

SIX MILLION DOLLAR FIRE GUTS NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL AND BURNS RECORDS OF STATE

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—Approximately \$6,000,000 damage was done to the New York state capitol building this morning by fire. This does not include the loss of thousands of irreplaceable documents. The state library with 400,000 volumes was destroyed and the senate and assembly chambers are blackened and water soaked. Officers of the department of education, the court's claim chamber, the cloak rooms and various other departments were gutted. The structure and equipment originally cost \$27,000,000.

May Never Be Repaired.

It is impossible at this time to tell whether or not the place can be rehabilitated or not. The structure covered three acres and is in such shape that it is hard to estimate the total loss. It is believed defective wiring started the fire.

Aged Watchman Missing.

Samuel Abbott, an aged watchman, is missing and it is believed he perished. Fifteen firemen were trapped in the library but escaped just as the

floor of the north wing fell in. Many valuable documents were saved by attaches, senators and representatives who streamed into the building coming out loaded with books and papers. Commissioner of Education Drapper admitted the fire loss to the library alone is \$2,000,000.

Fire Follows Caucus.

The blaze was discovered soon after the democratic caucus came to an end. This was about 3 o'clock.

The marble stairways are blackened and fire chipped; the western wing is flooded for it was there the fire started and the greatest amount of water was poured on at that point. The blaze spread rapidly.

Million-Dollar Ceiling Ruined.

The western stairway with its million-dollar ceiling of mural paintings was destroyed, though not until after the firemen had risked their lives to save the ceiling by checking the advance of the blaze.

BOARD AND ROOM.—\$25 per month. Mrs. K. J. Jones, 2003 N. 1st street, 3-29-11

LOBSTER FAMINE IMMINENT.

New York Bemoans Shortage of the Toothsome Lobster.

New York, March 29.—(Special)—There is wailing and gnashing of teeth in the lobster palaces along the great White Way for the delicacy which gives these gorgeous eating places their title is soaring to undreamed heights in price and is hard to obtain on any terms. New York is in the grip of a genuine lobster famine and the hotel stewards indulge in spirited races every morning to capture the meagre supply that is brought in, offering a dollar a pound or more for what is offered. Meanwhile the show girls and their admirers to whom lobsters and "wealthy water"—Broadway for champagne—are the one and inseparable necessity look long and vainly in their portions of salad for the prized bits of pink and white meat that are daily becoming more and more scarce. The trouble is that the Maine supply of the crustaceans on which this market chiefly depends is apparently becoming exhausted and the catch is steadily growing smaller. Conservation is not one of the policies in which the Broadwayites show a keen interest ordinarily, but the congressman who will introduce a bill for lobster conservation will have their united and enthusiastic support.

"Cy" Young 44 Today.

Cleveland, O., March 29.—"Cy" Young, who has announced his intention to retire from the diamond at the close of this season, enters upon his 44th year today, having been born March 29, 1867. The veteran pitcher began his remarkable career in the major leagues with the Cleveland club and will wear the uniform of the same club when he pitches his final game next October.

Young has played in the big leagues for 21 years and during that time he has won more than 500 games. He played with Cleveland until 1899 and then pitched two seasons for the St. Louis club. In 1900 he went to the Boston Americans and with that club he attained his greatest success. He helped Boston to win the American league and world championships, and was a most successful pitcher until two years ago, when he returned to the Cleveland club.

Fire Survivors Testify.

New York, March 29.—One hundred and fifty witnesses, mostly survivors of the Saturday fire, were examined today by District Attorney Whitman. They all testified that the stairways and elevator doors were improperly hinged.

Big Endowment for Ohio Wesleyan.

Delaware, O., March 29.—Friday of this week will bring to a close the great "Forward Movement" campaign launched by Ohio Wesleyan university 18 months ago for the purpose of raising an endowment fund of half a million dollars needed for the further development of the institution. The amount yet to be raised is comparatively small and there is every prospect that the fund will be completed within a few days.

Among the liberal contributions to the fund were \$125,000 from the general education board of New York city, \$50,000 from Andrew Carnegie and \$7,000 from Bishop Bashford.

Ohio Wesleyan is regarded as one of the foremost institutions of learning in America. It was opened in 1844 with 110 students. The total enrollment for the present year is 1,400.

Among the Ohio Wesleyan graduates have been many men of national prominence, among them Vice President Fairbanks, Senator Foraker, Governors Herrick and Patterson of Ohio, Governor Atkinson of West Virginia, Governor Hamilton of Illinois, Governor Elbert of Colorado, Governor Hoyt of Wyoming, Governor Cosgrove of Washington, Congressman Washington Gardner of Michigan, Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus of Chicago, Bishops McDowell, Hughes, Anderson and McCabe of the Methodist Episcopal church, Bishop Hoss of the M. E. church, south, and a score or more of men who are now presidents of colleges in various parts of the country.

To Improve Rural Schools.

Louisville, Ky., March 29.—If plans discussed at the Kentucky Rural School convention here today are carried out the Blue Grass state will soon be able to boast of the best system of rural school education to be found anywhere in the country. The movement, which was launched something over a year ago, aims at a consolidation and complete reorganization of the rural schools that will bring them up to the same standard as the best city schools. The plan calls for the enactment of a state law giving to each county the right to issue bonds not to exceed \$500,000 to establish the system of consolidated rural schools.

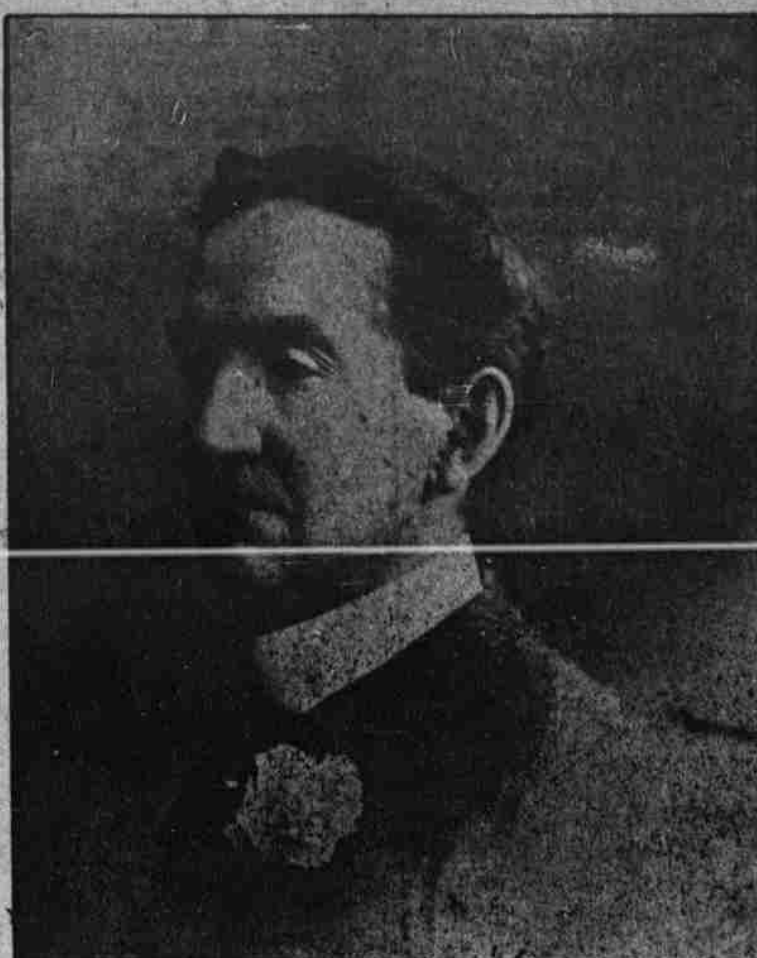
Lax Owners Arrested.

Los Angeles, March 29.—As an aftermath of the New York fire, six building owners were arrested here today for not conforming with requirements for fire protection.

Messenger Reported Missing.

El Paso, March 29.—The Wells-Fargo Express company refused to confirm this afternoon the report that a messenger absconded with \$50,000.

JONATHAN BOURNE, JUNIOR, THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM OREGON, WHO WILL LAUNCH LA FOLLETTE BOOM FOR THE PRESIDENCY.



Boston, Mass., March 29.—Republican politicians are anticipating with considerable interest the lecture that Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon is to deliver at a local club tomorrow night on "Delegated versus Popular Government." The lecture and the informal conferences to follow, it is understood here, will be the launching of Senator La Follette's candidacy for president. Senator Bourne, who is the founder of the National Progressive Republican league, is understood to have formed a political alliance with Senator La Follette and to have undertaken the task of capturing the New England delegation to the republican convention of next year. The main plank of the Bourne platform is the initiative, referendum and recall.

PARKER DIVORCE WEED FREE WITH GRANTED ADVICE

NO ALIMONY ALLOWED MRS. PARKER, HOWEVER.

She to Have Child Three Weeks and He One Week Each Month.

Notwithstanding a stubborn fight put up by Jess Parker, the Elgin man convicted of murder in the second degree as the result of the killing of his father-in-law some time ago, a divorce has been granted Mrs. Jess Parker and a somewhat unusual arrangement made of the custody of the child a boy of about three years. The decision granting the divorce was handed down this morning by Judge Knowles. Mrs. Parker will receive no alimony and the child will be in the possession of the mother for three weeks of the month and with the father one week.

Mrs. Parker instituted the proceedings to secure the divorce. Her husband found the proposition by counsel, tooth and nail, but after hearing the evidence in the case Judge Knowles granted the divorce, with the provisions noted.

Thomas L. James 80 Years Old.

New York, March 29.—Gen. Thomas L. James, who was postmaster-general in President Garfield's cabinet, received the congratulations of a host of friends today on the occasion of his 80th birthday anniversary. Few men in the metropolis are better known than Gen. James. As postmaster-general he made an enviable record by bringing to light the "star route" frauds and effecting reforms in the postal service that saved the government millions of dollars. His later career as executive head of the Lincoln National bank, of which he has been president for many years, also has been characterized by administrative abilities of the highest order.

Johnson Serving Time.

San Francisco, March 29.—Johnson, the heavyweight champion, commenced serving his 25-day sentence in jail today. He doesn't like the food and declares the life there is bad, but he is game and will stick it out.

ALDRICH DRAWN OHIO MILITIA INTO LORIMER SCANDAL READINESS FOR SERVICE

HE AND PENROSE SAID TO HAVE BEEN BEHIND ELECTION OF SENATOR LORIMER.

WAR DEPARTMENT DENIES RUMOR THAT GUARD WAS TO GO TO CALIFORNIA

TAFT'S NAME INVEIGLED

REPORT IS WIDESPREAD

Millionaire Lumberman Says He Worked for Lorimer Because Aldrich Told Him Taft Wanted Him Chosen—Scandal Added to by Testimony of Chicago Editor Before Inquiries.

Ohio National Guard Circles Astir Over Rumors Which Are Flatly Denied at Washington—News From Lower California Indicate That Rebels Won Decisive Victory Recently.

Springfield, March 29.—Wholesale unofficial denials from Washington are pouring in here today following the statement of Edward Hines, the millionaire lumber king, that he helped elect Lorimer because Senator Aldrich and Senator Penrose, bosses of the republican senators, told Hines that President Taft wanted Lorimer chosen.

Put Senator on Carget.

It is possible that Aldrich, the millionaire senator and republican leader, and Penrose will be called upon to testify here whether or not they ever mentioned Taft's name in the matter.

There is much talk going on on account of the statement from Hughes, the capitalist, before the bribery investigation committee, now in session, that Lorimer "was the greatest man since Christ."

Rate Interests Spent \$100,000.

Another bomb was thrown on the excitement this afternoon when a flat declaration that rate interests raised a fund of \$100,000 to elect Lorimer senator, was made by H. H. Koppsaat, publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, when examined before the senate investigation committee now probing the cause at the Illinois capital. He said he was certain of his information.

The committee decided to give Koppsaat until tomorrow to give the name of his informant. If he then refuses, they will ask his punishment by the senate.

Will Reopen Lorimer Case.

Washington, March 29.—Progressive members of the senate reported to have agreed today to again attempt the unseating of Lorimer at the next congress. The Springfield investigation, it is said, will be made a basis of the attack. It is generally believed that the senate can reopen the case.

On Trial for Murder.

Anderson, Ind., March 29.—The case of James Walker, who, several weeks ago shot and killed Chief of Police Ellis and Patrolman Kirkman, came up for trial today. Walker, who was a glass worker employed in Alexandria, is alleged to have engaged in the holdup of a storekeeper on the day of the double tragedy. He was detected in the act by Patrolman Kirkman, it is alleged, and the killing of the latter followed. Several hours later, while resisting arrest, Walker shot Chief of Police Ellis, who died two days afterward. Rufus Warren, a young friend of Walker, is to be tried as an accomplice in the robbery and an accessory to the murder. Walker has already pleaded guilty to the indictment of robbery, but will stand trial on the charge of murder.

Still Trying Newark Lynchers.

Newark, O., March 29.—The case of Louis Boulton, who is charged with first degree murder growing out of the lynching of Carl Etherington, an anti-saloon league detective, here last July, was called for trial today. The case is regarded as the most important of any of those that have been tried, as Boulton is charged with being one of the ring leaders of the mob. He is a prominent and influential politician of Newark and has engaged eminent counsel to conduct his defense.

REBELS WIN VICTORY.

Army Marches Over Dry Region to Capture Tecate—Ensenada Next.

San Diego, March 29.—Arriving Ensenada, Lower California, today, a steamship crew brings the news of a decisive victory by rebels under General Berthold, who, with 200 men, marched from Tecate on the border over the desert to Alamo. Several hundred miles were traversed, but the town was captured. It is expected they will attack Ensenada next. The plight of the insurgents is said to be pitiable and some are nearly crazed with lack of food and water.

FIRST GAME LOST AGAIN.

Portland Team Gets Ten Hits But Can't Land Right Side of Score.

Portland, March 29.—True to precedent, Portland lost its opening game yesterday in the Pacific Coast league. Notwithstanding that Portland landed ten hits and Seaton in good form, Los Angeles won, 6-4. The other games resulted: Oakland 5, Sacramento 2; Trisco 5, Vernon 4.

Interest in Big Boat Race.

London, March 29.—Thousands of spectators, including a liberal representation of the betting fraternity, lined the banks of the Thames today to witness the Oxford and Cambridge crews in their final practice for the big annual boat race. The race will be rowed Saturday over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake and the general opinion is that it will be a much closer and more interesting contest than that of last year.

Horse Show at Camden.

Camden, S. C., March 29.—The annual open-air horse show here opened today and will continue over tomorrow. Among the exhibits are polo ponies and other blue-ribbon show horses from many well-known stables in the north.

Building Connecting Walk.

Workmen today commenced the construction of a sidewalk from the electric power station to the terminus of Sixth street, a half block in length.

Traveling Man Convicted.

Coeur d'Alene, March 29.—John McDowell, a traveling man, has been convicted of murder in the first degree for poisoning his wife last summer. He will be sentenced next Friday.

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