

BANGOR SUFFERS ENORMOUS PROPERTY LOSS BY FIRE

BUSINESS SECTION WIPED OUT BY DISASTROUS FIRE THAT LEAVES THOUSANDS WITHOUT HOMES

AREA QUARTER MILE BY TWO MILES IN ASHES TODAY

Dynamite and Aid From Other Cities Prevents Destruction of the Entire City--Militia Guard Banks

Bangor, Me., May 1.—With three known dead, 50 injured, thousands homeless, the city is under martial law, and soldiers are guarding the bank vaults against looters, and Bangor today sees the last flickers of a fire which cost her between five and six million dollars.

A section of the city a quarter mile wide and two miles long is destroyed. Only the use of dynamite and aid from neighboring cities saved the balance. It started yesterday afternoon and fanned by a strong wind, swept northward devastating the entire business section and large residence sections also.

The conflagration was checked at 7 o'clock this morning, although a large

number of lumber yards on the river front is still burning.

Mayor Cullon today issued an appeal for aid for the destitute. Tents are being erected and provisions are being made to feed the homeless.

Soon after darkness the city lighting plant was crippled and firemen fought by the lurid glare of the burning buildings. The fire continued to gain until midnight when a light rain began falling.

There is no estimate yet as to the number who have lost their homes. The state militia are on the scene taking every possible precaution and have ordered to shoot if necessary to prevent robbery.



MARCHIONESS OF GRAHAM, WEALTHIEST ENGLISHWOMAN.

HAD the Marchioness of Graham been born a boy she would have inherited ten British and two Scottish titles and would have been a duke. As it was, she inherited practically the whole of the estate of her father, the late Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, and she is the richest woman in Great Britain. She owns absolutely the Isle of Arran, many thousands of acres in England and Scotland and several castles. Five years ago shortly after becoming of age as Lady Mary Hamilton she married the Marquis of Graham, eldest son of the Duke of Montrose.

START BRICK ON FEDERAL OFFICE DEPOT STREET CREATES STIR

EXCAVATIONS NOW STARTED FOR BIG ONE-STORY BRICK.

Contractor Kelts to Build Foundation—Steward the Building.

Preparation to rear the new brick building corner of Depot and Washington, were taken today when Contractor Kelts who has the foundation contract, commences the preliminary excavations and cleanup for the excavations proper which commence tomorrow morning. The building's foundation will be built substantially providing for a subsequent story if needed.

Just as soon as the foundation 55x90 feet, is completed, Contractor Steward will take the reins and will rear the brick walls for the building. The names of the leasers has not been made public but the building will be occupied by a well established firm here as soon as completed.

It is not known just how long it will take to erect the building but the contractors will be carried with all due dispatch. There is no scarcity of labor and the contractors will likely be able to rush the work.

Mission to British Columbia. London, May 1.—Canon A. G. Deedes and six assistants of the parish of St. John the Divine, Kensington, departed today for British Columbia, where it is purposed to establish a

BELIEVED SEVERAL LOCAL ENGINEERS WILL TAKE QUIZ.

Representative Lafferty Announces the Date of Examinations.

Washington, May 1.—(Special)—Representative Lafferty received notice today that civil service examinations will be held June seventh and eighth, at Portland, Astoria, Baker City and Pendleton, for the position of district inspector of locomotive boilers. The position was created by the act of February 11th of this year. Fifty inspectors are to be appointed in the United States and probably not more than one of these will go to the state of Oregon. The salary is \$1,800 a year and all necessary expenses; applicants must be over 25 and under 50. The civil service commission, Washington, D. C., will send necessary blanks to those wishing to take the examination. Considerable railroad experience is required by applicants either as engineers, firemen, boiler inspectors, master mechanics or boiler inspectors for railroads.

In view of the fact that so many firemen and engineers live in this city, much disappointment is shown today at the neglect of the officials of the civil service commission to hold the examination in La Grande. At any rate it is thought that several local firemen and even engineers will try to land the job.

CLARENCE DARROW, NOTED ATTORNEY.



who has decided to take the defense of the McNamara Los Angeles.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY LAW GIVEN FREEDOM

CHRIS EVANS GREETED AT GATE BY DAUGHTER.

Crippled, Almost Blind, Noted Train Robber Is Freed From Folsom.

Sacramento, Cal., May 1.—"Chris" Evans, once the most noted bandit, train robber and highwayman of desperado-ridden California, was released on parole from Folsom prison, where he had spent seventeen years of a life sentence for train robbery. His daughter, Mrs. Guitierrez, of Sacramento, who had shown the most remarkable and touching filial devotion to her father and, for many years, had joyfully devoted her energy to the task of obtaining the release of Evans, received him at the prison gate and, after an affectionate embrace both departed to comply with the condition of the parole, banishing Evans from the state of California. He will make his home with his daughter at Portland, Oregon.

"Chris" Evans was the leader of a bold gang of desperadoes which, in the early nineties terrorized the country about Visalia and Fresno with repeated holdups and train robberies. After a most spectacular chase Evans and several other members of his gang were captured, after they had killed several of their pursuers. Once they escaped from jail, but were recaptured, tried and sentenced, Evans receiving a life sentence. He leaves prison a blind, feeble and crippled man.

MANY TEACHERS ELECTED.

By Per Cent of Teachers Re-Elected For Next Year by School Board.

At the last session of the school board a large number of high school and grade teachers of this city were re-elected to their present positions. Of the number elected thus far, the following are included:

N Lucile Allen, Nellie B. Bullard, Gertrude Biever, Effie Billings, Edith Bork, Mildred Cook, Walter V. Connor, F. A. Epling, Gussie Fisher Pearl Huff, Stella Ingle, Nina Kams, Helen

NATIONAL STRIKE PROPOSED AS TRIBUTE

L. W. W. OFFICERS AT CHICAGO AGITATE GIGANTIC STRIKE IN McNAMARA'S BEHALF

'FRISCO LEADERS INVOLVED

Two San Francisco Men Said to Have Been Implicated Along With the Other Men in Dynamiting, by Housing Refugees—Haywood Votes Favor to Proposed National Strike When Trial Commences.

St. Louis, May 1.—Circulars issued by the Industrial Workers of the World from the Chicago office, received here today, propose a strike of every laboring man in this country on the day John McNamara goes on trial. The proposal is voiced by William Haywood who was acquitted of the murder of Governor Steunenberg of Idaho.

'Frisco Men Involved. Los Angeles, May 1.—Information in Detective Burns' possession which he will lay before the grand jury after his arrival here Wednesday in connection with the trial of the McNamaras, is reported today will result in the examination and possible indictment of two San Francisco labor leaders. The alleged information is that Caplan and Schmidt, wanted for complicity in the dynamiting, told two men of their intentions of blowing up the Times and afterward sought shelter with these men.

The defense is now preparing for the arraignment. Several attorneys have arrived. The district attorney today admitted it is possible he will use special prosecutors along with the office force.

Elsors Are Demanded. The report that the special prosecutor may be employed brings the name of Earl Rogers, former attorney for Merchant Manufacturers' association, and one of the great defenders in San Francisco, to the front. If he is chosen it would place Burns and Rogers, once the bitterest opponents in San Francisco, side by side in the case.

Andrew Gallagher of San Francisco, the labor counsel, arrived yesterday and is conferring today with local labor leader. It is understood the defense will ask for appointment of an elisor to care for the prisoners as they fear that Burns' detectives may be appointed deputy sheriffs and they also want to hold the jury list so no one can ascertain the names of the prospective jurors.

McHugh, Grace MacMillan, N. J. Manager, Nellie G. Nell, Manuel Snider, Mollie Snider, Helen Thompson, Katherine Woodruff, Sue Wilson and Nell Young.

Sunday's Scores. Portland 1, Sacramento 2; Los Angeles 6-6, Vernon 8-2; San Francisco 1-17, Oakland 2-1.

New Wheat Rate in Effect. Buffalo, N. Y., May 1.—The reduced railroad rate for transportation of export wheat to point east of Buffalo became effective today.

OHIO LEGISLATURE TEEMS WITH CORRUPTION AFFIRM THREE BURNS DISGUISED SLEUTHS

Columbus, Ohio, May 1.—Sidetracking even the dynamite case for the present. Detective Burns will arrive in this city tomorrow to personally take charge of the work of his detectives in what they claim will be the greatest legislative boodling scandal ever published. The evidence was secured by three detectives, E. S. Harrison, A. C. Bailey and David Perry, and these men were arrested by the legislature and charged with attempting to bribe members of the legislature. The legislature retired the grand jury which has been called to investigate the case but the detectives say they have evidence against a great number who have solicited and accepted bribes.

The detectives say they expect at least 50 legislators to turn state's evidence. The detectives were arrested this morning and released on small bail. Their arrested was what they sought so that they could bring the evidence before the legislators as a whole. The names of those who solicited and accepted bribes have not been announced.

COX CAN'T QUIT OFFICE NOW

POLICE COMMISSIONERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION.

Say He Has Not Been Proven Guilty and Have No Grounds to Act On.

Portland, May 1.—Chief of Police Cox tendered his resignation to the police commissioners today, but it was refused on the ground that Cox had not been proven guilty of the charge of malfeasance in office as the indictment charges and therefore the board has no grounds on which to act. Cox says the charges are a result of politics, he being made to suffer for actions of higher officials.

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