

GREATER NEW YORK HAS DAY OF FIRES

Department Kept on Jump to Subdue Flames in All Sections of Empire City.

MANY THRILLING RESCUES

Tenement and Apartment Hotel Fires Cause Fatalities, Downtown Blaze Blocks Business and River Piers Go Down.

NEW YORK, March 19.—One person was killed, another was fatally injured and several were seriously injured in an explosion and the panic which followed it in the tenement house located at 161 East Ninety-sixth street today. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Beatrice Hale, 3 years old, jumped to the pavement from the fifth floor and was killed. Annie Epstein was fatally burned.

FIREMEN RESCUE TENANTS

Many Injured at Fire in Costly New York Apartments.

NEW YORK, March 19.—More than a dozen persons were injured and members of 24 families had narrow escapes from death by fire when a seven-story twin apartment building known as the Plaza Avenue Apartments, at 24 Central Park South, was burned early today. The loss is about \$300,000. The building was separated from the Plaza Hotel only by a smaller building, and the hotel office was made a hospital for the injured, while many wealthy residents of the hotel watched the blazing building from the hotel windows and doors. When the firemen reached the scene men, women and children were sitting on window ledges or hanging out of the windows gasping for breath, and others, overcome by smoke, were held in position by their relatives.

Failure of his fan and the police to discover any trace of him has led to the fear that John W. Simpson, a well-known insurance man and former president of the Metropolitan Police, died in the fire. Mr. Simpson lived with his wife and daughter on the seventh floor of the building. Mrs. Simpson, who sustained serious burns, was rescued by firemen. On the third floor the escape of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hillhouse, son and governess was cut off by the flames, but firemen carried Mrs. Hillhouse and the governess down the ladders at the front of the building, while Mr. Hillhouse was trying to escape by the rear fire-escape. The ladders at the front had been removed when Mr. Hillhouse came back, and he hung by his hands to the window sill until the firemen again raised the ladders.

BLAZE IN GOTHAM'S HEART

Lower Broadway Scene of Costly Fire During Business Hours.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Fire in a six-story brick building at 181 Broadway this morning, occupied on the ground floor by the hat store of Dunlap & Co., quickly spread through the building and burst through the roof. The structure was practically gutted. The burning building stood in the middle of a short block of five-story buildings between Cortlandt and Dey streets on the west side of Broadway, only a few hundred feet from the 37-story investment building and the Singer building, which, however, were not threatened by the flames. In the rear of the burning building was the New York Telephone Company's main office and exchange. Traffic on the downtown section of Broadway approaching the financial district was blocked while the fire was in progress.

ALMSHOUSE BURNS TO EARTH

Eighteen Inmates of Maine Institution Have Narrow Escape.

GARDNER, Me., March 19.—With flames roaring against the rear wall of the building, 18 bedridden inmates of the city almshouse were carried to places of safety by the attendants today, and half an hour later the building was in ashes.

PIERS AND STEAMERS ABLAZE

Lehigh Valley Terminal at Jersey City a Prey to Fire.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Two piers of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Jersey City are on fire, and it is said that the Eastwood pier is also in flames. The Eastwood pier arrived here recently from Cardenas and Matanzas.

OREGON MAN IS ACCUSED

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not come until later. During the past year, she says, they have been occupying a bungalow in Alameda, and there several times he threatened to kill her. She declares that his treatment of her has undermined her health and put her in the great fear of her life, and she believes that her life is actually in danger.

Deeds Property to Company.

The Thompsons were married in San Francisco July 21, 1891. They have one child, a daughter named Harriet Genevieve Thompson. The complaint says that the husband is the owner of a one-eighth interest in the estate of his father, R. R. Thompson, and his mother, Harriet Thompson.

SEEK KIDNAPERS IN CHICAGO

Whitla Lad May Be on Way to Windy City, According to Police. CHICAGO, March 19.—A clew that two men and a boy answering the description of William Whitla, the Sharon, Pa. lad who was kidnaped yesterday, had been seen on a Pennsylvania train bound for Chicago, was given to the police this afternoon by L. B. Jackson, of this city, a personal friend of the Whitla family. A detective was at once sent to the Union Passenger Depot to watch incoming trains.

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PITTSBURGH, March 19.—Preparations are under way to have a law passed by the Legislature making kidnapping punishable by life imprisonment.

Well Known in Portland.

Frank Thompson is quite well known among the older residents of Portland.

although he has not been in the city for the past 15 years. He is the youngest son of Robert R. Thompson, the Oregon millionaire, who died over a year ago at San Francisco, leaving a vast fortune to his aged widow. On the death of Mrs. Thompson, several months ago, the fortune was equally divided among four sons and four daughters, each receiving approximately \$1,000,000.

Although the elder Thompson laid the foundation of his fortune while at the bar, he was not interested in it for at least 40 years. He made most of his money out of the old Oregon Steamship Navigation Company. The family removed to Portland where Frank Thompson attended the public schools. They went to California about 15 or 20 years ago, and have remained there since. Thompson has large interests at Redondo, consisting principally of an interest in railroad property. He is now between 45 and 50 years old, his friends of years ago say. Little is known here regarding his personal habits.

SCHOOL NEEDS FUNDS NOW

KERR SAYS DELAY WOULD BE HARMFUL TO O. A. C.

President Is Not Afraid Vote on Referendum Would Carry, but Would Mean Setback.

"I am sure if the people really understood the imperative demand for more buildings and equipment in order to do the work required, there would be little if any support given to the referendum movement against the Oregon Agricultural College," said Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of that institution, yesterday. Dr. Kerr was most emphatic in saying that if the appropriation for new buildings and equipment should be held up, the result would be that the Federal appropriation to meet current expenses, would be diminished. Unless the college has the necessary room to expand and to enlarge its work the coming year, it will be crippled, even in the work it is attempting to do at present, Dr. Kerr declares.

Even should the referendum be called, it is the opinion of Dr. Kerr that the action of the appropriation would be approved by the voters, but there would be unnecessary delay in getting the buildings, so urgently needed for the expansion of the work conducted by the college. The equipment, required just as badly, might also be hung up for a considerable time. "Our work has increased 58 per cent in the past year," said Dr. Kerr, "and it would be a great misfortune to hold up the grant for two years, because it is important that we get the buildings without delay. We have been much crowded through the year. Unless we have the appropriation it will be impossible to take care of our work, for the postponement would mean that we could not get our buildings for three years. Another point that should be kept in mind is that during this period we should have no money for equipment. The Federal Government makes its appropriation on the condition that the state provide the buildings, and unless the state does so in this case we shall be still further crippled."

Dr. Kerr returned yesterday from Hermiston, Or., where he had been making arrangements for the opening of the new experimental station. Accompanying the president were Dr. Withercombe, Professor Scudder, and Professor Jardine, the latter of the United States Department of Agriculture.

YEGGS HOLD TOWN AT BAY

Maintain Fusillade While Attempting to Loot Bank.

BALD KNOB, Ark., March 19.—While some of their number rode about the streets discharging their weapons and holding the populace in terror, others of a band of robbers worked for more than an hour today in an unsuccessful effort to dynamite their way into the vault of the Bank of Bald Knob, abandoning their task after firing nearly a score of blasts, which demolished the outer door of the safe, but failed to force the inner doors. One citizen was wounded in the parting fusillade of the band as they fled. Before beginning operations the robbers destroyed telephone communication out of Bald Knob, but overlooked a railroad telegraph wire, a message to Arkansas over this wire brought a posse of citizens from that place, who joined several other posses, hastily formed here, and immediately started in pursuit of the band.

FIREMEN IN NOVEL DUTY

Save Man From Bottom of 80-Foot Well in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Both the police and fire departments were ordered out today as a result of Fred Cordier, a gardener, falling 80 feet to the bottom of an old well, from which accident he escaped with only a broken kneecap and fractured nose. About five feet of water in the well saved his life. After the police were notified it was necessary to call the fire department to get a rope and ladder to lift Cordier from the bottom of the well. The rope was across the top of it on some old boards, which gave way.

BOY MAY BE IN PITTSBURGH

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after they had taken him from school and placed him in their buggy. Several persons are reported to have seen the two men and boy driving along the road toward Warren, Ohio, the boy being wrapped in blankets and apparently asleep on the lap of one of the men. The case is expected to rival the famous Cudahy case at Omaha.

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Rosenthal's pumps fit at the heel.

Take Lunch Today in Our Cosy Tea Room—Second Floor—Ladies' Home Journal Patterns Olds, Wortman & King Improved Sewing Machine \$26—As Good as \$50 Agency Machine

The New Corset STORE OPEN UNTIL 9:30 Olds, Wortman & King Saturday Specials and Children's Day

65c Women's Hose 39c Pair

Women's mercerized Lisle Hose, fast black, sizes 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2 and 10; also a few odd numbers of women's Fancy Hose. Values in this lot up to 65c, choice at only 39c

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS—High neck, long sleeves, ankle length and elastic ribbed, a fine garment special, for today, each... 49c

Childs' Go-Carts \$7.00

Children's Go-Cart, collapsible style, with steel frame; fold into very small space, very compact and convenient; easily adjusted; give good service; regular \$9.50 value, today... \$7.00

Regular \$8.50 value at \$6.00—Regular \$8.00 value at \$5.50

Fine Axminster Rugs, size 27x60 inches, pleasing colorings and handsome Oriental designs; regular price \$2.50 each, on special sale at, each... \$1.89

Feather Pillows, half goose and half down, covered with linen ticking; special for today's selling at, each... \$4.35

Petticoats Made of Heatherbloom, in fancy striped effects and in combinations of navy, brown, gray and green. Full shirred flounce and biased bands. Regularly sold at \$3.75 each; special for today, in lingerie aisle... \$2.48

New Suits, Coats, Waists, Opera Coats and Gowns

Exclusive distinctive styles, that instantly win from all who see them, the admiration and desire to possess that only high-class garments can inspire. Lower prices rule here for good qualities than at any other store in the city, and in selecting from this superb stock one has full choice of hundreds of styles that are not to be had in any other establishment. Each day adds to the assortment. Come today and look over the late arrivals. There'll be some that were not here on your last visit.

New Coats Children's \$4 Values \$2.98

Spring models in children's Coats, very stunning little garments, made of broadcloth or serge; colors, cardinal, navy and tan; sizes 2 to 6 years; values to \$4. \$2.98

Children's Coats, of Bedfordcord, come in cream color only, made with capes and trimmed with braid or ribbons; sizes six months to two years; regular values to \$2.50; selling now at the special price of... \$1.29

Children's Aprons, Mother Hubbard style, of blue and white checked gingham; ages 2, 4 and 6 years; 40c values, special. 29c

MIND BLANK THREE YEARS

MAN OF 66 SUDDENLY COMES TO SENSES FAR FROM HOME.

Had Wandered From Brockton, Mass., to Los Angeles, Oblivious of Own History.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—J. J. Driscoll, 65 years of age, who says that his former home was in Brockton, Mass., and that he has been wandering for three years with his mind a blank regarding his previous life, suddenly came to his senses today while walking along Spring street, in this city. Driscoll says that the last thing he remembers was of boarding in Brockton, and he believes that the time was 1906. He had previously lived there for 22 years, and was employed by the New England Telegraph & Telephone Company. He went to Midland, Texas, and he remembers reaching that city, but until today, he does not know how he got to Los Angeles, nor when he came. He had 20 cents in his possession, and will be taken care of until friends can be notified.

Lawyer for Federal Place.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 19.—Oscar Lawson, United States District Attorney

45c Ribbon at 19c

Fancy Ribbons, pure silk, 3 1/2 to 5 ins. wide; plaids, stripes, checks and Dresden effects, good colorings; values up to 45c the yard; today's price just... 19c

Suede Gloves \$1.15

Women's Suede Gloves, in mode, black, white or gray; two-clasp style; regular price \$2.00 the pair; special, the pair... \$1.15

Neckwear

For today we present a superb new lot of latest Stock Collars and Dutch Collars, exquisitely dainty and stylish, regularly worth 35c each; special sale... 19c

Shoes Worth to \$5--\$3.19

Thirty styles of medium grade, new Spring Oxfords included in this offering. There are patents, tans, Russia calf and patent black leather. There are Gibsons, bluchers, buttons, two-hole ties and strap pumps, mostly \$3.50 and \$4 values, a few worth to \$5, all sizes and widths, at \$3.19

\$2 Leather Bags \$1.39

Women's Leather Handbags in the latest shapes, strap handles; nicely lined and finished; made of grain seal leather; in green, brown, tan, red, black; bought to sell at \$2; today... \$1.39

Sterling Silver-Mounted Nail Files, brushes, tweezers, cuticle knives, etc., worth regularly to 75c each, on special sale at this low price, ea. 39c

Rhinestone Hat Pins, with German silver mountings, 10-inch silver pins; regular values to \$1.50 each, selling now at, special, each... 79c

Extension Collar Supports, gold-filled, with pearl or Rhinestone settings, medium or extra length; regular \$1.00 values, on sale at, each... 49c

Cuff Link and Scarf Pin Sets, rolled-plate mounting, with enamel tops or fancy stone settings; regular 50c values, price, the set... 23c

Toilet and Notion Needs

Pinaud's Vegetal Toilet Water, violet, carnation or lilac odors; 75c bottle, special. 59c

Colgate's Talcum Powder, violet or cashmere bouquet odor; large oval cans... 15c

Pinaud's Roman Face Powder, flesh color, regular price 50c box, special at, box... 25c

Imported Perfume, French and English makes, all leading odors; regular 50c per oz. 25c

Horse-Hide Razor Straps, extra quality horse-hide, combination swing; 75c value. 49c

75c Bristle Hair Brushes... 49c

50c Box Writing Paper... 25c

15c Package Kid Curlers... 9c

Box of 6 Bone Hairpins... 9c

Basswood Necktie Holders, for burning, 35c vals. 23c

Apron Sale Reg. 85c, 50c Vals. 69c-39c

Another of those splendid specials in the apron section; 2 styles featured and bargains decidedly are offered. First, there's a woman's apron in Mother Hubbard style, with sleeves, pockets and strings; different sized checks and different colors, made of good quality gingham; regular 85c value, special at the remarkably low price of... 69c

Women's Aprons, of good quality gingham, made with bibs, pockets and strings; large and well made; regular 50c values, on special sale at the very low price of... 39c

Teddy Bear Cushion Slips, ready for the pillow. No work at all needed; elegant designs to choose from. Just the thing for porch pillows. Regular 75c values, selling special at, each... 19c

FRIENDS WILL AID KLEIN

FUNDS FURNISHED TO PROVIDE FOR APPEAL.

Prisoner Appears Happy in His Cell, Spending His Time Reading and Writing.

TACOMA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Unless Superior Judge Easterday grants a new trial to Joshua Klein, the radical philosopher who was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on Dora Culbertson last week, his attorney will appeal.

This decision was reached by Klein and his counsel after a protracted consultation with F. W. Peabody, the capitalist of Edmonds, and the receipt of a telegram from H. L. Davis, who is now at one of Klein's centers at Monterey, Mexico, and who is one of his strong financial backers.

"Following a consultation, we have decided to take an appeal should a new trial not be granted, and are confident we will clear Klein in either case," said Attorney George. "The telegram stated that Mr. Davis was forwarding sufficient funds to cover all expenses.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report that Dora Sauvageot is on her way home or that she ever contemplated such action. She is still in Amden," said Mr. George.

Klein appears happy and contented in his cell in the County Jail and spends much of his time reading and writing.

United States Immigration Inspector

INSURANCE MEN CLEARED

Indictments Against Mutual Reserve Officials Dismissed.

NEW YORK, March 19.—At the request of District Attorney Jerome J. Justice Blanchard, of the Supreme Court, today dismissed the indictments against Frederick A. Burnham, ex-president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, who died suddenly some time ago; George D. Eldredge, ex-president of the company, and George N. Burnham, Jr., the company's counsel. George N. Burnham was once convicted on one indictment, but the verdict was reversed on appeal.

HE OPPOSED COMPETITION

Stubbs Shows Commission He Proposed Harriman Plans.

CHICAGO, March 19.—The advent of J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager for the Harriman line, broke the monotony of the Chicago hearing today in the so-called Harriman merger suit. Mr. Stubbs read from records of meetings held prior to 1901, quoting his own arguments and plans for doing away with competition. The placing of the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and other roads under one control, the Government contends, was a move to this

end, agreeable to the wishes of Mr. Stubbs.

Today is positively the last day for discount on East Side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."



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