

FIREMEN FALL TO DEATH THROUGH BURNED ROOF

SIX BODIES REMOVED AFTER ALL LIVING HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT.

FIRE CHIEF AMONG HURT

Five of Fifteen of the Injured Are Fatally Hurt While There Is Doubt as to the Others—Thirty Panic-Stricken Girls Had Been Removed From Building Before Roof Caved In With Men.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Two dozen firemen today crashed through the roof to the basement in the burning Middletown Manufacturing building. Fire Chief Clancy was among them but was later dragged from the flames, terribly burned.

Twenty or more firemen went through the roof at one time. Without a moment's loss the other firemen dashed into the ruins and dragged out their companions one by one. Within 15 minutes 15 men had been taken out terribly burned. Chief Clancy who was first believed killed, was among those saved.

Torrents of water were then poured in and at 1 o'clock this afternoon six dead had been removed.

Five of them are identified and are CAPTAIN JOHN HENTZ, engineer, company No. 9;

LIEUTENANT JOHN MOULAHAN, of engine nine.

FIREMAN RICHARD BURKE, of engine 9.

FIREMAN EDWIN HAGIE of engine 18.

Many Fatally Injured. At least five of the 15 injured are fatally hurt and will die. The hospitals can give no encouragement for their recovery. The others may recover in time.

Thirty Girls Rescued. Previous to the collapse of the roof, the firemen had rescued 30 panic-stricken girls on an upper floor. The cause of the fire is unknown. The property loss is \$100,000.

EQUITY CASE HEARD TODAY.

Stevenson Against Blockland Is Title of Case Heard Today.

Circuit court today heard a case in equity when litigation between two parties was aired before Circuit Judge Knowles when the case entitled Stevenson against Blockland came up.

There has been no call for jurors issued yet to complete the jury cases awaiting witnesses from southern Oregon, and it is not known just when there will be.

Glasgow to Have Big Exposition.

Glasgow, March 24.—The spacious exhibition palaces that have been going up in Kelvingrove Park are rapidly nearing completion and the indications are that everything will be in readiness for the opening of the great international exposition at the beginning of May. The two largest buildings are to be devoted to exhibits illustrating the history of Scotland and to a display of the work of Scottish artists. Another notable feature, prepared specially in honor of the memory of Lord Kelvin, will be an exhibit to illustrate the progress of electrical and engineering discovery and invention and the development of electricity as an applied science.

Among the lighter features of the exhibition will be a processional pageant of historical vessels on the river. Ships of all kinds, from the earliest Viking galleys to the present day ocean liners and battleships will be represented. The pageant will be largely illustrative of Glasgow's part in the progress of steam navigation.

INSURRECTOS SUFFER LOSSES.

Said That the Federals Are Pursuing Defeated Detachment of Rebels.

Nogales, March 24.—Official reports here today give yesterday's battle at 50 killed and wounded. Another detachment of federals number 300, passed through Nogales, Mexico, just across the line last night en route to Hermosillo. No fighting has occurred near here yet. It is reported the insurrectos were badly beaten at La Colorado and are fleeing with the federals pursuing them.

ROOSEVELT AT CLUB HOUSE.

Address Palo Alto Students and Then Dines With Old Frat Men.

San Francisco, March 24.—With another strenuous day confronting him, Col. Roosevelt rose early and left for Palo Alto at 9 o'clock as a guest of the faculty of Stanford university. After a short address before the students he had luncheon at the Delta Upsilon house. He is a member of this fraternity.

After visiting Stanford university where he told the students that Americans don't reward engineers and public men who do great service for their country as they do in England, Roosevelt went to Berkeley and addressed the students of the California university on the first of four lectures.

ALASKA CASES IN COURT TODAY

ARGUMENTS ON DEMURRERS ARGUED AT SPOKANE.

Not Likely That Cases Will Come to Trial Until September.

Spokane, March 24.—Arguments on a demurrer filed by defendants in the cases charging them with intent to defraud the government of 200,000 acres of Alaskan coal lands were heard in the federal court here and concluded today.

It is almost a certainty that the case will not be tried until September. Judge Rudmin has taken the matter under advisement.

The defendants are Raymond Brown and William Dunne, of Spokane; Chas. McKenzie, of Seattle; Harry White, of Los Angeles, but formerly mayor of Seattle and Donald McKenzie of Washington.

Blind Hymn Writer 91 Years Old.

Bridgeport Conn., March 24.—Receiving congratulations from many parts of the country, Fanny Crosby, the famous blind hymn writer, today observed her 91st birthday anniversary, surrounded by relatives and friends, giving up a part of the day also to a general public reception.

Miss Crosby, whose full name is Frances Jane Crosby Van Alstyne, has been blind ever since she was six weeks old. She was married in 1858 to Alexander Van Alstyne, who died in 1902. He was a musician and set some of his wife's best known verses to music. Her hymns have been sung everywhere in the work of evangelization. She has written more than 3,000 hymns in all, among the best known being: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," and "Jesus the Water of Life Will Give."

Fencing Championships.

New York, March 24.—The Intercollegiate Fencing association has arranged to hold its preliminary bouts for the championships tomorrow. The northern league is made up of Yale, Harvard, Cornell and West Point and the preliminary bouts will be held at West Point. The southern division includes Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Annapolis and will be tried out at the naval academy. At each of these two places one team will be eliminated and the remaining six teams will compete in the finals in this city next week.

TAFT IS PRAISED BY ENGLISH PAPERS

HIS MOBILIZATION SCHEME IS COMMENDED BY PAPERS AT LONDON THIS MORNING.

CALLS MOVE MASTERLY

Queer Orders Issued From War Department Following the Supposed Peaceable Agreement Over Situation in Mexico—Family of Captured Americans Will Demand That Uncle Sam Investigate Matters.

London, March 24.—Laudation for President Taft's determined attitude in mobilizing the army and navy of the United States was voiced editorially today by the Express. It says it is now apparent the mobilization played a part in peaceful diplomacy; that he made it clear that America will permit no infringement of the Monroe doctrine. "We cordially welcome this proof of his determination and sincerely believe the Monroe doctrine makes for world's peace."

Peace Orders Sent Out.

Chicago, March 24.—Indications that Washington is still expecting trouble as the outgrowth of the Mexican situation is seen here today in a message from the war department ordering the railroads to hold every available tourist and baggage car for instant use. A second order to Captain Kenney, in charge of the recruiting office, authorized him to accept men applying for enlistment even though there were somewhat short of requirements.

Wants Report Investigated.

New York, March 24.—Demand that the United States investigate the report that J. Milton Dignowity with three companions had been captured by Mexican federals is expected as he had been captured by Mexican federals is expected as the result of a conference here today of members of the Dignowity family who assert the victims could not have participated in the revolution in any manner.

Arbitration Plan Liked.

Melbourne, March 24.—The plan of President Taft for arbitration between England and the United States is well received here. Premier Fisher today declared if the English people of the world would adopt arbitration it would not be long before the civilized world would follow suit.

Play Staged After Many Years.

Boston, Mass., March 24.—"Hippolytus," a play in blank verse written by the late Mrs. Julia Ward Howe more than half a century ago, was given its first production at the Tremont theatre in this city this afternoon by Margaret Anglin and her company. The play was originally written for Edwin Booth in 1859, but its production was delayed and finally abandoned.

Emperor William in Vienna.

Vienna, March 24.—Emperor William, who is on his way to Corfu, arrived in Vienna today and met with an enthusiastic reception. The Archduke Francis Joseph and the officials of state met the emperor at the station and an imposing military cortege traversed the city, escorting the Imperial visitor to the Hofburg.

Musical Clubs to Meet.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 24.—Advices received by the committee in charge of the local arrangements indicate a large attendance at the biennial convention of the National Federation of Musical Clubs, which is to be held in this city next week. The program provides for several concerts at which prize compositions in the recent competition under the auspices of the federation will be rendered.

NOODLE POISON MYSTERY TO BE PROBED

BARTENDER AT PORTLAND HELD BY POLICE WHILE THEY INVESTIGATE.

WIDOW AND HE FRIENDLY

Neighbors Say Children Died in Stupor Like That Brought on by Overdose of Poison—Deaths Occurred Yesterday—Moon Said to Be on Good Terms and May Know Something About the Affair.

Portland, March 24.—Rowley Moon, a bartender was arrested here today and taken to Vancouver, Wash., to be held as a whip by the police to investigate the deaths of Edwin Goodwin, aged 13 and Clyde Ransom, aged 10, both sons of Widow Mrs. Edwin Goodwin.

The boys died yesterday after they had eaten noodles. Death was caused by either ptomaine or some other poison.

Their lives were insured by their mother for \$100 each.

Physicians say they died in a stupor such as is superinduced by an overdose of chloral. An investigation is being held by the police. Moon is said to be a close friend of the woman.

Big Strike Blows Up.

Reno, March 24.—The big strike reported at Sage mountain revealed that the gold wasn't gold but instead, mica, schist and copper.

Another strike is thus busted with a hundred prospectors on the ground.

Dewey Refuses Honor.

Washington, March 24.—Following Dewey's declination to serve because of the length of the journey, President Taft today announced that Rear Admiral Charles Vreeland, now commanding the second division of the Atlantic fleet, will represent the navy at Edward's coronation.

STRIKE STILL DEADLOCKED.

Conference Seems to Accomplish but Little Good.

Calgary, March 24.—A joint conference was held today at which the operators offered to arbitrate points on which they could not agree, provided the open shop was accepted. Striking miners declined to accept the offer. They are now hopelessly deadlocked, seemingly.

To Try Alleged Briber Again.

San Francisco, March 24.—The case of Louis Glass, former general manager of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company who is charged with bribery of the Ruef-Schmitz board of supervisors, is to be called in court tomorrow for the second trial. Glass was convicted at his first trial, but the verdict was set aside by the appellate court.

Meeting of Jewish Teachers.

Natchez, Miss., March 24.—The fourth annual convention of the Mississippi Religious School Teachers' association, which is composed of Jewish pedagogues, met in this city today for a three days' session. Prominent Jewish rabbis and educators are in attendance from Cincinnati, Memphis, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Jackson, Meridian and several other cities.

Premium on Insurrectos.

San Diego, March 24.—Francisco Salinas, the insurgent leader, now has a price of \$400 on his head according to Ensenada advices. The Mexican government is tiring of border warfare and proposes to brand revolutionists as murderers and outlaws. It is proposed to take out extradition papers to get them from the United States. Just what stand will be taken on extradition by the United States authorities is unknown.

LUMBER RATE ATTACKED.

Teal of Portland Appears Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, March 24.—Joe Teal of Portland today attacked the lumber rates between the Pacific coast and intermountain section in the fourth day of the arguments before the interstate commerce commission in the Spokane rate case. He declared the rates from Spokane and the coast were utterly at variance with the long and short haul clauses.

WELCOME BALLINGER HOME.

Reception Tonight and Another Reception Tomorrow Night for Him.

Seattle, March 24.—Official Seattle will welcome Richard A. Ballinger, the resigned secretary of the interior, home tonight and will repeat the welcome tomorrow night in a public reception at the Hotel Washington. The Chamber of Commerce will control the reception.

Glenside Wins Rich Chase.

Liverpool, March 24.—Frank Bibby's Glenside won the grand national steeplechase at Aintree, the richest cross country race in the world, today.

LAFFERTY RIGHT BOWER HERE

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO NEW CONGRESSMAN JOINS LLK.

Green Will Close Up Business at Elgin and Go to Capitol.

G. A. Green, personal crony and private secretary to Congressman A. W. Lafferty and now cleaning up his affairs as proprietor of the Sommer house at Elgin so that he can leave for Washington, D. C., was in the city last evening and under the guidance of Frank Smith of the M. & M. company of Elgin, took the initiatory work at the Elks lodge.

Mr. Green was recently appointed private secretary to the congressman and both is another chapter in the long friendship existing between these two men. Mr. Green will take his departure for Washington just as soon as possible.

New Canadian Steamship Service.

Hamburg, March 24.—The departure of the steamship Barcelona today from Hamburg marks the inauguration of a new weekly service between Germany and Canada. The steamers are to be run under the direction of the Canada line and will ply from the ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Rotterdam to Quebec and Montreal.

For Protection of Shade Trees.

Trenton, N. J., March 24.—A statewide campaign for the planting, care and preservation of shade trees was launched this afternoon at a meeting held at the state house under the auspices of the Shade Tree Federation of New Jersey. State Forester Alfred Gaskill and several other forestry experts addressed the meeting.

Old Vaults Robbed.

Memphis, March 24.—Arrests of ghouls who broke into the family vault of W. W. Whitsett to rob six coils of jewelry supposedly buried when the family died of yellow fever in 1876 is expected hourly. Important clues have been found, and the place is swarming with detectives.

Bandits Rob Train.

Coeyville, Kas., March 24.—Five bandits boarded a fast Missouri-Pacific express at Lanapas, Oklahoma, overcame the crew, and robbed the express car of a sum reported as \$20,000 and made their escape.

Forcing the engineer to stop the train just before it reached Coffeyville they blew out the safe, and rifled the registered mail. A posse is pursuing.

STYLISH COURT HOUSE OBJECT OF BOMBS

MILLION DOLLAR STRUCTURE AT OMAHA ESCAPES FORTUNATELY IN EXPLOSION.

UNION MEN ARE BLAMED

Supposition, Rife from Corroborating Evidence—View of Dynamite Property as Office in Indiana Blown—Most Simultaneously.

Omaha, Mo., March 24.—Two charges of dynamite

of dynamite in the parts of the \$1,000,000 court house exploded this morning damaging the building slightly. Bloodhounds are in pursuit of the dynamiters who are known and who sought to injure Contractors Caldwell and Drake of Columbus, Indiana.

Home Office Dynamited.

Columbus, Ind., March 24.—The offices of Caldwell & Drake, contractors, were wrecked by dynamite here today at the time the explosion occurred at Omaha.

There has apparently been trouble between unions and the contractors and detectives and police officials are working on the supposition that the disgruntled men are trying to duplicate the Los Angeles Times case. Secret service men have been put on the trail and it is thought that clues will be ferreted out before nightfall. The damage fortunately was not so immense as at first thought.

The explosives did not do as effective work as was intended. It is apparent, from a study of the conditions, that the men were novices especially in Omaha where if the bombs had been properly placed they would have leveled the new court house building.

In Memory of French Soldiers.

Annapolis, Md., March 24.—An event of international interest will take place here next month, when, under the auspices of the National Society of the Sons of the Revolution, a monument to the memory of French soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in the struggle for American independence will be unveiled on the campus at St. John's college. President Taft, Ambassador Jusserand and many high officers of the army and navy of the United States will attend the dedication.

Michigan Exiles to Banquet.

Chicago, Ill., March 24.—The Michigan Society of Chicago, composed of former citizens of Michigan now residing in this city, has completed elaborate preparation for its first annual banquet, to be given tomorrow night at the Blackstone hotel. The guests of honor at the banquet will be Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan and Governor Charles S. Deneen of Illinois.

St. Thomas Has Hydro-Electric Power.

St. Thomas, Ont., March 24.—Hydro electric power generated at the falls of Niagara was formally turned on in St. Thomas today, adding another to the list of cities in this section of Canada that are now securing the cheaper power for lighting and other purposes. The event was made the occasion for a municipal celebration at which Hon. Adam Beck, originator of the hydro-electric power legislation was the guest of honor.

To Launch Big Lake Freighter.

Lorain, O., March 24.—Tomorrow is the date fixed for the launching of the steamer Thomas Walters, which is being built at the American Shipbuilding company's yards here for the Jones and Laughlin Steel company. The new vessel is one of the largest ever built on the lakes, being 600 feet long, 58 feet beam and 32 feet deep.