



FIRE IN CROWDED CITY ROOKERIES

Panic and Confusion in New York Streets.

RESCUES AT PERIL OF LIFE

Whole Nest of Tenements and Factories Burned.

THREE LIVES MAY BE LOST

Swarming Dwellers Pour Into Streets—Terrorized Horses Stampede—Chemicals Blow Up—Negro and White Races Fight.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Fire early this morning wiped out a dairy, sales stable, dyeing establishment and a dozen tenements on West Fifty-third street, midway between Ninth and Tenth Avenues, caused the probable loss of three lives and a money damage of \$250,000.

The fire originated in a business block on Fifty-third street, destroyed that building and, spreading to adjoining tenement houses on both sides of the street, gave the fire department a hard fight.

Tenement-dwellers Pour Out. The firemen were handicapped by low water pressure, and were repeatedly driven back by the flames, which, spreading in every direction, soon threatened the whole thickly populated tenement section.

At 2:15 o'clock 10 buildings were destroyed or in flames. They were a stable block, a silk manufactory and eight tenements. At that hour the fire was gaining steadily and threatened the whole block.

Fireman Buried in Ruins. At 2:20 o'clock a dyeing establishment at 242 West Fifty-third street, near the origin of the fire, burst into flames.

Policeman Rescues Whole Family. In imminent danger to his life, Policeman Sullivan made his way to the top floor of a burning tenement, where he found a mother and six children huddled together and helpless from fright.

Several Persons Missing. At 2:30 o'clock the fire was spreading, and a hundred horses, released from the stable and ungovernable from fear, were running through the adjacent streets.

CHURCH OF GROTTO BURNED. Priest Still Panic in Congregation and All Escape.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 1.—The Church of the Assumption, widely known as the Church of the Grotto, by reason of pilgrimages made by invalids to a grotto back of the church, was destroyed by fire tonight.

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PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 1.—Grand Master Hanrahan, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, tonight issued a second ultimatum to E. H. Harriman, of the Southern Pacific, warning him of the impending drastic measures that will be placed in effect unless he executes his promise to settle the firemen's strike.

The ultimatum is in the form of a letter to the directors of the Southern Pacific, and reads in part: "The directors of the Southern Pacific, representing the stockholders, are asking you to adjust in that way, and we insist that a third party should not be permitted to influence your company in this matter."

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 1.—Superintendent Marks, of the El Paso division of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad, states this evening that, so far as his division is concerned, there is no strike, as all the trains are fully manned and all are being handled on time.

ADVANCE TO SHIPBUILDERS. Trust Will Pay \$750,000 More Yearly to Lake Employees.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—The American Shipbuilding Company has granted a general increase of wages from 5 to 10 per cent to all its employees at all points on the lake.

Fuel Company Raises Wages. MURKIN, Colo., Jan. 1.—The management of the Murgin plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company today announced a voluntary increase in the wages of the employees.

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Seattle, 6. Multnomah, 4. This was the New Year's greeting that the Seattle Athletic Club football eleven gave Multnomah yesterday afternoon on Multnomah field, taking revenge for that 3-0 Christmas defeat, and it must be said of them that they accomplished this amazing feat in two minutes and 30 seconds after the ball had been kicked into play.

The drama of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific, notwithstanding statements to the contrary, is between your company and our members. On either of your lines the feeling is growing that they may expect the conditions which the abbreviation of the strike will bring about.

OFF DAY, SAYS JORDAN. Seattle played the better game and deserved to win. Multnomah had an off day, and fumbling the ball at critical times lost the game for us.

But the opportunity that knocks but once was there and Seattle embraced it with both arms. The game was like the day—a strange mixture. A large crowd was on hand, in spite of the weather, and that they stuck to the finish of the game was due to the hope that Multnomah would break up the contest with one of her brilliant dashes, than to the kind of football they saw.

CUTTS PRAISES LOCAL TEAM. The winning team has nothing over which to boast, and the losers have nothing to regret. I appreciate the treatment accorded us during our stay in the city.

more than held him even. Dolph's game was brilliant at all times. He made no mistakes, and his tackling was sure and deadly. He hit Sample in one of his terrific tackles, and that big fellow had to quit.

Following is the game in detail: First Half. Seattle won the toss, and kicked to Multnomah. Rader caught the ball, but was tackled by Cutts so viciously that the wet ball slipped out of his hands.



HOT TIME ABOUT NEGRO SOLDIERS

May Embroil President and Senate.

MOVE MADE TO REINSTATE MEN

Roosevelt Ready to Resist to the Very Last.

FORAKER'S POLITICAL GAME

Senatorial Inquiry May Be Opposed by Democrats Who Approve Roosevelt's Course—Possible Delay Until Next Congress.



Charles E. Hughes, inaugurated as Governor of New York State.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 1.—It is difficult at this time to tell just where the colored troop issue is going to lead. It may result in an open breach between the President and the Senate; it may die out quietly, or it may be exploded as an agitation started for purely political purposes.

Various forms of legislation have been proposed. Senator Foraker up to this time has been the champion of the discharged colored troops, in demanding a Senatorial investigation. There is talk of introducing bills to "correct the military record" of various individual members of the discharged companies (a way of granting them honorable instead of dishonorable discharge) and still another proposition has been made to override the President and legislate the discharged companies back into the service, omitting only such soldiers as can be shown to have been implicated in the Brownsville riots.

All Admit Honest Motives. Whatever may develop the fact remains that President Roosevelt in dishonorably discharging the three companies of colored troops acted as he deemed best in the interest of the service.

There is not the slightest doubt that some of the leading champions of the colored troops are in this fight for the political capital they can make out of it. They are not standing up for the negro troops because they believe an injustice has been done them; they have taken issue with the President because they know that such a move will tend to increase their own popularity with the negro voters, who, with few exceptions, sympathize with the discharged men and criticize the course of the President.

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GLOOMY RECORD OF YEAR'S CRIME

Shows That People Are Growing No Better.

FEW MURDERERS ARE HANGED

Increase of Lynchings, Chiefly in the South.

VAST NUMBER OF MURDERS

Suicides More Numerous, Particularly Among Men—Vast Sums Stolen by Fraud—Greatest Fire Loss Since 1871.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—For those who contend that the people of the United States are growing better instead of worse there is this morning in the statistics of 1906 on crime, dishonesty and contempt for law and order. The figures, carefully gathered, show in comparison with 1905 an increase in lynchings, homicides, suicides and the amount involved in embezzlements and kindred crimes.

Legal Executions Few. The number of legal hangings in 1906 was 123, as compared with 123 in 1905. The record follows: Alabama 6, Arkansas 6, California 2, Georgia 10, Idaho 2, Illinois 3, Iowa 4, Kentucky 8, Louisiana 8, Maryland 4, Massachusetts 2, Mississippi 30, Missouri 2, Montana 1, Nevada 2, New Jersey 8, North Carolina 1, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 6, South Carolina 7, Tennessee 4, Texas 4, Virginia 8, Washington 2, District of Columbia 2, New Mexico 3, Indian Territory 1. There were 45 hanged in the North and 88 in the South, and of these 45 were whites, 29 negroes and 2 Indians.

Lynchings Show Increase. The number of lynchings is 62, compared with 65 in 1905. The 12 negroes killed in Atlanta in September and the 12 killed at Scooba and Wabala, Miss., in December are not included in this total. As the lynching evil is a problem of general interest, occupying the attention of courts, legislatures, Congress and the President himself, the record of the last 10 years is given:

Table showing lynching statistics from 1901 to 1906. Columns include Year, Whites, Negroes, Indians, Total.

More Murders by Robbers. The total number of deaths by murder and violence of every kind during 1906, as reported by telegraph, shows a small increase over 1905, being 3256, as compared with 3217 in 1905. The striking feature of the record is the increase of murders committed by highwaymen, burglars, holdup men and that class of criminals. This feature is even more apparent in 1906, for the number of murders to be credited to them is 695, as compared with 582 in 1905, 484 in 1904, 406 in 1903, 233 in 1902 and 108 in 1901.

Suicides Steadily Increase. The steady increase of suicides noted during the last few years continues. The number for 1906 is 10,125, which exceeds the homicide record. The following table shows the gradual increase of self-murder during the last eight years:

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