

### ASHES OF MORTGAGE SCATTERED TO WIND

Celebration at Panama-Pacific Exposition Over Payment of \$1,200,000 Debt.

### PAPERS BURN ON FUNERAL PYRE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—San Francisco and its thousands of visitors turned out in full force tonight to celebrate the exposition freedom from a debt of \$1,200,000, which the exposition has been carrying since the first of the year, and to attend the burning of the mortgage.

The celebration will go down as one of the most famous of the exposition's functions. This accomplishment of the company has established a record, for no exhibition has ever succeeded in paying its indebtedness before it was half over.

Consequently there was reason for rejoicing and for the throng of 100,000 which gathered in the Court of the Universe at the exposition tonight to hear President Charles C. Moore tell of the struggle of the exposition against the exigencies of the European war, the wave of pessimism and the financial distress that followed.

At the conclusion of the speech, a segment wound in front of the platform and down toward the funeral pyre.

Allegory of Achievement.

The Indian, the Padre, the Cavalryman and the Pioneer, representing the early history of the west; Labor, represented by the carpenter, the teamster, the painter, and electrician; Energy, Genius and Imagination, each took splendid part in the allegory of achievement as they have done in the material manifestation. The funeral pyre for the mortgage was lighted by Miss Elsie O'Farrell, a beautiful San Francisco girl, who took the part of imagination.

After the flames had burst forth and were reaching high, thousands of beams amidst a rousing cheer, which echoed across the bay to the hills of Marin county, ex-President William Howard Taft, who told to congress that "San Francisco knows how," and thus helped to secure the exposition for San Francisco, placed the deed of trust and the mortgage upon the pyre.

There followed a magnificent pyrotechnic display and sirens and whistles were blown throughout the city.

As the ashes of the mortgage had cooled, they were taken aloft by Charles Niles, the aviator, and scattered to the western winds. The crowd then adjourned to the zone, whose avenue was packed until midnight with a dense, fanned crowd, who made carnival until midnight.

This early clearance of all indebtedness by the exposition is due to an attendance which has exceeded all expectations by nearly 40 per cent. The total admissions up to tonight are 11,822,930 and the daily average for the last month was 74,000. This daily average is steadily increasing and the extraordinary tide of travel from the east shows no sign of diminishing.

### Pope Says Wilson in Position to Discuss Peace with Authority

ROME, Sept. 4.—(Via Paris.)—Pope Benedict today expressed pleasure over the fact that the diplomatic negotiations between the United States and Germany had resulted in a promise from Germany to modify its submarine warfare. The pontiff said President Wilson, having shown both groups of belligerents the fairness, firmness and good will of the American government, could now address them with authority and probably induce them to take the preliminary steps which would gradually lead to negotiations for peace.

The pontiff was gratified to learn of the cordiality that marked the conversation between President Wilson and Cardinal Gibbons on Thursday, when the cardinal delivered to the president in Washington a message from Benedict XV. The pope said today he hoped everybody both in Europe and the United States would be convinced that his constant prayer is for the ending of the war and that his work in this direction is entirely unintermitted, being inspired only by the teachings of Christ and his love for humanity. He added that he would be ready to give the whole support of the Catholic church to the person, institution or country that undertook the noble mission of ending the war.

### Lands Behind Enemy Lines to Save Mate

PARIS, Sept. 4.—Berlin of the French aviation corps has been cited in the orders of the day and awarded the decoration of the Legion of Honor for slighting behind the German lines and bringing back in safety Adjutant Boyer, who was compelled to set fire to his machine as the result of an attack.

Both aviators were engaged in scouting expeditions in the same direction. Berlin's landing point was about four miles beyond that of Boyer. On returning after executing his mission, Berlin saw Boyer's machine in flames. He landed in face of a heavy fire, picked up his comrade and flew back to the French lines, with a fragment of a shell in his thigh. The aviators was struck in ninety-eight places by bullets and pieces of shell.

### Urges Everybody to Pray All the Time

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—A call to prayer addressed to every individual in the country and carrying the words: "Pray, pray without ceasing," was sent out today by the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and it is a preparation for a series of conventions, the first of which will be held in Chicago October 14 to 17.

The denominations which have entered into the movement this year are: The American Friends, Reformers, Presbyterians, Baptist Convention (Northern), Baptist Convention (Southern), Christian church, Congregational church, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Synod of North America, Lutherans, Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal church, Reformed church, United Brethren in Christ and the United Presbyterian.

### Platte Man "Loaned" Wife for Mules and \$300?

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—That her husband, Ira Baley of North Platte, Neb., "loaned" her to a Kansas farmer in return for \$300 and a span of mules, is a charge made by Mrs. Julia Baley, who is under arrest here on a charge of bigamy, having married Frank Leroy Wright, a branch buster, here August 14.

Furthermore, Mrs. Baley asserts, her husband made a practice of "loaning" her to other men, instructing her to "get everything you can out of them," and he made her "warm up to" young Wright before she became infatuated with the cowboy and with him fled to Wyoming. Mrs. Baley's arrest followed a charge preferred against her by Baley, who traced her to Cheyenne and found that she had married young Wright here.

The cowboy also was arrested and is held in the county jail in a cell near that of the woman. Baley, however, has disappeared and it is possible that the charges against the prisoners will not be pushed.

### Von Hindenburg Takes a Day Off

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—(Via London.)—Although he is conducting one of the greatest campaigns of history, Field Marshal von Hindenburg found time this week to take a day off for his favorite sport of deer stalking.

He arrived Monday evening at Schippenbell in East Prussia, near the scenes of his two great battles—those of Tannenberg and the Masurian lakes. Accompanied by Prince Dohna-Schloditten and Count Dönhoff, the field marshal hunted in the forest of the countess of Eulenburg and killed two fine stags.

### No War in Sight, So T. R. Goes a-Hunting

OSWEGO, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt plans to start for a month's hunting trip in Canada, it was learned at his home here tonight.

### Perfect Score Made By Big Army Guns

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—A perfect score was made today, it was semi-officially announced, in the firing of twelve shots from the twelve-inch mortars at Fort Totten at a moving target between 5,000 and 7,000 yards distant.

The moving target was a twelve-foot square of canvas, representing a battleship moving diagonally across the line of fire.

A "For Sale" sign will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

McAdoo Names Committee.

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### TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Bricklayers' Strike Has Considerable Effect on Building Activities Within City.

### FOREMAN WILL FINISH ONE JOB

Some little effect has been produced on the building activities of the city by the strike of the bricklayers, which occurred Wednesday morning. The bricklayers are still out with the exception of the several jobs on which the demanded scale of 75 cents was paid or has been paid since the strike was declared.

The construction work of a good many apartment houses was directly affected by the strike. At least three big apartment house jobs of Hastings & Hayden are affected, and work is at a standstill on them. Most of the apartments in these were already rented and leased from the plans. Possession is to be given at stated times this fall, yet the work remains at a standstill as the strike continues.

Byron Hastings of the Hastings & Hayden firm, has no disposition to worry about it, however, declaring that he believes it will all come out right in the end. He does not look for the strike to continue long, and as the job on one of the apartment houses, namely the Dewey, at Thirty-third street, and Dewey avenue was nearly completed, he says that the foreman of the gang he is sure will complete the work for him without the aid of a force of bricklayers.

### Will Delay Starting Jobs.

Norris & Norris are completing a brick veneer house they were building when the strike came. They paid the 5 cents advance demanded, but state that although they had several other jobs planned, they will not begin them until some definite settlement is made in the strike situation.

The work on a number of large jobs is halted by the strike.

The Builders' exchange, an organization of contractors, has issued a statement that it will not pay the 5 cents increase demanded. Individual contractors, however, are paying it in some instances.

### Widening of Street Endorsed.

The project for the widening of Twenty-fourth street, started by the Real Estate exchange several months ago, has just received the endorsement of the Federation of Improvement clubs. A committee was appointed to make the rounds of the various improvement clubs at meetings to come and outline the plan. The committee consists of J. O. Palmer, W. H. Green, L. V. Guy, H. E. Gladwin and M. O. Cunningham. W. M. Green outlined the plan to the federation. He had with him a tentative plan prepared by the Real Estate exchange.

The widening of Twenty-fourth street between Cuming and some point south of Pacific is contemplated. Mr. Green's plan is: Widen Twenty-fourth street fifty feet on the east side, Pacific to St. Mary's avenue; St. Mary's avenue to Farnam, forty-six feet on the west side; Farnam to Cass, twenty feet on west side; Cass to California, twenty-five feet on east side; California to Cuming, forty-six feet on east side, all of which would

provide a continuous 100-foot street from Cuming to Pacific street.

### How to Accomplish It.

In connection with the Twenty-fourth street project he recommended that Twenty-fourth street, between Twenty-fourth street, be widened to 100 feet by taking thirty-four feet from the south side. He further recommended a cut of from three to five feet on St. Mary's avenue, east of Twenty-fourth, and a fill of six feet at Twenty-fourth street, also lower Twenty-fourth street three feet at Dodge street and lower Dodge street ten feet at Twenty-fourth street.

### To Cost Half Million.

Mr. Green estimated that the expense of acquiring the property and buildings would be about \$500,000. His idea of assessment would be to have the city at large pay half the expense and assess the other half equally on either side of Twenty-fourth street, allowing the property owners ten years for payment of their assessments.

### Beautifying a New Addition.

A new means of beautifying a new addition is being used by one Omaha real estate firm in a new addition on West Leavenworth street. Artistic brick and stone piers are being erected on each side of the walks at the entrances from Leavenworth street. This is not only an attractive feature, but gives the addition an exclusive appearance and an air of privacy not otherwise obtained.

### LESH AND BURLEIGH CHOSEN AS CONFERENCE DELEGATES

GORDON, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The lay electoral conference of the northwest Nebraska conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met in the Presbyterian church this morning. E. E. Lesh of Glen, president of the Laymen's association, was elected president of the conference, and C. F. Stockwell of Bassett, secretary. A number of memorials to the general conference which meets in May, 1916, respecting proposed changes in church legislation, were presented.

The convention then elected as lay delegate to the general conference, E. E. Lesh. W. E. Rogers of Alameda was elected reserve delegate. A resolution to consolidate the northwest Nebraska with the Nebraska conference was turned down by a narrow margin, after spirited discussion, in which a majority of the delegates took part. Twenty-six lay delegates are in attendance.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the lay conference adjourned, to meet with the annual conference.

In the ministerial convention for the election of a delegate to the general conference, C. H. Burleigh of Marland won out after a spirited contest.

### Eight-Hour Day for 25,000 Standard Men

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Announcement of the adoption of an eight-hour day by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, was made here today on behalf of the directors of that concern. Twenty-five thousand workers were said to be affected by the order, which would become effective September 13.

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