PARIS VISITED BY $5,000,000 FIRE

Central Telephone Building and Postoffice Burned.

FLAMES BAFFLE FIREMEN

Fumes From Burning Insulation Prevent Effective Work—Troops Called Out to Keep Back Spectators.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Fire broke out last night in the Central Telephone building and spread with such rapidity that the telephone employes were forced, after brief and ineffectual efforts, to extinguish the flames, to flee hastily to the streets. The entire building was soon in flames, and this, together with the postoffice, which is located close to the Place des Victories, was totally destroyed.

The loss is estimated at $5,000,000 but a much greater loss is likely to be involved through the complete interruption of all telephonic communication in the center of Paris, as well as communication with the provinces and abroad.

The telephone building was comparatively new, and was fitted with the costly new central battery system. It will take more than a month to reestablish the service. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is believed to have been due to a short circuit. It is asserted also that it may have been of incendiary origin, but nothing has as yet been found to prove this.

Driven Out by Smoke.

The telephone operators when they first discovered the flames tried to extinguish them, but were forced to desist on account of the volumes of black smoke and the pungent fumes from the burning gutta percha. In a short time the flames enveloped the entire five stories and were bursting through the roof, leaping skyward like a blast furnace.

At 2 A. M. the fire was still burning, but the firemen were beginning to get it under control.

Sunday was a record day in the history of the fire department, the men being out all morning and afternoon for a big fire in a department store in the Faubourg St. Denis. Damage to the extent of $800,000 was done here, but the loss is covered by insurance.

The fire in the telephone building was first discovered by a workman, who on entering the cellar, saw smoke arising. He was forced back, but the open door established a draught and in a moment the flames were roaring up the narrow shaft in which the cables were carried to the third and fourth floors.

Troops Charge Crowd.

Within 20 minutes the third and fourth floors were a mass of flames and there was a series of explosions. The firemen were impeded in their work by the poisonous fumes and by the crowds which the police were powerless to hold back. Messengers were dispatched for reserves and troops who eventually were forced to charge upon the spectators before they cleared the scene.

It was found that 20,000 lines in Paris, comprising all the lines in use by the various big stores, newspapers, banks, and commercial houses, and all the provincial and international trunk section of the plant had been completely destroyed.

The fire chief reports that there was no loss of life and that no one was injured.

PASTORS GIVEN PLACES

East Columbia Conference Closes Sucessful Session at Milton.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—After one of the most successful sessions ever held in the conference, the annual gathering of ministers and lay delegates of the East Columbia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, closed at Milton tonight with the reading of appointments for the ensuing year by Bishop J. J. Adkins.

Following are the appointments read: Spokane district, A. G. Carrick, presiding elder; H. A. Triplett, Spokane; E. G. Warren, Edwall; T. P. Graham, Supernumerary; L. H. Hudlescron, Coulee City and Govan; Wilbur—to be supplied; William B. Rees, Preston and Beech; W. A. Forbes, Oakesdale; J. H. Dills, Genessee; D. C. Geery, Troy; J. M. Deparcee, Bethel and American Ridge; J. M. Compton, Leland; Lewiston to be supplied; Nez Perce to be supplied; J. M. Compton, conference secretary.

Walla Walla district—H. S. Shangle, presiding elder; A. L. Thoroughman, Walla Walla; L. L. Hursey, Dayton; Samuel Snavely, Covello; John Reeves, Weston; J. Hoyle, Lexington; W. A. Orr, Heppner; S. D. Taylor, La Grande; J. N. Grenshaw, Richland, C. K. Taylor Boise and Starr; J. M. Kincaid, supply to McMillan; J. R. Cook, Meridian; C. U. Cross, Nampa; Milton to be supplied; Pendleton to be supplied; F. M. Canfield supernumerary; J. A. Turner, superannuated; R. G. Williams transferred to Oklahoma conference; H. S. Shangle agent for Columbia Junior College.

MACHINIST KILLED BY FALL

Walks Plank at St. John Drydock and Misses Footing.

John C. St. Clair, 32 years of age, was accidentally killed last night as the result of a fall while walking on a footboard from the British ship Beechley, now in the drydock at St. John. St. Clair was a machinist and had been working on the vessel.

The vessel is high in the dock and the plank which extended from the deck to the dock was 50 feet high. St. Clair started across the plank and missing his footing fell. He suffered injuries from which he died half an hour later.

A physician was summoned and efforts were made to take the man in an ambulance to one of the hospitals, but he died before the ambulance reached St. John. Coroner Norden was notified and took charge of the remains.

PROTEST AGAINST STENCH

Chicago Citizens Begin Fight on Stockyards.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—At a mass meeting, held here tonight to protest against the odors which emanate from the Chicago stockyards, located within the city limits, Health Officer Evans said that for some time he had been collecting samples of the smells by means of bags suspended from kites. Before prosecutions could be begun, he said, it was necessary to procure exact evidence as to the sources of the odors and consequently kites with open mouthed bags had been flown over particular chimneys.

"Our odor gathering kites have been directed, especially, over the tall smokestacks of a garbage consuming plant, which is one of the most offensive of the stockyards' nuisances. In Cleveland, where the same method of disposing of the garbage is in use, the city makes $40,000 annually over and above the cost of running the plant, while in Chicago we pay the company to do the work and have to endure the smell besides."

The meeting perfected a permanent organization and appointed a committee to seek legislation to rid Chicago of stockyards' smell forever.

THINK SUSPECT DYNAMITER

San Diego Police Arrest Aged Crank on Suspicion.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 20.—Through an arrest made today the police believe they have obtained an important clue to the attempt to dynamite the residence of Dr. E. H. Mead, the City Health Officer, some days ago. The man under arrest is Allen Binn, 73 years old, who was taken into custody for throwing rotten eggs at a jeweler's window and raising other disturbances, because, as he claimed, the jeweler had damaged his watch.

After the arrest the police searched Binn's room in a Third-street lodging-house. There they discovered two sticks of dynamite which, in make and date, corresponded with the stick that was tied to the doorknob of Dr. Mead's residence. The officers also found several hundred circulars denouncing medical malpractice.

SAILS THROUGH CYCLONE

Freighter Columbian Encounters Terrific Storm in South.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—For 24 hours the big freighter Columbian, Captain Colcord, of the American-Hawaiian line, plowed through a miniature cyclone on her voyage from Hilo to Salina Cruz. The gale was in the nature of a circular storm and the wind came from all points of the compass. Captain Colcord reported that it was the most unusual gale for the time and place that he ever experienced.

The storm was encountered on August 25, in latitude 19, longitude 116. The Columbian was heavily laden with 12,000 tons of sugar from the islands and rode easily through the seas and gales which might have caused damage to smaller craft.

The Columbian arrived today from Salina Cruz, having made the run up the coast in seven days, and three hours, which is record time. Better time would have been made but for the fact that the Columbian encountered a dense fog off Santa Barbara channel which stayed with the vessel until she entered the harbor.

RACE PROBLEM IN SCHOOL

Chinaman With White Wife Would Send Child to Public School.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—State Superintendent of Education Harris has a new race problem on his hands, quite similar to that California has been wrestling with.

The child of a Chinaman, who married a white woman, wants to attend the public schools of St. Landry Parish. The local school board did not care to take the responsibility and put it up to Superintendent Harris. The State Superintendent of Education, wishing to be guided by the letter of the law, has referred the matter to Attorney-General Guion, who will have the problem solved.

The Attorney-General has been given the facts in the case and asked for his official opinion.

POLICE KILL TWO RIOTERS

Anti-German Troubles at Labach Suddenly Become Serious.

VIENNA, Sept. 20.—Anti-German demonstrations at Labach, in which a large body of Slavonians have been taking part for several evenings, culminated tonight in an attack upon the police, who were made the target of stones and other missiles.

Finally the police fired a volley, killing two of the rioters and wounding four. They then charged the crowds with drawn sabres and succeeded in putting them to flight. Later the rioters wrecked the German school.

DROUTH IS SEVERE

New England Suffers From Lack of Rain.

WATER SUPPLY IS SHORT

Mills Forced to Shut Down—Crops and Cattle Suffer—Smoke From Forest Fires Obscure Sun's Rays.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—Anxiety is filling the heart of the New England farmer for a drouth which is pronounced to be one of the severest in many years has spread itself over the New England states, causing suffering to people, cattle and crops throughout the country.

It was on August 26 that the last general rain fall came to New England. In many places the wells are running dry. Water in the lakes has been receding at the rate of one inch a day. Numerous forest fires have started. Many mills have been crippled by the lack of water supply and others have been compelled to shut down. Cattle have been suffering and the milk supply is becoming limited.

In Vermont mills have been seriously crippled or shut down, throwing hundreds out of employment. Quarries about Montpelier were closed during the past week.

For several days past the water has been the lowest since 1881 in Lake Champlain and steamers have discontinued touching at St. Albans Bay.

Smoke from the burning forests of Maine, Canada and Northern New York has hung over New England for the past week obscuring the rays of the sun and threatening to rival the famous "yellow days of 1881." Shipping all along the New England coast has been seriously hampered.

HOLDING FLAMES IN CHECK

Firefighters in Maine Take Advantage of Light Wind.

AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 20.—Although forest fires continue in many sections of Maine, the situation was much improved tonight. By taking advantage of the light wind which prevailed and concentrating their forces the fire fighters were able to hold the flames in check and protect the settlements.

Thousands of dollars' worth of valuable woodland are still being destroyed, however.

FIREFIGHTERS LOSE GROUND

Flames Make Headway in New York Mountains.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Although New York has one of the best equipped forest fire fighting organizations in the country, fresh fires are being reported daily from the Adirondacks and Catskill regions. Unless there is a heavy rain, soon, the damage may approximate that of the destructive fires of 1903, when over 450,000 acres were burned over, entailing a loss of $800,000 in standing timber, logs and pulp wood.

Every effort is being made to hold the present fires in control. In 132 towns in the Adirondacks and Catskill regions 743 fire wardens and deputies are at work.

TAFT ANGRY AT FORAKER

(Continued From First Page.)

H. Hitchcock he asked to be relieved from the appointments which had been arranged for him by the National speakers' bureau, and in a communication to State Chairamn Williams, of the Ohio Republican Committee, he made the same request as to the engagements which had been arranged for him in this state.

As to Senator Foraker's Senatorial candidacy, the Associated Press is authorized to state that the Senator's position is as follows:

"Senator Foraker will leave the selection of his successor to the Legislature, but will do all in his power to see that a Republican Legislature is elected."

Senator Foraker today told his friends that he should, at the proper and convenient opportunity, make a speech in answer to Hearst's charges and in defense of himself, and then should campaign the entire state in behalf of his Senatorial candidacy, but under the jurisdiction of no political committee.

The interesting details of just how Senator Foraker came to withdraw from participation in the forthcoming convention of the National League of Republican Clubs, at which he was to speak with Judge Taft here on Tuesday evening, was disclosed today authoritatively.

On the morning of the first publication of the Hearst disclosures on Friday, Senator Dick came to the city from Columbus. After a conference with Mr. Foraker, he went to the Taft residence, where he had an interview with the candidate, at which the situation was discussed frankly. No conclusions were reached, but Senator Dick obtained the distinct impression that, in view of the circumstances, the question of the joint appearance of Taft and Foraker was one which required consideration. In this connection the arrival of Senator Crane on Saturday morning was noted, and the junior Ohio Senator indicated that he should take up the matter with his Massachusetts colleague.

After Senators Crane, Foraker and Dick had conferred Saturday morning the letter which Senator Foraker made public last night, in which he eliminated himself from the meeting, was taken to the Pike-street residence by Senator Crane. The suggestion was made, after further consideration, that the letter properly should be addressed to John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, under whose jurisdiction the meeting was being arranged, for the reason that as the candidate had no control over the arrangements, further correspondence would be necessary.

There followed another conference between the three Senators, at which the suggestion of forwarding the letter to Mr. Hammond was decided upon, which, it was explained, obviated the necessity of a reply from Judge Taft. This plan, after being presented to Judge Taft at another conference, was adopted.

Throughout the negotiations, Judge Taft refused absolutely to comment for publication on the matter. It has since developed that he had at once taken the position that the joint engagement must be cancelled. It has developed that the candidate received insistent advices to take the initiative in the matter of cancelling the arrangements, and that his reply was emphatic in this language:

"If it would win every vote in the United States I cannot hit a man when he is down."

HITCHCOCK'S HANDS TOO FULL

Committees Will Give Chairman More Aid in Future.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 20.—Senator William Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, left here tonight for the Chicago headquarters of the Republican National Committee and will later make a visit to the New York headquarters. While here Senator Crane has been somewhat busy in the adjustment of the Foraker situation, but his visit had been arranged before that incident arose and it was learned here tonight that he has had an important consultation with Mr. Taft on the general conduct of the campaign.

That there is to be decidedly more activity on the part of the executive committee of the National Committee, and on the part of the advisory committee of that organization, was said to be determined on.

This activity, it was explained, is made necessary by reason of an expected immediate development of the proportions of the campaign which will make it a physical impossibility for Chairman Hitchcock to give the attention required to many matters of policy and detail.

Hitchcock and Crane to Confer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee, started for Chicago today to spend Monday and Tuesday at the Western headquarters. He expects to return here Wednesday. Before leaving New York today he telegraphed to Senator Crane, who has been visiting Judge Taft in Cincinnati, to meet him in Chicago on Monday.

CROWD RUSHES UMPIRE

RALPH FRARY IS ALL BUT MOBBED AT ABERDEEN.

Wild-Eyed Man Rushes on to Field With Bat and Spectators Follow. Blows Are Struck.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—A riot, precipitated by an error of judgment on the part of Umpire Ralph Frary, marked the close of the league baseball season in this city. Following Frary's action in calling Streib out in the ninth, a wild-eyed man armed with a bat rushed onto the field, and in an instant hundreds of others followed him.

Most of those who rushed onto the diamond did so to protect Frary and the Aberdeen ballplayers all lined up to keep the mob from him. However, an elderly man seized Frary, who retaliated with a blow. This incident started the riot afresh, and but for the timely action of Gus Thompson, Will Campbell and other players in the local club, Frary might have been badly hurt.

Score—Morning game—

										R.	H.	E.
Butte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Aberdeen	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	*	6	12	0

Batteries—Samuels, Harkness and Spencer; Califf and Boetteger.

Afternoon game—

										R.	H.	E.
Butte	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	1
Aberdeen	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	3

Batteries—Claflin and Bender; Starkell and Fournier.

REWARD IS BROKEN HEAD

Bystander Saves Athlete's Life, but Is Badly Hurt.

CONCORD, Cal., Sept. 20.—Walter McKean, of Oakland, had his skull fractured, and K. Molino, of this city, was rendered unconscious for 15 minutes, when the 40-foot greased pole fell at the celebration of the Dante Society today.

Molino was a participant in the greased-pole contest. He is a heavy young man, and as he neared the top of the pole it swayed with him. Seeing his danger, several of the spectators, McKean among them, courageously rushed forward to support the pole. They were not in time, however, and it fell, striking McKean on the head.

McKean probably saved Molino's life.

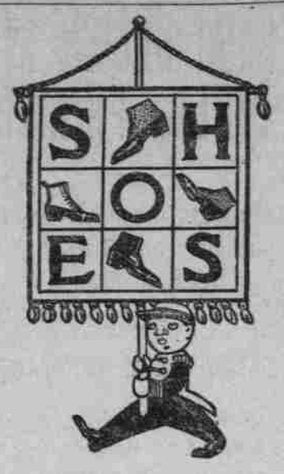
Baptists to Meet in Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The 21st annual session of the Northwest Baptist convention will be held in Centralia, October 12 to 15. The Northwest district comprises all of the State of Washington west of the Cascade Mountains. An excellent programme has been arranged and noted speakers of the Northwest will be in attendance. It is expected that 200 delegates will be here.

FUNERAL OF PIONEER LUMBERMAN TOMORROW

THE LATE GEORGE W. WEIDLER.

The funeral of the late George W. Weidler, one of Oregon's best-known pioneers, who died Saturday, will be held from the family home at 616 Lovejoy street tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Weidler was 71 years of age and had been engaged in the lumbering business for a number of years during the early days of this city. He is survived by five daughters, only two of whom are at present in Portland.



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"The Royal Chef" at the Baker.

The crowds who filed out of the Baker yesterday afternoon and last night after witnessing the performance of "The Royal Chef" were all whistling or humming some of the catchy and tuneful airs of the popular songs. The music of "The Royal Chef" is a delight from beginning to end. Matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"A Gilded Fool" at the Bungalow.

The ideal comedy is Nat Goodwin's famous success, "A Gilded Fool," which the Baker Stock Company opened the week with yesterday to two packed houses at the Bungalow. There is one succession of laughing situations from the moment the curtain rises. Matinee Saturday.

New Bill at Orpheum.

The new bill at the Orpheum commences today with Jesse L. Lasky's spectacular production, "The Military Octette," and "The Girl With the Baton" as the features. Cornets, trombones, bugles, fife and drum, Roman triumphal trumpets, tom-toms, violin, cymbals, tambourines and triangles are all introduced.

See the Whale at The Oaks.

Although the Allen Curtis company closed its season last night The Oaks is still there and is offering many delightful attractions. The big item of interest this week is the great whale exhibition, which occurs daily between the hours of 10 A. M. and 10:30 P. M. This is positively the only whale in captivity.

"The Girl of the Golden West."

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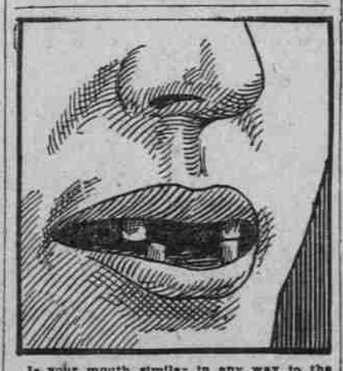

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CHANNEL IS 19 FEET DEEP

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NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Soundings just completed at the order of the Government Lighthouse Service show a maximum depth on Yaquina Bay of 19 feet at ordinary high water. This depth is on the crest of the bar and on either side from Newport to the sea the depth is from 1½ to 10 feet greater. This gives a depth of nowhere less than 12 feet at low water.

Henry Shields, of Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Henry Shields, one of the best-known citizens of Centralia, died Saturday afternoon. He was 68 years old and a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. Shields lived in Centralia for over 20 years and during his residence here held nearly every office in the city. While doing police duty two weeks ago he fell, severely wrenching his back.

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