

FIRE IN KANSAS CITY

Entire Downtown Retail District in Danger for Short Time.

TWO BUILDINGS TOTALLY DESTROYED

Warehouses of Columbus Buggy Company and Kimball Piano Company Gone.

COMMERCE BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED

Bank and Offices in the Three Lower Floors are Flooded.

LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$380,000

Columbus Buggy Company's Loss Is \$100,000 and the Loss on the Buildings Is \$150,000—Other Losses \$130,000.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5.—The entire downtown retail district of this city was threatened tonight by a fire which started in the rear of the three-story brick building of the Columbus Buggy company, on Walnut street, near Tenth, destroying this building and the adjoining building occupied by the Kimball piano company and the Hettlinger Brothers Manufacturing company, and badly damaging the National Bank of Commerce building. The fire started before 10 o'clock and burned fiercely for two hours. The Columbus Buggy company's building and the building immediately south, occupied by the Kimball piano company, were completely destroyed and the firemen were powerless to check the flames. The stock of the Columbus Buggy company, too, fed the flames, and all of the available firemen and fire apparatus in the city were busied in preventing the spread of the fire. It was impossible, however, to prevent the spread of the flames to the Commerce building on the south, and the offices on the first, second and third floors were badly damaged by both fire and water. The Commerce building is one of the finest office buildings in the city and the lower floor is occupied by the National Bank of Commerce, the largest financial concern in Kansas City. The bank's loss was confined principally to an addition which it built to the Commerce building which it occupied. The Hettlinger Brothers Manufacturing company, which occupied a portion of the Kimball building, was entirely destroyed. This firm dealt in dental supplies.

A representative of W. S. Woods, owner of the buildings damaged and destroyed, said tonight that the loss on the buildings would be \$150,000. The loss of the Columbus Buggy company, according to one of its managers, is \$100,000. The entire loss is estimated at \$380,000.

Fire Gets Fresh Start. At midnight the fire chief said that he feared the Commerce building could not be saved. The fire, which seemed to be under control at one time, got a fresh start in the upper stories of the Commerce building and the firemen were unable to cope with it.

The destruction of the Commerce building would increase the total loss by a quarter of a million dollars.

Later estimates of the loss, even though the Commerce building be saved, placed the total loss at \$380,000.

The vaults of the National Bank of Commerce are unharmed.

At 2 o'clock this morning the chief of the fire department said that the fire was practically under control and that only the floors below the fourth in the Bank of Commerce building had been seriously damaged. At that hour the firemen were pouring volumes of water into the building.

Bank May Not Open Today. Cashier Rule of the Bank of Commerce was unable to state where the bank would open for business Saturday morning. He said that while the main offices of the bank had been deluged with water, they might not be too badly damaged to permit of business being transacted there. The use of several different buildings has been tendered to the bank officials, but no decision has been reached as to this point. It is thought to be a certainty, however, that the bank will be open for business this morning as usual.

CUT OFF FREE BUSINESS

Express Companies Withdraw All Courtesies from Merchants and Other Patrons.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The express companies have decided to join with the railroads in refusing to issue passes for the carrying of business free of charge. Announcement to this effect was made today at the office of the Adams Express company in the following statement:

The action of the railroads in cutting off free business has made it practically necessary for the express companies to do likewise. Accordingly all the leading express companies have issued orders that after January 15 they will not carry any business free of charge.

ORCHARD ACCUSED OF MURDER

Colorado Officials Prefer Formal Charges Against Alleged Dynamiter Arrested in Idaho.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Jan. 5.—Deputy District Attorney C. Gillette today filed charges in the district court charging Harry Orchard with the murder of J. V. Hartcock, one of the fourteen men killed in the Independence station explosion on June 6, 1904. The information is based on an affidavit made by Sheriff Edward Bell, Orchard is under arrest at Caldwell, Idaho, charged with the assassination of former Governor Steunberger. Mr. Gillette stated that if Orchard was released in Idaho requisition papers would immediately be asked for and he would be brought here for trial for murder in the first degree.

CINCINNATI SALOONS CLOSE

Mid Goes On at Midnight for the First Time in Twenty Years.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 5.—For the first time in twenty years the saloons in this city were closed at midnight tonight and the midnight closing law observed. This general closing of saloons is the result of an order issued today by Mayor Dempsey, who was elected mayor on the Democratic ticket at the recent elections.

During the night the police raided several gambling houses and broke up all the paraphernalia.

BRITAIN TO SUPPORT FRANCE

Sir Edward Grey Will Follow Policy of Lansdowne Relative to Morocco.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Standard this morning says that Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, has formally announced through diplomatic channels his intention to carry out the policy of his predecessor, Lord Lansdowne, which regarded Morocco. Therefore, the paper adds the apprehensions entertained abroad concerning the attitude to be assumed by Great Britain or the liberal government have been removed with satisfaction to the interests of Morocco.

An announcement that the second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, in command Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, will be at Gibraltar, which is near Algiers, at the time when the Moroccan conference will assemble, has aroused much interest here in diplomatic circles.

INSURGENTS TAKE TO WATER

Gunboat Carries the Survivors of the Hand of Rodriguez to Monte Christi.

CAPE HATTIEN, Hayti, Jan. 5.—Further news has been received from the scene of the hostilities in the mountains of the temporary president of Santo Domingo, General Caceres, and the forces of the fugitive president, General Morales, say that the defeat of the latter before Puerto Plata January 3, when General Demetrio Rodriguez, the Moravia commander, lost his life, was complete. About 150 men were killed or wounded. The remainder of Morales' followers embarked on the gunboat Independencia, off Puerto Plata, after which the vessel sailed for Monte Christi, General Caceres, the former governor of Monte Christi, who with his troops, had declared himself in favor of Morales, on being informed of the death of General Rodriguez decided to fight in his own behalf and is preparing to attack Santiago.

General Jimenez, the former president of Santo Domingo, has left Puerto Plata for Monte Christi and it is understood will, with the assistance of Morales, compete for the presidency of the republic against the other candidates for that office. According to the reports brought here by messengers a large number of the population of northern Santo Domingo is in favor of General Jimenez.

CUBAN "WITCHES" GARROTED

Two Negroes Executed for Murdering White Infant to Secure Its Heart.

HAVANA, Jan. 5.—Domingo Bocourt, an old negro, and Victor Molina, a mulatto, were garroted at the prison here today. Both men were regarded as "witches" by their associates. Their crime was the hideous murder of a white baby, Zola Diaz, for the purpose of securing the heart of a white female child which the "witches" prescribed as a poultice for a certain woman as a cure for barrenness. The child's body was found smothered and soiled, weeks after the crime.

REPORT OF TURKISH FIGHTS

Government Says More Than One Thousand Casualties Took Place Last Year.

SALONICA, European Turkey, Jan. 5.—A return issued by the Turkish authorities shows that 1,023 casualties resulted from the fighting in Macedonia between Turkish troops and Serbian and Bulgarian forces during 1905. Altogether 119 encounters took place in the vilayets of Salonica, Monastir and Uskub, in which the insurgents lost 320 killed and 39 wounded. In addition the troops captured 23 prisoners. The troops lost 122 killed and 15 wounded. A comparison of the number of men killed with the number wounded shows that no quarter was given.

NEW ELECTRICAL DISCOVERY

Dr. Loeb Announces Cause of Effect of Galvanic Current on Animal Matter.

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 5.—That the phenomena underlying the electrotonic effects of the galvanic current upon the tissues of animals is due to physical causes is the latest discovery of Dr. Jacques Loeb. In previous researches Dr. Loeb found that sodium and potassium ions in solution stimulated muscle and nerve fibers and that calcium and magnesium ions acted antagonistically to the sodium and potassium ions. In his last set of experiments Dr. Loeb has found that this phenomenon is due to the migration and concentration in the region of the electrodes of chemical substances contained in the tissues.

He has found that oleates, palmitates and stearates, all of which are found in the tissues concerned, precipitate calcium and that it is in this way got out of the solution, preventing its inhibitory effect upon the sodium and potassium ions, which are left free to act.

POLICE FORCE TOO ACTIVE

Car's Government Is Apparently Carrying Its Advantage Too Far.

FIRES OF REVOLT ARE ONLY SMOLDERING

Drastic Policy of Repression May Drive Liberals to Support of Socialists—Hundreds of Arrests Are Made.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—The government's victory over the revolutionists has been quite decisive, although open revolt continues in many places in the interior. The military is employed mercilessly, and gradually the movement is being stifled. These fires of revolt, however, are smoldering, but are not extinguished, and the main fear is that the government, encouraged by success, will fall into the error of which the revolutionists were guilty and attempt to press its advantage too far. Already there are signs that the policy of repression may be carried to a point which is sure to again arouse the resentment and discontent of the classes which sprang from the violent program of the "Reds."

In St. Petersburg, for instance, the wholesale requisitions of the police have been succeeded by a particularly offensive measure of the prefect of police, which practically gives the divan, or household, a free hand to search private lodgings for arms, for suspicious persons and for documents, offering them a premium of 50 cents for the discovery of every revolver or bomb and 25 cents for a knife.

Many Arrests Are Made. Such a measure naturally will arouse the suspicion of the house holders and restore the intolerable system of personal espionage which was in vogue during the time of the late Minister Von Plehve. Thirty arrests were made last night. Among those taken in custody were four Moscow revolutionists who came here to consult their comrades in this city. They were captured on their arrival at the railroad station after a desperate struggle with the police.

The program for the demonstrations of January 21, the anniversary of the revolution, includes services for the "martyrs" at the Narva gate, Palace square and other places where the troops fired on the workmen, and also at the cemetery of the Transfiguration, where the majority of the victims were buried.

The wings of the social democratic party have now joined the workmen's organization in declaring that they will boycott the elections to the national assembly. The social democrats have adopted a series of resolutions instructing the members of the socialist organization to participate in the "police elections" but to take every advantage of such freedom of meeting as may be allowed them to discuss the elections and preach the extension of the doctrine of armed revolt for the purpose of completely overthrowing the present government.

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PROGRESS OF THE STRIKE

Employers and Printers Announce That They Are Making Gains and Are Satisfied.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The Typographical union announced tonight that three firms of employing printers, members of the Typothetae, had acceded today to the union's demands on a eight-hour day, "closed shop," and by tomorrow morning about 150 of the striking compositors will be at work. Early in the day it was announced that Pusey & Co. and A. G. Sherrwood had signed the union agreement, and tonight Wynkoop, Hallenbeck, Crawford company, settled with the printers.

On behalf of the Typothetae it was announced today that the fight for the "open shop" and the nine-hour day was going forward steadily. The American Bank Note company, it was stated, although not a member of the Typothetae, had come out for the "open shop" principle. The Typothetae announced that 200 non-union men were now working in the "open shops" in the city and that the number constantly is being added to. To assure the non-union men permanent employment the Typothetae declared that personal contracts for one, two and three years would be entered into.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—A further gain of sixteen men was reported today by members of the Typothetae in the strike of the union printers for an eight-hour day. According to George McDade, the representative of the master printers, more than 90 per cent of the places of the strikers who quit work have already been filled.

The union printers expressed themselves as satisfied with the situation. Officers of the Typographical union No. 2 said that twenty-seven firms have signed the eight-hour agreement.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Both the printers and the employers concerned in the printers' strike of the Typothetae are making progress of settlement. Some of these printing firms have yielded to the new eight-hour schedule, but the majority of the employers firmly maintain their stand against adoption of the eight-hour demand. President Jackson of the Typothetae said today that no compromise proposition will be made by the strikers. E. B. Tierman of the Woodward & Tiernan Printing company said: "We feel that the union has violated its agreement with us concerning the eight-hour day. It is nothing left to do but to fight it out."

A. MAXCY HILLER UNDER GUARD

Coroner Continues Search for Weapon With Which Edwards Was Killed.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 5.—Coroner Mix, after hearing testimony this afternoon relative to the death of Charles A. Edwards of New York, who was found with a bullet wound in his head at the home of Charles A. Hiller Wednesday morning, declined to make a statement. A. Maxcy Hiller is held by the coroner as a witness, but is at his home guarded by a policeman. The coroner said tonight, however, that no charge of any kind had been made against any person.

A. Maxcy Hiller said today that he would establish an alibi when the proper time came, but refused to discuss the mysterious case.

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CHAMP CLARK ON THE TARIFF

Missouri Member Delights and Entertains House for Three Hours.

FAVORS PENDING PHILIPPINE MEASURE

Fight Against the Bill Is Opened by Mr. Fordney of Michigan, Who Calls Attention to Republican Pledges.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—"Champ Clark democracy" was expounded to the delight of the members of the house for three hours today by Mr. Clark of Missouri, and constituted the feature of the debate on the Philippine tariff bill. Mr. Clark's speech took a wide range and he labeled his political beliefs as above in answer to a question as to what kind of a democrat he really is. He talked of the Philippines and favored the pending bill; he discussed the general tariff situation; he reviewed William J. Bryan's record on silver and paid his respects in characteristic oratory to republican leaders.

He ascribed factors greatness to what he termed the great "stand pat" disciples and declared that one of these, Secretary Shaw, whose record as secretary of the treasury included, he says, classifying frog's legs as poultry and ponies as "household articles" for the collection of revenue, was a logical republican presidential possibility, unless the mantle should fall on "the gray and grizzled speaker, Uncle Joe Cannon."

Speaking from the forum in front of the speaker's desk Mr. Clark advanced many of his positive assertions directly to the republican members. He was interrupted many times and these interruptions generally resulted in responses that delighted both sides.

The fight against the bill was opened in the interest of the best sugar industry by Mr. Fordney of Michigan. He recalled the republican membership to its pledges on the standard tariff plank of the party.

The house at 5 o'clock adjourned until tomorrow.

CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE

Root, Taft, Moody and Bonaparte Spend Two Hours With the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—An important conference which covered a wide range of the internal management of the War and Navy departments was held at the White House tonight. It was participated in by Secretaries Root, Taft and Bonaparte and Attorney General Moody, and lasted from 7:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Secretary Taft, in response to questions, admitted that any conclusions which may have been reached were not matters for legislative consideration, but would require only of executive approval. The proposed changes in the navy personnel bill, affecting the promotion of officers, which is now before congress was mentioned during the evening's discussion.

From the length of the conference it is believed that matters affecting the Philippines, Panama, Santo Domingo, the general board of the navy and the general staff of the army also may have been brought up.

MAN SAWS HIS OWN LEG OFF

Engineer Plunged Under Wreck Saves His Life by Adopting Desperate Measure.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Plunged under wreckage resulting from the head-on collision of two Burlington freight trains near Woods Station, Ill., today, which made the move complete by the explosion of an engine boiler and a carload of powder, Engineer Hiver of Beardstown, Ill., with his leg crushed and held fast, sawed desperately for forty-five minutes and finally freed himself and was pulled out. He was taken to the hospital at Alton and it is believed will recover. Fireman W. Anderson was also seriously injured, but will probably live. Brakenham Mason, Franks and George Anderson were imprisoned in the debris and at first were believed to be dead, but finally were rescued, stunned, but not seriously injured. The rescue was completed by the explosion of an engine boiler and a carload of powder, Engineer Hiver of Beardstown, Ill., with his leg crushed and held fast, sawed desperately for forty-five minutes and finally freed himself and was pulled out. 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