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FIRE AT WORLD'S FAIR

MISSOURI STATE BUILDING GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Hot-Water Heater in the Basement Blows Up—Explosion Causes Blaze—One Fremen Meets Death and Several Are Injured—Loss Is About $225,000.

World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, Nov. 19.—The Missouri state building was destroyed by fire tonight, resulting from the explosion of a hot-water heater in the basement. Instantly the flames shot up through the rotunda and the north wing and cupola were a solid mass of flames within ten minutes after the explosion. The loss cannot be estimated accurately, owing to the temporary nature of the construction material, which has no salvage value. The principal loss is in the contents of the building. The building cost $145,000, and in the building were $75,000 worth of furnishings, the most valuable of which were portraits of ex-Missouri governors and supreme judges. These cannot be replaced.

The fire was the most spectacular that has occurred in St. Louis in years. Thousands of persons hurried from all portions of the grounds, attracted by the sheet of flames that spurted from the top of the cupolas, making a far greater brilliancy than the illumination of all the buildings. A wind was blowing from the south, and the flames shot down the northern side of the cupola and met a sheet of flames which enveloped the northern wing. Instantly the building was aflame from top to bottom, in the northern half. Sparks were carried over the United States building as far northwest as the Liberal Arts Palace. Bucket brigades were hurried to the roofs of these buildings, preventing ignition.

Meantime from all quarters of the grounds the fire departments had responded and were augmented by other fire departments. Salvage corps were formed by both Jefferson Guards and World's Fair visitors, and as much property as could be secured within a few moments was carried into the Louisiana state pavilion. Eight streams of water poured into the burning building with apparently little effect, the fire steadily eating its way until only a portion of the south wing was left standing.

M. T. Davis, president of the World's Fair commission, was in the building when the explosion occurred. He said:

"The building as it stood, with all the furnishings, cost in the neighborhood of $225,000. There was not a dollar of insurance. If we had endeavored to sell the building, we could not probably have realized more than $5000."

Mrs. Bell Hall Small, of Sedalia, Mo., one of the state hostesses, rushed into her apartments in the building to secure some valuables. A firemen followed her into the smoke and found her lying on the floor, overcome. Placing a wet handkerchief over her face he carried her into the open air, where she revived.

After the flames were under control and had been sufficiently extinguished to admit the firemen entering the building the south wall fell without warning and buried Lloyd Randolph, driver of the city engine No. 28, and Frank O'Connor, of the city truck No. 9. Several others only escaped by a small margin. George Carenbach was killed and Jerry Fagan was probably fatally injured, both of the World's Fair truck No. 4. It was necessary for the truck to pass through the mining gulch and owing to the darkness the horses lost the road. They separated when approaching a large tree, the pole striking the obstruction with terrific force, upsetting the truck and hurling the crew in every direction. Several streams of water were instantly directed upon the debris covering the men, and they were rescued before the fire spread to where they were entombed. The men were badly bruised, and it is thought that Randolph is fatally injured. Four hours after the fire was discovered Chief Swingley, of the St. Louis department, announced that the fire was extinguished. Some pillars of smoke continued to rise from the ruins and scattered beds of embers mark the site of Missouri's World's Fair Pavilion.

Oakesdale, Wash., Nov. 18.—The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olson, four miles southwest of Tekoa, was burned to death in a short time. Baby Olson, as he was known, and his older brothers and sisters were playing with matches and in some manner the youngest of the four children's clothing caught on fire. The baby immediately ran to the bedside of his sick mother, but she was unable to do anything for her child. The little fellow died by her side, shortly after reaching her. The flames were drawn down his throat into the lungs. As the older brothers and sisters are all young they did not know the danger of playing with matches. The mother, who has been very ill for several weeks, was severely burned about the arms. At noon today she was very weak and not able to speak above a whisper.

Philomath Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackerbee, of Bandon, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Blackerbee's father, Mr. F. P. Clark.

Mr. Fowels, of Washington, came last week to attend Philomath College.

Rev. Clark, presiding Elder in Cal. conference, U. B. church, was here last week visiting his daughter, who is attending the College of Philomath.

Mr. & Mrs. Trenholm have moved into their new residence.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Miller of Scio, are here visiting their brother, Mr. McDonald.

Mrs. Norwood, of Bruce, is visiting friends in Philomath.

A. Woods, of Monmouth, has bought the Dexter property and will move here in the near future.

Ambler & Watters have sold the McClun farm to Mr. S. J. Strain, of Nebraska. Mr. McClun is thinking of moving to Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. B. Pugsley went to Idaho last week to see her sister, who is seriously ill.

At Summit

Helen Harrison arrived last week from Ellensburg, Wash., to remain for the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. O. C. McFarland, of Prosser, Wash., are visiting Robert McFarland and family of this place.

H. Underhill came in from Philomath Tuesday.

Cassie Harrison was a Corvallis visitor Monday.

John Schlosser, of Albany, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison a few days last week.

Helen Harrison visited Albany last week.

Mrs. Emma Mattoon and son were Corvallis visitors Monday.

T. Ranney is a business visitor at Corvallis this week.

Mrs. Mark Caves is ill at her parents' home.

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad

Card Number 22.

2 For Yaquina:
Train leaves Albany..... 12:45 p. m
" " Corvallis..... 1:45 p. m
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Received the Verdict Without Emotion—Alabama Students Attempt to Lynch a Negro.

Auburn, Cal., Nov. 18.—Adolph Weber received the news of the coroner's jury's verdict charging him with the murder of his father, mother, sister and brother without apparent emotion and said nothing as to his opinion concerning it.

His demeanor in court this morning was unchanged. R. J. Hancock gave some important testimony, which still further complicates the mystery, as Mr. Weber's body was found in the bath room. He testified that he was one of the first persons there, and saw Mrs. Snowden, who was screaming, and Mr. McKinstry. He broke the lower pane of the front window of the front room, from which the bodies were taken out. As he came down the steps of the porch he thought Adolph Weber came up. He says the child was carried out by a tall man. The back window of the dining room was broken and there was no fire in that room.

The whole hall was on fire, and no one could have passed through it. The bathroom was all dark when the house was pretty well burned down. He broke the window and looked in, but could see nothing, and there was no fire in the room. When he tried to get into the front room it was so full of smoke that he could not see the floor. He could not tell how Adolph was dressed when he met him.

J. K. Corey went when the fire bell rang and saw Mrs. Snowden and Chris Henry. Mrs. Weber was brought out of the burning house first. One of her legs was half burned off. They beat out the fire in her clothes with their hats. This was also done to Bertha Weber's body. We heard afterward that Adolph Weber was near the fence. not on the porch.

D. Lubech, proprietor of the placer County Bank, denied on the stand the rumor that Julius Weber repaid the money stolen in the robbery of that institution, or offered to repay it.

The strained relations between District Attorney Robinson and Attorney Tabor came to a climax today. Blows were exchanged and a lively fight was in progress when Undersheriff May interfered and stopped it.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 14.—An attempt to lynch a negro by a number of students of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute was thwarted only by the forethought of President Thach, of that institution, according to specials from Auburn, Ala. A report to the effect that a negro, Arthur Barnes, porter at the railroad station, had fatally stabbed Claud M. Howard was the cause of the trouble. About midnight last night a number of the cadets went to the calaboose, fired a fusilade at the building and then broke it open with the intention of killing the negro, but were disappointed to find the negro gone. President Thach, fearing trouble, had had the negro removed to Opelika.

The trouble is said to have started by the negro cursing Howard because the student asked for a match. Howard is said to have struck the negro with a switch, whereupon the negro struck at Howard with a knife, cutting him behind the ear. Howard is not seriously injured.

Claud M. Howard is the son of ex-Congressman Howard, author of the book, "If Christ Came to Congress," which created a sensation when published.

Albany, Or., Nov. 18.—Neal Sullivan, section foreman at Detroit, at the east end of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, was killed this afternoon by being run over by a loaded train of gravel cars. Four cars had been set on the end of a new spur under construction into a tract of timber. Sullivan undertook to run the cars down grade to where they were needed, when he slipped, falling to the track. The cars ran over him, cutting through the body and causing instant death.

The remains were brought here to be prepared for burial and will be sent to Omaha, where two sisters reside. The deceased was 26 years old and had been with the road eight years. He was well to do, having considerable valuable timber land in Oregon. He was one of the most careful and faithful employes. He was unmarried.

Oregon City, Or., Nov. 18.—While hunting this morning with an older brother at their home near Highland, Tracey, the 15-year-old son of Samuel McSherry, was shot and seriously wounded. In crossing a field, the two brothers became separated for a distance of about 50 yards.

Attracted by a flock of birds, the older brother, who was not aware that his brother was not beside him, turned and excitedly fired, several of the charge of birdshot striking Tracey on the upper part of the forehead and, glancing, produced slight scalp wounds. One of the stray shots entered the right eye near the nose and may cause the injured bop the loss of the eye.

Chefoo, Nov. 16.—The captain of the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Ratstoropony, which put into this harbor early this morning, has notified the Chinese authorities that she will disarm. It is believed that this decision was arrived at after communicating with St. Petersburg.

There is reason to believe that Japanese cruisers have been watching the port, although a steamer which has just arrived, saw no Japanese war vessels.

New York, Nov. 11.—Six of the biggest trusts and corporations in the United States have joined in a war of extermination on labor unions, according to a statement just issued by several of the most influential bodies affiliated with the Federation of Labor.

The aggregate capitalization of these trusts is given at $2,000,000,000, and their aim is to reduce wages, increase hours and re-arrange conditions so big dividends can be paid.

The corporations named are the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvesting Machine Company, the United States Rubber Company, the Glucose Sugar Company, the Pullman Company and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

Incidents of lowered wages, increased hours and closed plants during the past year are cited as evidence of the war's beginning. Another feature of the trust plan is said to be a determination to employ no m[illegible] than 35 years old.

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