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CHILDREN ARE BURNED IN A N. Y. FIRE

Tenement House in Blaze Takes Lives of Many Youngsters

FIVE-STORY BUILDING CONSUMED QUICKLY

Pyromaniac Said to Have Been the Cause of the Fire that Brought Death to So Many.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Fourteen persons, most of them children, lost their lives early Sunday in a fire believed by city officials to be the work of a pyromaniac. The flames swept through the building, taking the lives of a five-story brick tenement at Lexington avenue and 110th street in the thickly populated east side.

The blaze apparently started in a baby carriage under the stairs in a lower hall under almost identical circumstances as the recent incendiary fire in an upper west side apartment house which resulted in seven deaths. So quickly did the flames shoot through the building that a number of the dead were found in bed, burned or suffocated without the slightest opportunity to escape.

Nathan Silver and four of his children were among the victims. Mrs. Silver escaped. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Matulsky and Sidney and Catherine Sugarmann, brother and sister of Mrs. Matulsky, also perished.

Discovered by Officer
Shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday morning, City Fire Marshal Joseph Lazarus, while on his way home, saw smoke issuing from the hallway of the building. He ran to the next corner and turned in an alarm. When he returned the whole building, the ground floor of which is occupied by stores, was a mass of flames and exit by the stairways was cut off. Most of the persons on the second floor made their way down fire escapes but those on upper floors had to struggle to get through smoke and flames pouring out of the windows.

Several tenants, perched on upper story windows threatened to jump, but were prevailed upon by firemen to remain until ladders could be raised to take them down. One aged woman, Mrs. Mary Ingalls, disoriented by warning and leaped from the fourth floor, receiving injuries which probably will cause her death.

While the firemen were at work on the second floor and preparing to fight their way to the third floor, this floor collapsed, but not before a warning roar had sent the firemen to safety.

Boy Proves Hero
Nearly a score of persons owe their lives to teenager-old James O'Donnell, a mechanic's helper, who was eating at a restaurant in the vicinity when he heard a woman cry for help. Running to the street, he saw the woman leaning out of the window on the second floor of the burning tenement with two small children by her side. The young man clambered on the sill of a store window, jumped and caught a swinging sign and pulled himself up to the window.

He led the three frightened tenants down the fire escape to the street and then ran back and rescued the woman's eighteen-month-old baby, who was asleep in a crib. Later he went to the roof of an adjoining building and by throwing a board over the side of the building, made it possible for a number of tenants, who seemingly had been cut off from escape to cross in safety.

William Conners, 22, who lives with his mother across the street from the burned building, also rescued a number of persons from the third floor, including Mrs. Silver.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—Cattle showed steady to strong to 65¢; hogs steady to strong; sheep steady to strong; eggs were unsettled and better as steady.

Sam Gompers Assails The Attorney General

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared in a statement Sunday that Attorney General Daugherty's defense of the strike was a "flamboyant tirade" which "makes it fitting to classify Mr. Daugherty as one of those 'irresponsible agitators'." The attorney general's address, the labor leader asserted, was marked by "partisan bias, untruth, exaggerated statement and a display of heated temper."

Mr. Daugherty's characterization of the strike and the strikers is so filled with hatred, exaggeration and calumny that every thinking person with understanding of what it is, declared Mr. Gompers, "The official who presides over the department of justice is supposed to be interested in the even handed dispensing of justice, and in an impartial examination of the truth."

The attorney general made a number of statements, Mr. Gompers continued, which were "absolute falsehoods," adding that he had "deliberately neglected to say that the workers agreed to accept the proposal submitted by the president and dismissed 'the insulting refusal of the railroad members' with a 'totally inadequate description' of their conduct. This, he said, was 'about as far removed from an impartial presentation of the facts as anything could well be.'"

Mr. Gompers declared, "The heights of the ridiculous. He became sublimely ridiculous."

ELKS WILL DO THE USUAL DUTY

Christmas Tree Fund Looked After by the Faithful Elks—Days of Forty-Nine to Be Repeated.

Against the wheels will buzz, the dice will roll, the revolvers will bech forth their midnight salute as this fair haired damsel and the rough and ready cowboys click their glasses of "red hicker" over the Volstead bar in Zuber hall on November 1st to 4th.

For this is the time when the day of forty-nine will be repeated by the Elks lodge; this is the time when a lot of faithful old Bull Elks remember the children's Christmas tree fund and the days of forty-nine which is to be spent for the kiddies on Christmas day.

Custom of holding a Christmas tree for the children of the city started several years ago in La Grande and it has been growing ever since. The success of the event naturally is due to the amount of funds available for financing the undertaking, and in order to swell that fund to the greatest possible size the frontier days will be skillfully woven into drama—a drama that makes the blood tingle, the cards and dice roll.

PONZI IS BEING TRIED BY STATE

Fast Working Swindler is Up Against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—Charles Ponzi, the great financial wizard who was going to make all of his clients rich over night, went on trial in the Superior Court today on the charges of larceny and conspiracy preferred against him by the commonwealth as a result of his scheme of fifty per cent return to investors in forty-five days through trading in international postal relay coupons.

Ponzi is serving a federal sentence for using the mails to defraud, but the United States Supreme court ruled he could be tried at this time on state indictments.

Ponzi told the judge he would conduct his own defense.

LYMAN ABBOTT DIED YESTERDAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor-in-chief of the Outlook, with which he had been associated nearly 40 years, died Sunday, author and successor to Henry Ward Beecher as pastor of Plymouth church in Brooklyn, died Sunday. He would have been 87 next December. When he died he had four sons and two daughters were at the bedside.

Dr. Abbott suffered a severe attack of bronchitis at his country home in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson last summer, from which he never fully recovered.

FORGET-ME-NOT DAY TO BE HELD

"Forget-Me-Not," which is held all over the United States on November 4th, will be observed in La Grande. The city commission has issued a proclamation to that effect in accordance with a request made by the National Executive Committee of the disabled American Veterans of the World War. "Forget-Me-Not" tags, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of wounded and disabled American veterans of the World War, will be sold in La Grande on that date by high school girls.

APPROVES KILLING OF WOMAN

A. BONAR LAW BEGINS A NEW HEAVY TASK

Will Attempt to Take Place of Lloyd George in English Affairs

HE IS ELECTED LEADER TODAY

British Crisis Continues to Give Leaders Concern and the World Stares at the Old Empire.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 23.—Andrew Bonar Law, on leaving the Unionist meeting today at which he was unanimously elected leader of the party, told newspapermen he would accept the task of forming a new ministry for England.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—There was no Sunday for Andrew Bonar Law today as he was at the headquarters of the political organizations in London. Several party leaders conferred with Mr. Bonar Law at his residence, while the political offices were filled with members of parliament discussing the situation, which remains complex beyond the memory of the oldest members. The Conservatives of both houses will meet Monday to elect Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the party, after which he will be in a position to accept the king's mandate to form a government.

This will be a meeting of the Unionist party; all the members are free to attend, including those who supported Austen Chamberlain at the Carlton club meeting. There is great interest in how many of this faction will appear and thereby enroll themselves in the regular organization.

King Educating Prince.
A striking innovation is reported by the Daily Express which says that the prince of Wales was with the king when Mr. Lloyd George offered his resignation, for the purpose of educating the prince in the business of his future office—this (Continued on Page Eight.)

(By Associated Press.)

FRESNO, Calif., Oct. 23.—Mrs. Clara Harlow, aged 19, was beaten to death with the butt of a shotgun yesterday by her husband, George A. Harlow.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict today of justifiable homicide. Harlow declared he came home at Northfork and his wife was not expecting him. He found her in company with a nineteen-year-old youth. His wife and the boy fled. Harlow got his gun and pursued. He fired at them but missed. Later he overtook his wife and beat her on the head with the butt of his gun crushing her skull. The youth was later arrested at the home of his parents.

Harlow came here from Rogue River, Oregon, about three years ago.

SUBMARINE BOAT BURNS AT BASE

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—Fire which broke out in Submarine R-4 at San Pedro base at midnight was still out of control at 10 o'clock today. The boat was sealed when the fire was discovered. It was opened for inspection today and was revealed when flames were found unabated. No one was injured. Property loss is estimated at \$75,000.

LYMAN ELECTED AS NEW BISHOP

Place Vacated By David I. Stoddard Filled By Yesterday's Conference.

George R. Lyman is the new bishop of the L. D. S. church, having been elected yesterday to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of David I. Stoddard, who leaves La Grande because of business reasons.

Mr. Stoddard has been the bishop for some time and under his administration the church has shown advancement. In electing Mr. Lyman, however, all church workers feel that there will be lessening of the efforts of the bishop's office. Other officials elected yesterday by the Ward conference included Clyde Metcalf, first counselor, Geo. Ariel Bean, second counselor and Clarke Webb, ward clerk.

THE PRICE OF PEACE



FREE BONDS ARE PUZZLE TO CONGRESS

Resolution Now Pending Proposes a Constitutional Amendment

HARDING PLEDGED TO SOME SOLUTION

No General Revision of the Law Contemplated But to Get at it Without Revision Seems Hardly Possible.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Adoption of the pending resolution proposing a constitutional amendment putting an end to the issuing of the tax-exempt securities will be urged upon congress at its short session, it was stated Sunday by high fiscal officers of the administration. They declared the question of tax-free bonds was the most important, not alone of the national tax problems, but some of the industrial ones as well.

It was indicated that the proposed legislation will have the full support of the administration. President Harding was expected to renew in his annual message to congress in December his recommendations for such a change in the organic law.

Remedy is Necessary.
With capital in ever-increasing quantities seeking investment in tax-free securities, fiscal officers said the situation had reached the point where a remedy not only was desirable, but necessary. Aside from the direct loss in taxation to both the federal and state governments, it was stated that normal development of industry was retarded through inability to attract wealth at anything like reasonable interest charges.

Aside from the proposal to end the issuing of non-taxable securities recommendations with respect to taxation to be made to congress by Secretary Mellon in his forthcoming annual report were expected to be few and to deal largely with such changes in the existing laws as have been found to be desirable through practical administration.

It was indicated that no general revision of the law such as was made a year ago was contemplated, at least for some time to come.

LEGION LADIES MEET TONIGHT

The ladies auxiliary of the American Legion Post No. 23 will meet this evening at the home of Mrs. C. N. Palmer, 763 Adams avenue, at 8 o'clock, with several important matters, some of them having bearing upon the Armistice day celebration, to discuss.

All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

LA GRANDE BEATS ELGIN

Ferocity of Blue and White Advance too Much for Elginites; Bitter Fight Is Waged Throughout.

Saturday's results:
At Elgin, La Grande 23, Elgin 9.
At Prairie City, Prairie City 20, Baker 7.

At Enterprise, Pendleton 36, Enterprise 6.
At Wallawa, Wallawa 26, Union 9.

La Grande 23, Elgin 9. But it was not a walk-away. Although the score would indicate that the Blue and White had easy going, it was a bitter fight from start to finish with La Grande earning every yard they made during the entire game.

By winning from Elgin, La Grande is now the favorite for the championship of Eastern Oregon with Wallawa and Pendleton the only teams counted upon to block their progress. With their goal line yet uncrossed by a high school opponent, La Grande appears to be the best bet.

La Grande presented a line to Elgin that is said to be the best line the Blue and White has had for many years. Going through as a man tackle to tackle on many plays, the line smothered Elgin's offense and kept them punting the greater part of the time. Elgin punted fifteen times for a total gain of 345 yards or the score would have been far greater. On the other hand, La Grande punted but ten times and gained 300 yards by this method. Larson held an average of 30 yards to the punt during the game.

18 First Downs.
La Grande made 18 first downs from scrimmage and one by the aerial attack making a total of 263 yards from scrimmage and 15 from a forward pass. Elgin, kept on the defensive most of the game, made but four first downs from scrimmage and two from passes for gains of 73 and 44 yards respectively. Both teams were held for downs once.

In the first quarter La Grande on an on-side kick took the ball straight down the field on nine plays for a touchdown just about four minutes after the whistle blew. Sherwood carried it over on a perfect cross-field play and converted the goal. Elgin failed to make but a yard from scrimmage during the first quarter and punted eight times. In the second quarter La Grande again tore down the field time and again by plunges and end runs. Sherwood crossed the goal line once more at the close of a heart-breaking advance. He failed to convert. The half ended 12 to 0 in favor of La Grande.

Elgin Bucks Up.
In the second half Elgin bucked up and played better football forcing La Grande to punt once and holding them scoreless. La Grande still continued her offensive and made four first downs during the third quarter. In the last quarter La Grande opened with a ferocity that swept Elgin from their feet and carried the ball to Elgin's fifteen yard line where Sherwood dropped kicked. Elgin came back and made yardage four times in succession for two first downs but were held on La Grande's ten yard line. After an exchange of punts Williams, replacing Blakland at end, intercepted an Elgin pass on Elgin's twenty yard line and raced across for the final score. Sherwood converted. The game ended with an exchange of punts placing the ball on La Grande's 28 yard line with Elgin unable to gain.

Sherwood Stars.
Sherwood, about five foot three inches in height and young in football years was the outstanding star of the game making 17 of La Grande's points and going through the line, off tackle and around the end for a total of 100-1-3 yards. Larson, playing fine football, tore off 55 yards and ranked nearly as good as his teammate.

Alstott, at right tackle, and Williams at end, both displaced the public eye knew their stuff and the entire team in general played first class ball. Not a laggard appeared in the local lineup during the game.

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BOOZE CASES WON BY GOVERNMENT

Steamship Companies Failed to Score Point in Decisions Handed Down Today.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Federal Judge Learned today handed down a decision dismissing the motion of the Foreign and American ship companies for permanent injunction restraining the federal prohibition agents from putting into effect Attorney General Daugherty's ban on dry routing. The judge excluded the dry temporarily, however, provided the steamship companies filed an immediate appeal to the United States supreme court. The judge decided in favor of the government on all points.

COTTON AND GRAIN HAD A BETTER WEEK

Higher Prices for Some Products Offers Encouraging in Country.

INDUSTRY, FINANCE BOTH STIMULATED

Dollar Wheat on the Ranch May Be a Reality if the Chicago Price Continues to Climb Upward.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Developments of the past week in industry and finance are encouraging in many respects. Wholesale and retail activity in particular decreased perceptibly, being partly stimulated by the cooler weather. Continued strength in prices for farm products, however, overshadowed for the moment other important industrial factors.

Although cotton growers have sold the staple heavily, excellent buying by the foreign and domestic trade has given the market the needed support. Cotton futures at 23 cents a pound or better are selling at the highest levels since the beginning of the drastic deflation in 1920.

Prevailing grain prices also contrast sharply with the recent low levels and with prices of a year ago. Continued strength since the smoothening out of difficulties in the Near East indicates a healthy stabilization of the market. Reports of short crops abroad have been important factors in the market recently. This has offset heavy marketing of grain, which has gone on since the face of a shortage of railroad cars.

Farmer Faring Well.
With wheat close to \$1.15 a bushel at Chicago, the farmer is getting around \$1 a bushel. While he has not realized any great profit at this figure, the fact that he is receiving twice as much for corn as a year ago, and that other farm products have risen, attests improvement of his position as compared with a year ago.

Now that fuel supply is plentiful and the transportation situation is no longer menacing, the demand for prompt delivery is less insistent. The industry has regained all the ground lost in the late summer and the trend is toward quieter conditions with prices working lower.

Coal output increased somewhat during the past week. While total output is perhaps less than required for consumption and building up of a possible shortage has passed. Declining fuel prices indicate the easier situation.

Carloadings Still High.
Carloadings for the week ended October 7 the latest date for which figures are available show a falling off as compared with the previous week, but are largely in excess of last year and are close to the high record of 1920. Although a decrease in merchandise and maintenance loadings was largely responsible for the lower total, this does not mean a slump in business. It indicates rather inability of shippers to obtain cars.

HIGH OFFICIALS TAKE OVER CASE

Hall-Mills Murder Case Attracts the Best in Legal Talent for the Prosecution.

(By Associated Press.)
TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 23.—At the request of the Supreme Court Justice Parker, the attorney general's department today assumed charge of the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder case. Attorney General McCran deputized Wilbur A. Mott, of Essex county as deputy attorney general in charge.

MINERS CALL A WALES STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 23.—Union miners have posted notices throughout South Wales mining districts that a general strike of miners will take place in a fortnight, hence unless non-union miners join the federation and a hundred per cent membership is obtained meanwhile.