno at clandestine meetings, and he instituted legal proceedings with a view to obtaining a judicial separation. The court's decision was ready to be given out, but because of the high standing of the parties concerned, the presiding judge decided to attempt reconciliation.

It is said the prince was ready to pardon his wife's unfaithfulness if she would consent to renounce Paterno. The princess acquiesced. On her way to court, where the affair was to be finally settled, she stopped at the hotel for a last meeting with the baron.

According to the authorities, Baron Paterno decoyed the princess to the hotel, where he demanded that she elope with him. When she refused he strangled her, afterward shooting her.

TREASURY SHOWS A SURPLUS

Month Has $58,000 Compared With January Deficiency of $3,000,000.

Washington.—February closed with the condition of the treasury practically improved as compared with a month ago.

There was a surplus of $58,000 for the month on all accounts, against a deficiency of $3,000,000 in January. The total deficit of the fiscal year changed very little and still stands at $21,000,000, compared with $45,000,000 at a corresponding time a year ago.

The balance in the general fund increased slightly to $85,000,000, but the working balance dropped off about $2,000,000 and the month closed with it at $28,000,000.

The passage of the Panama bond bill in congress, which will allow the treasury to issue three per cent. Panama bonds without the privilege of national bank circulation, opens the way for Secretary MacVeagh to replenish the cash drawer for its heavy expenditures for the canal work.

REFERENDUM IS UNLAWFUL

Texas Court Knocks Out Reform as Unconstitutional—Declares Legislation Cannot Be Referred.

Austin, Tex.—That the referendum is unconstitutional is the decision of the court of criminal appeals in the J. E. Farnsworth case, from Dallas, all members of the court concurring. The effect of the decision is to render void the referendum section of every city charter in the state having the referendum.

Judge Davidson holds that the "initiative" may be constitutional when used as the "right of petition," but not so with the referendum, as the constitution does not confer upon the legislature such power. He declares legislation cannot be referred to the people for enactment by their vote.

500 REFUGEES ARE BURNED

Chinese Villagers Destroy Wandering Bands of Hungry Plunderers Who Rob and Kill.

Victoria, B. C.—Rendered desperate by hunger, bands of hundreds of starving refugees are roving through the famine stricken area of China, plundering and killing, and a reign of terror prevails, according to persons who arrived here on the Tamba Maru, which reached port Thursday from the Orient.

At Kunshan, a walled village within 50 miles of Shanghai, the villagers, after a desperate raid in which stores were looted and many killed, meted out punishment peculiarly Chinese in its callousness to the raiding refugees. A band of more than 500 are reported to have been surrounded in a compound and burned to death.

WOMEN DEFEAT FIGHT BILL

Suffragettes Score Knockout Over Tommy Burns in Washington State Senate.

Olympia, Wash.—The women of Washington, who recently were granted suffrage, scored another victory in politics and dealt Tommy Burns, the former heavyweight champion pugilist of the world, a knockout blow when they secured the defeat in the senate by a vote of 22 to 19 of the "Tommy Burns" bill to legalize prize fighting.

Champion Johnson Is Fined.

San Francisco.—John Arthur Johnson, the world's champion pugilist, was fined $100 by Acting Police Judge Conlan Thursday for driving his automobile at an unlawful speed. Johnson at once served notice that he would appeal the case to a higher court.

Puts Negro in Federal Office.

Washington.—James C. Napier of Tennessee was named by President Taft Thursday to be register of the treasury. Napier is a negro.

A FASHION PUZZLE.

This is merely two ladies of fashion endeavoring to identify each other.

Scoundrel's Last Refuge.

Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.—Johnson.

I honor any man anywhere, who, in the conscientious discharge of what he believes to be his duty, dares to stand alone.—Charles Sumner.

The entire object of true education is to make people not merely do the right thing, but enjoy the right thing. —Ruskin.

A Terrible End.

"He met with a hard death."

"How was that?"

"Suffocated by his own hot air in a telephone booth."

Shearing Papa.

She—I believe you would rather play poker with father than sit in the parlor with me!

He—No, I wouldn't, darling, but we must have money to get married on.

Fighting Tuberculosis in Hungary.

The anti-tuberculosis movement was started in 1894, and in 1898 there were five institutions for the treatment of consumption. Today the campaign is encouraged and financed by the government, and over 200 different agencies are engaged in the fight. A permanent tuberculosis musuem has been established at Budapest and a carefully conducted campaign of education is being carried on.