

BURNING HOTEL CAUSES DEATH TO AT LEAST 4

**THEATRICAL HOTEL IN
LOS ANGELES IS
BURNED**

**SCANTILY-CLAD GIRLS
LEAP TO SAFETY IN NEP**

**Well Known Actress and Her Child
Burned to Death in Fire in Los
Angeles Early This Morning—Vaude-
ville Star Calms Excited Girls and
Helps Them Escape.**

Los Angeles, Nov. 19.—Four are known to be dead and many missing, while several are fatally burned, as the consequence of a hotel fire in which many harrowing escapes were made. The revised list of dead is: MRS. CHARLES HARRINGTON, actress, whose stage name is Ellen Moran, and baby girl, JOSEPH MARTIN, JULIUS MALONE, hotel engineer, Frank Bock and wife will probably die. It is believed Mrs. Harrington was overcome by vertigo and Ma one died at the hospital.

Mrs. Edwin Wood, a vaudeville actor, calmed a dozen chorus girls on the fifth floor and held a ladder while the girls descended safely.

Fire Chief Heroic.
Many guests are missing and it is feared they are dead.

The hotel was a theatrical headquarters. Scantily-clad chorus girls leaped to safety and Fire Chief Eley scaled his ladder thrice, rescuing two women and one unconscious man from the fourth floor.

GRADING FOR NEW ROAD.

**Preliminary Surveys and Grading to
Be Hurried Through With.**

Grading and excavation for the proposed Masters-Ewoldt Lumber company's timber railroad from Lone Pine to the timber belts of Ladd Canyon are under way. Contractors are looking over the project today with a view of determining certain features pertaining to it, and within a short time, the grading will be well commenced.

Orders for the steel have not been placed yet. Manager Ravenscroft being in communication now with steel handlers as to prices, etc.

Police Candidates Many.

It is probable that there will be between three and five candidates for the chief of police job at the city election. In addition to the candidacy of J. H. McLachlen, the present incumbent, L. Rayburn, Joe Ebersole and Engineer Helmig are said to be considering the race.

Gibson Trial Under Way.

Goshen, N. Y., Nov. 19.—District Attorney Rodgers outlined the state's case at the opening of the trial of Lawyer Burton W. Gibson, accused of murdering Mrs. Rosa Scabo, a client.

ARMIES REST WHILE DEAD ARE BURIED

**FIRST HOUR OF
AN WAR'S NO
TODAY.**

**EIGHT-HOUR ARMISTICE IS
ORDERED BEFORE TCHATALJA.**

**Terrific Spread of Cholera Is Said to
Be Partial Cause for Armistice That
Permits Dead to Be Buried—Mo-
ammedans Break Faith and Burn
Numerous Piles of Dead.**

Constantinople, Nov. 19.—The first break in the Balkan war came with the declaration of an eight-hour armistice at Tchatalja today to bury the dead. Threatened pestilence demanded a cessation of hostilities.

Sofia, Nov. 19.—The government admits that cholera is raging among the Bulgars before Constantinople and it is believed this as a cause of the armistice.

Shie' ul Islam has sanctioned the burning of corpses and cholera victims in defiance of the wishes of physicians. This is unusual as Mohammedanism forbids cremation.

It is estimated that there are nearly 40,000 dead and wounded along the Tchatalja lines. It is also believed that this number will be exceeded. It is stated the Turks will resist until the arrival of serbs reinforcing Ferdinand.

Sofia, Nov. 19.—Bulgarian plenipotentiaries have been appointed to arrange for a general armistice with Turkey.

Reports Are Conflicting.
London, Nov. 19.—It is reported that Mahim Pasha, commander of the Turkish defenders at Tchatalja, has advised the porte Moslem of successes that continue. The Bulgars report that Ferdinand has defeated the right wing of the Turks in a bloody battle near Derkos. It is believed in some quarters the Turks will be able to hold out for years. Conflicting reports are being received here.

Austrian Consul Slain.
Vienna, Nov. 19.—As a result of the reported bayonetting of the Austrian consul, Prochaska Prsrend, by serbs, the Austrian-Serbian relations are strained to the breaking point.

SCHIRANK INSANE.

**Official Report Tomorrow Will Send
Assailant to Asylum.**

Milwaukee, Nov. 19.—John Schrank who shot at Colonel Roosevelt with intent to kill, is insane and probably will get a life sentence in the asylum. The alienist report which will be officially filed tomorrow states that Schrank is insane.

Collision Kills Four.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19.—Four trainmen and express messengers were killed in a collision between two express trains on the Star line, near Granite. The cars are on fire and physicians and nurses have been dispatched to the scene.

SUSPECT HELD IN QUEST OF CHILD SLAYER

**WRITING CHIEF
INCE AGAINST
THE SUSPECT**

**LETTER WRITTEN BY A
MAN NAMED HICKEY, COMPARED**

**Police of Buffalo Are on Way to Take
Suspect to Scene of Murders of
Children—Writing Compared With
That of Various Postcards Mailed
as Lure to Children's Death.**

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—It is reported that J. Frank Hickey, alleged to be wanted in connection with the murder of Joseph Josephs, is held by the police at Whiting Ocean, a country town.

Toms River, Nov. 19.—A description of Hickey has been telegraphed to Chilton by Chief Egan of Buffalo, who asserted that Hickey was formerly employed at the Lackawanna steel plant at Buffalo when the Josephs child disappeared. It is alleged that Hickey's handwriting compares with that on the postcards mailed from Boston and other places.

Letter Is Evidence.
Buffalo, Nov. 19.—An officer has been sent to Toms River this afternoon for Hickey. The principle evidence against Hickey is a letter from the accused to John Poskyn, a millwright, allowing handwriting comparisons with that used on the post cards by which the maniac lured children to him and then slew them.

Suspect Denies Charges.
Toms River, Nov. 19.—Hickey, who is a chemist, was arrested at Whiting N. J., by Sheriff Chilton of Buffalo. The police allege that Hickey is the maniac murderer of Joseph Josephs and several other children. The accused was brought here to await the arrival of the Buffalo officers. He denied the murders, and is appearing anxious to face his accusers.

ED. CONLEY DEAD.
Ed Conley, son of A. B. Conley, the millionaire rancher of Cove, and himself the father of several children, died shortly after 12 this noon. He was middle-aged but has not been in the best of health lately and commenced to sink rapidly last night. It was not thought he would live the night out but life lasted until 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. No arrangements have been made for the funeral at press time. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Ransdell to Be Relegated.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—It is rumored that R. J. Briggs, former sergeant at arms in the senate, will be reappointed to succeed Dan Ransdell. The change is the result of the Democratic victory.

Earthquake in Mexico.
Mexico City, Nov. 19.—An earthquake razed a number of small houses here this morning. The streets are cracked.

Methods of Handling Contracts is Criticized

La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 19.—To the Editor:—In a recent issue of the Observer I noticed that the city council had overruled all objections and protests to the proposed improvement of Fourth street from O avenue to C street, and directed the city recorder to advertise for bids for one week. At which time they will let the contract to the Warren Construction company for \$1.47 1-2 per square yard, for their so-called gravel bitulthic pavement, and at any price that company may name for excavation, filling and curbing!

I am most heartily opposed to the system by which our city government is playing all its contracts into the hands of one company, without competition, and at twice what the work is reasonably worth, and with your permission I will outline through your paper the queer procedure by which this is done.

Several years ago our city ripe for paved streets, at least business part of town, and on the whole were public spirited enough demand that the principal street be paved. This fact having been published, several paving companies sought opportunity to get out for the work, but the city officials determined that they would not put down anything but "bitulthic" pavement, and called for bids on this particular brand. What is there in this high-sounding name that makes it smell so sweet? The word bitulthic is a combination of two words which mean bitumen and rock. This name is patented by Warren brothers. It is plain that they could patent neither rock nor the asphalt, both of which nature furnishes in abundant quantities.

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MANIAC DRIVES POLICE AWAY

**SEVERAL LOS ANGELES BUILD-
INGS EMPTIED.**

**Occupants of Jail and of Near-by
Buildings Flee in Terror.**

Los Angeles, Nov. 19.—A masked maniac, his arms loaded with dynamite, rushed into the central police station and threatened to blow it up today. Orders were given to clear the building and every building in the block and streets in the vicinity of the city jail were emptied. At 11:35 the invader was in sole possession and Chief Sebastian said he would order the maniac shot.

While other officers attracted the attention of the supposed maniac, who threatened to dynamite the police station, Detectives Joseph Hosick and Samuel Browne leaped upon the man and knocked him unconscious, wresting the glass sided box from his grasp. Owing to the man's condition his name was at first unknown. The police held the crowds back.

At the first attempt of the officers to approach the man he touched a trigger on the box and when the men entered he wore goggles over his eyes and said he was seeking Paul Shoup, president of the Pacific Electric company and wanted to dynamite him.

The maniac was later identified as Albert Davis, aged 60, of Long Beach.

Railway Commissioners Meet.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—The 24th annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners began this morning at the offices of the Interstate Commerce commission and will continue for several days. The association is composed of the members of the Interstate Commerce commission and the railway commissioners of the different states. The president is Commissioner C. F. Staples of Minnesota. The discussion of committee reports will occupy the most of the time of the convention. In addition to the report of the executive committee there will be reports on rates and rate making, express rates and express service, shippers' claims, car service and demurrage, railroad taxes and plans for ascertaining fair valuation of railroad property, railway capitalization, statistics and accounts, safety appliances, telegraph and telephone rates and services, and the power, duty and work of state railway commissions.

To Keep Farmer on the Farm.

Hutchinson, Kas., Nov. 19.—Agricultural experts and progressive farmers gathered here in force today to take part in the Kansas Agricultural and Industrial congress. The sessions will last two days. Increased yields, better highways, improved marketing conditions and similar topics are slated for discussion, but the most attention will be directed to the problem of how to keep the farmer on the farm.

GUN MEN ARE FOUND GUILTY

**MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE IS
THE VERDICT.**

**Men Who Slew Rosenthal Are Found
Guilty.**

New York, Nov. 19.—The men who actually shot down Gambler Herman Rosenthal at the behest of Lieutenant Becker, were this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury didn't leave the jury room for lunch after the case had been given to them, but soon reached a unanimous verdict.

Goff's three-hour charge was regarded as favorable to the state. The attorney stated it virtually directed the jury to convict the accused.

The jury deliberated 52 minutes. The gunmen paled when the verdict was announced and trembled and were too terrified to speak. The defense attorney, Wahle, said he would move to set aside the verdict, and carry the case to the appellate court. The prisoners were taken to the Tombs.

Guilty Verdict Expected.

New York, Nov. 19.—The fate of the four gunmen who shot Gambler Herman Rosenthal will be with the jury before night. Justice Goff began his charge at 10:30. It is generally expected that the verdict will be first degree murder.

The court announced he would not hear a motion for a new trial until 10:30 tomorrow. District Attorney Whitman was not present when the verdict was returned and Judge Goff ordered the courtroom cleared, and retired into his chambers.

A crowd of hangers-on was hustled into the streets, and the building was cleared. This action was taken because of rumors that friends of the gunmen would participate in a demonstration in the event of a conviction.

The convicted are Harry Horowitz alias "Gyp the Blood," "Lettie Louise Rosenberg," "Dago Frank" Cirofici, and "Whitey" Lewis.

FORMER LOCAL BOY DIES.

**Troubles of a Love Nature Lead to
Suicide at Fresno, Cal.**

A Fresno, Cal., dispatch says: "Laura was married yesterday and it was more than I could stand." Thus read a message left by Harold V. Peck, aged 22, a telegraph operator for the Santa Fe railroad here, who is dead here today after swallowing poison. The girl mentioned is Miss Laura Hamlett, 19, who married William Elsch. Peck and Miss Hamlett were sweethearts in La Grande, Ore., where both formerly lived.

Little, if anything, definite can be found this afternoon about the family of the suicide mentioned in the above dispatch. It is probable that the youth was the son of Frank Peck who used to live in La Grande and who had a boy whose age might correspond with the one above. The victim is no relation to J. J. Peck, who resides in this city.

CASH REGISTER COMPANY FACES BUSTING SUITS

**VARIOUS METHODS OF
CONSPIRACY ARE
CHARGED**

**DEMOCRATS MUST CON-
TINUE TRUST ATTACKS**

**Believed New Attorney General Will
Not Only Finish the Cash Register
Case but Will Continue Attack on
All Trusts as Outlined by the Re-
publicans Under Taft.**

Washington, Nov. 19.—A continuation of trust busting along the Taft lines by the Democrats is predicted. The new attorney general will be forced to carry out the Republican policies and congress will be induced to amend the Sherman anti-trust law.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 19.—The prediction that the case of the National Cash Register company would be one of the important anti-trust prosecutions left over the Wilson administration to push to a conclusion is not likely to be fulfilled. The case was called in the United States district court here today, a special panel of jurors has been drawn, and the indications are that the trial will proceed without delay.

In point of magnitude of the property involved and the prominence of some of the individual defendants the case is one of the most important of its kind ever pressed by the government. The defendants, thirty in number, must answer to charges of conspiracy to obstruct and monopolize the cash register business, in violation of the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. The indictments were returned by the federal grand jury sitting in this city last February.

The principal defendants named in the government bill are the following officers of the National Cash Register company: President, Joan H. Patterson; vice president, Edward Deeds; secretary, George C. Edgeter; treasurer, W. F. Bippus; directors, William H. Muzzey, William Plom and Alfred H. Thomas. All are residents of Dayton, Ohio, where the factory and general offices of the company are located. In addition to the men named the defendants include more than 20 officials and managers of the branch sales department of the company.

The National Cash Register company is alleged to have gained a monopoly of the business during the last 20 years, the actual offense charged in the indictment covering a period of three years. The methods alleged to have been used to obtain the monopoly charged are as follows:

Threatened suits for infringement of patents to be brought to harass competitors, not for valid legal reasons.

Selling imitations of competitors' machines as "knockers" to prejudice customers of business rivals.

Tampering with employees of competitors.

Organizing spurious competitive companies.

Seeking patents on inventions of competitors.

Buying up competitors or forcing them out of business.

Bringing employees of competitors and employees of transportation, telephone and telegraph companies.

Yeggmen Get Cash.

Bowling Green, O., Nov. 19.—Yeggmen dynamited a safe in a bank at Portage securing \$5,000. It required five explosions to wreck the safe. The citizens were aroused and surrounded the bank but were held off by confederates of the yeggmen while the robbery was completed.

GAME SLATED FOR O. A. C.-U. OF O.

Albany, Ore., Nov. 19.—(Special)—At a meeting of the representatives of the Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon, at Albany last night, arrangements were made for the much talked of O. A. C.-Oregon football game to be played in Albany next Saturday, the selection of Albany as a place of holding the game was brought about by an offer to the two schools from the business men of the city to erect bleachers and furnish a field, free to the schools.

Excursion rates have been granted by the railroads from all parts of the state and 10,000 is figured as a conservative estimate of the crowd that will attend.

This morning an army of carpenter

is employed in the erection of the bleachers. The contract which the schools have with the business men of Albany, calls for the furnishing of bleachers and grand stand accommodations for 10,000 people. Albany is situated that the students of each institution can eat their lunches on their home camps and attend the game at Albany in the afternoon, returning to their homes in time for dinner in the evening.

No news item could please the football fraternity in this city more than the above, which is sanctioned by Manager Geary of the U. of O. and Graduate Manager Pilkington of O. A. C.

La Grande has many members in

the alumni of both schools, and many students in both, so that this city is particularly interested in the welfare of the Eugene and Corvallis schools with the result that the Corvallis fracas three years ago has been much bemoaned. The return to friendly athletic relations has been urgently advised by the two alumni associations here and nothing will please the local fans better, regardless of who wins, than to see the two teams meet. On a comparative score basis, O. A. C. has the edge and should win by from one to two touchdowns. Oregon's marvelous exhibition of forward passing at Washington makes a difference, however, and the game should be the greatest in the northwest this year.