

150 KILLED BY FLAMES IN FACTORY

Girls and Men Leap to Death and Burn to Crisp in Holocaust Starting on Seventh Floor.

SHIRT WAIST COMPANY EMPLOYEES

Fire Starts in Electric Motor Box Which Supplies Power.

BODIES PILED UP ON SIDEWALK

Persons Hurtled Blazing from Top Floors of Building.

TERRIFIED WOMEN STRUGGLE

Crowds, Crazed with Fear, Hamper Work of Rescuers.

ELEVATOR MAN PRESERVES FIFTY

Smoke Fills Shaft and Cuts Off Means of Escape.

MANY JUMP FROM FIRE ESCAPES

Some Oust Themselves from Washington Square Windows.

ESCAPE FROM THE LOWER FLOORS

Those on Upper Stories Have No Time in Which to Reach Place of Safety—Stairways Are Choked.

NEW YORK, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Fifty men and women jumped to their deaths late this afternoon and 100 others were burned to a crisp in a fire which started on the seventh floor of a big factory building at 29 Washington place. The fire fighters on the scene estimate at least 150 perished.

Most of the dead were employees of the Triangle Waist company on the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth floors of the building.

The fire started in the electric motor box which supplied power to the hundreds of sewing machines on the various floors. It spread so rapidly that all escape was cut off on the stairs and fire escapes below the seventh floor.

Men and Women Crazed by Terror. Crazed by terror, the men and women operators abandoned all efforts to fight their way through the smoke filled hallways to the stairs or fire escapes, and leaped madly from the windows.

Within ten minutes after the blaze was discovered thirty-five crushed and mangled bodies were lying below on the pavements.

Four alarms were sent in as soon as the first battalion chief who arrived on the scene noted the rapidity with which the flames were spreading.

Ambulance calls were sent to all the hospitals in the lower part of the city. But neither the firemen nor the surgeons were able to cope with the terrible holocaust which they found awaiting them.

Crowd Uncontrollable. To add to the horror of the scene the police found themselves unable to control the gigantic crowd which speedily gathered. The men and women in this crowd, crazed by the sight of the blazing bodies hurtling down from the top floors of the burning building, fought their way through the fire lines and hampered the work of the firemen and surgeons.

The building, which is at the corner of Washington place and Green street, is one of the biggest in the clothing manufacturing district.

There were 1,500 men and women employed in it when the fire started, but virtually all of those below the seventh floor managed to escape.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and wind speed for the current day and historical records.



2ND ANNUAL LOAN EXHIBIT



THE START



I. C. TO BUILD NEW FREIGHT DEPOT



MOVING DAY



CHILD SAVING INSTITUTE

Coming and Going in Omaha

Events of the Week as Viewed by The Bee Artist.

CRAZED DOCTOR KILLS TWO

Drink Maddened Man Murders Guard and Bartender at Des Moines.

COUNCIL BLUFFS MAN A VICTIM

Dr. H. B. Kelly Shoots Deputy Sheriff Clarence Wallman While Latter is Asleep and Then the Bartender.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 25.—Dr. H. B. Kelly of Council Bluffs early today shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Clarence Wallman, also of Council Bluffs, and a short time later shot and killed Edward Sterling, a Des Moines bartender. The Council Bluffs physician was being taken by the deputy sheriff to the innmate hospital at Knoxville.

The two men occupied the same room at the Kirkwood hotel during the night. Early this morning Kelly awakened, extracted a drink from the pocket of the deputy sheriff and fired three shots into the body of the latter as he lay asleep.

Kelly then unlocked the door of the room and hastened down the street. He entered a saloon at Third and Court streets and demanded a drink. Sterling, the bartender, refused to give him the liquor.

Second Man is Murdered. "You saloon keeper has made an inebriate of me and now you refuse me a drink," Kelly said, as he drew the revolver, which he loaded and fired five shots into the upper portion of Sterling's body. Sterling died an hour later at Mercy hospital.

Kelly was arrested within a short distance from the saloon and is in the city jail. He is 30 years old and is of a prominent family.

In his cell in the city jail Kelly was considerably maddened by whisky and cigarettes since he was first incarcerated.

"I know I'm a drunkard, but that makes no difference to you," he said to a newspaper man. "Can't you give me a cigarette?"

Kelly is still apparently under the influence of liquor and does not realize what he has done.

It seems probable that insanity will be offered as a defense for Kelly. Kelly this afternoon said: "I don't care so much about killing my old friend, Wallman. It was liquor that did it. It seems to get me here," and he grasped his throat as if strangling.

Chief Detective E. E. Johnson this afternoon filed two charges of murder in the first degree against Kelly.

Member of Prominent Family. Dr. H. B. Kelly is the son of J. W. Kelly, 726 Peria avenue, Council Bluffs, and a member of an old and well established family of Council Bluffs. The father is Council Bluffs representative of the Standard Oil company.

Dr. Kelly was graduated from Creighton medical college in Omaha eight years ago, after a brilliant career as a student both in college and preparatory school. Since his graduation he has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Waterloo and Council Bluffs. He is now 29 years old.

Early in his college career Dr. Kelly became addicted to the use of liquor. Chiefly from a debauch and here he wrote forged checks on his father for the sum of \$300. These checks were taken up by his father, who took the son home. He escaped from his father's care Thursday.

On the request of the father, Dr. Kelly was arrested by the Council Bluffs police. Chief of Police, realizing that Kelly was in a dangerous condition, urged that the young man be turned over to the sheriff. The father pleaded and the police judge delivered the prisoner to his care.

Dr. Kelly was taken into Judge Wheeler's court and there committed to the state insane asylum at Knoxville. The young physician was apparently sane and sober. He had a conversation with Clarence Wallman, the deputy sheriff, whom he killed Saturday morning, and they planned their trip to Knoxville. Kelly expressed a hope that he would at last "get straightened out."

Kelly and the officers have been friends and acquaintances for years. Mr. Wallman leaves a widow and family of seven small children. He was appointed a deputy sheriff while a member of the Council Bluffs fire department. He had but recently recovered from an injury received when he playfully slid down a fire station pole and broke his right leg.

Erdman Sentenced to Fifteen Years in the Penitentiary

Judge Estelle Overrules Motion for New Trial—Attempting to Dynamite Dennison Home.

Frank Erdman, convicted two weeks ago of attempting murder by placing dynamite on the porch of Tom Dennison, was sentenced yesterday afternoon by Judge Lee Estelle to fifteen years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

When Erdman was asked by the judge if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him he said: "I have just this to say. I am absolutely innocent of this crime and I feel that I have not had a fair trial. For that reason I have no request to make for leniency."

Judge Estelle in sentencing the prisoner said that he did not feel called upon to give him a lecture and added: "You have had an absolutely fair trial. I also wish to state that I have probably gone farther in the trial in your favor than I was justified."

Most of the afternoon was consumed in arguing a motion for a new trial. John O. Yeiser and Charles E. Foster representing Erdman, and J. P. English, county attorney, the state. The motion was overruled and the prisoner sentenced.

Burbank's Famous Fruits Coming to Omaha Land Show

California Will Send Most Complete Collection of Santa Rosa Man's Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—California's state display at the second Omaha Land show in October will include the greatest collection of the products of Luther Burbank's plant laboratories that has ever been gathered.

Mr. Burbank, after a conference with Wilbur Walker, secretary of the Alameda County Exposition commission, has agreed to permit the display of his plant creations in connection with the state exhibit to advertise California.

The season at which the Omaha Land show will be held this year will permit the display of a large number of specimens of natural fruits and flowers. Winter exhibits, are by climatic differences, restricted to the preserved specimens in jars.

New plants now under development by Mr. Burbank will be included in the display to be made at Omaha. Thus it is possible that the seedless watermelon will be on display at Omaha for its first appearance before the public.

Miss Kelley Will Have Charge of All Mints

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Secretary MacVeagh today approved an order which will place a woman in direct charge of all the mints and assay offices in the United States, for short intervals at various times within the year.

She is Miss Margaret V. Kelley of the mint bureau, one of the three highest paid women in the government. Wheeler, Nance and Boone. The present fifth has Adams, Hall, Webster, Franklin, Kearney, Phelps, Harlan, Gosper, Furness, Red Willow, Fron-

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The railroad company insisted that he sign it "Bewsher company, A. H. Bewsher, proprietor." Because he would not sign it this way the railroad company refused to honor neither side would yield, and the Interstate Commerce commission was asked to settle the most momentous question. In addition to the matter of procedure as regards the signing of vouchers, claims for a considerable sum of money represented by the dishonored paper, were involved.

DEMOS BUSY PARCELING STATE

Reapportionment Brings as Many Champions as There Are Plans.

HOUSE WILL ALTER PLACEK BILL

Introducer of Measure Credited with Congressional Ambitions and to Have Framed Division Scheme to This End.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 25.—(Special.)—Apportionment seems to be about the only important question upon which the present session of the legislature has made no decision of any kind. The Placek legislative bill, which has passed the senate for legislative redistricting, is now before the house, but will probably be materially changed before it goes through. The republicans are not pleased with it and will probably do their best to make it a fairer bill before it becomes a law.

The Albert judicial apportionment bill is also through the senate, and as it is of less importance politically and does not bear such evident traces of gerrymandering it will probably not cause a fight.

The congressional bill, also drawn by Placek, is certain to meet with trouble in the house. In some ways it is worse than the legislative bill and the house republicans are determined to change it if possible. A scheme of amending it has been drawn up by two dry democrats, Quackenbush and Norton, helped by some republicans, and the changes may be enacted.

The fact that of the committee of fifteen which will discuss apportionment there are six republicans and three dry democrats out of fifteen members may have some effect on the outcome.

The bill as drawn by Placek would move the congressmen now in congress into other districts. Sloan, holding his seat from the Fourth district and living in Fillmore county, would be thrown over into the Fifth district, where he would have Congressman Norris to beat. This would have the effect of giving Norris as a republican a very strong opponent and it would also give Placek himself a clear field in the Fourth. It is thought that congressional ambitions may be disturbing him.

The Quackenbush changes would throw Latta from the Third district into the Second and Sloan into the Fifth.

The present First district is made up of Cass, Otoe, Nemaha, Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson and Lancaster. The Placek bill will amend this by throwing in Gage county, while the house amendments which are being planned will add Saunders and Sarpy and put Gage back into the Fifth.

The present Second district has Sarpy, Douglas and Washington. Placek leaves this district as it is. The Quackenbush-Norton amendments would add Thurston and Burt and take out Sarpy.

The present Third has Burt, Thurston, Dakota, Dixon, Cuming, Dodge, Colfax, Stanton, Wayne, Cedar, Knox, Pierce, Madison, Platte, Nance, Boone, Antelope and Merrick.

Placek wants to cut out Antelope and Merrick and add them to the Fourth. Quackenbush wants to add Boyd and Holt.

Changes in Fourth. The present Fourth has Saunders, Butler, Seward, Saline, Polk, York, Valley, Greeley, Hamilton, Gage, Jefferson, Thayer and Fillmore.

Placek would cut out Gage, Jefferson and Thayer and add Merrick, Hall, Sherman, Buffalo, Howard, Valley and Greeley. Quackenbush adds Garfield, Wheeler, Nance and Boone.

The present Fifth has Adams, Hall, Webster, Franklin, Kearney, Phelps, Harlan, Gosper, Furness, Red Willow, Fron-

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MEXICO ALL READY FOR THE CHANGE

New Cabinet is Given Out by the State Members with Diaz Only a Figurehead.

LIMANTOUR THE REAL RULER

Men Who Will Take the Places of Those Who Resigned.

POSTOFFICE MAY GO TO REYES

Macedo is Slated for Minister of the Interior.

TO CALM FEARS OF UPRISING

Expected that a Compromise Will Be Offered Rebels.

TO GRANT SOME OF DEMANDS

Vice President Corral to Step Down and His Place to Be Filled by Miguel Ahumada—Well Liked by People.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)

MEXICO CITY, March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The most important development in the political situation here today was the authoritative statement by a high government officer that Senor Jose Yves Limantour, minister of finance in the cabinet, which handed its resignation to President Diaz yesterday, would be the holder in the new portfolio of foreign relations, the most important post in the ministerial body and one which carries with it practically all the powers of a prime minister.

The same officers who made this statement ventured a prediction on the cabinet, which President Diaz is already working to organize. The ministerial slate, as he predicted it, was as follows:

Minister of Finance—Joachim Cassava, former ambassador to the United States. Minister of War—General Bernardo Reyes. Minister of Promotion (fomento)—Manuel Calero, or Andres Alvarado.

Minister of Justice—Demeterio Sodi. Minister of the Interior—Miguel Macedo, Minister of Communication and Works—Senor Montiel.

The fact that General Reyes has been sent for by the government is a feature of the situation which, when it was officially confirmed today, went far toward calming the fears of those who dreaded their vital upset of the administration.

Senor Cresol, who has been ambassador to the United States and also governor of the state of Chihuahua, has been very unpopular with the masses, not only because of his close blood relation with President Diaz, but through his immense riches, which, it has been charged, were increased by means of the heavy taxes he imposed. Some color is given to the rumor by the fact that the both of the present revolution centers in the state of Chihuahua.

In the midst of all the speculation regarding the composition of the next cabinet, popular opinion seems to agree that Jose Yves Limantour will be made the head of the ministry, with all the powers of a premier, and that in such a post he will practically be ruler of Mexico, with Diaz as a figurehead. In such an event, it is believed, the revolutionists would readily their willingness to agree to a compromise on many of the demands which they have made.

To take the place of Vice President Corral, who is known to have already laid his plans to go to Europe, Miguel Ahumada is mentioned most favorably. He is well liked and it is believed that with him and Limantour at the wheel a greater state of quiet and content would prevail in Mexico than the country has known in a long time.

DIAZ TO LAW DOWN REINS

Rumor Has Mexico President Ready to Go to Europe.

EL PASO, Tex., March 25.—(Special Telegram.)—That Jose Yves Limantour will be appointed president of Mexico, with Bernardo Reyes as minister of war and Miguel Ahumada as minister of the interior and with Diaz and Corral, the present president and vice president, en route to Europe within the next few months, is the guess in this section by persons who have watched Mexican affairs.

The insurgents in the city decline to discuss the cabinet resignations, except to

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Iowa Girl to Help Carry Vassar's Classic Daisy Chain



To carry the daisy chain at Vassar is the highest social honor that can be had at that school. Girls may "make the team," and do other stunts that will gain them social prominence, but to be one of the chosen crew to take part in the classical ceremony that is the most significant feature of the commencement week exercises is a distinction to which each girl looks forward from the time she enters the school. It means for her that she excels in beauty and personal charm, and has the social graces that entitle her to recognition, even at a college where the phoebe of femininity is assembled. It is a purely social distinction, but it is all the more sought and cherished for that reason. Twenty-four girls are thus honored each year. This year they are selected from a class of 264. One of the number is Miss Miriam Lane Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Winter of Mason City, Ia.

Powsher Balks at the Union Pacific Office Rules

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