

BOAT, WITH 150, BURNS; FOUR LOST

Mississippi Excursion Steamer Destroyed by Fire Near Victory, Wis.

THREE MEN PRISONERS DIE

Captain Vainly Tries to Beach Vessel, but is Forced to Cross to Opposite Shore as Flames Roar Fiercely.

LA CROSSE, Wis., June 26.—With 150 excursionists on board, fire broke out in the hold of the Home Packet Company's steamer J. S., while en route on the Mississippi River between Genoa and Victory, and before the vessel could be beached three men perished in the flames, one woman was drowned and scores were injured, many seriously.

Many of the severely burned were taken from Victory to Desota for medical treatment.

Browned: MRS. EMMA RANDALL, New Albin, Iowa.

Planned to death: JOHN PLANE, Waukegan, Iowa. NORMAN FOX, Victory, Wis. UNKNOWN MAN.

Hundreds of people jumped from the top deck into the river when the steamer approached shore, and sustained injuries, some of them of a serious nature.

Blazing Craft Crosses River.

Delay in finding a landing place drove the passengers frantic. The boat was headed for the Iowa shore when the fire was discovered, but the water was so shallow that the vessel could not get near the landing. Then the Wisconsin shore was tried, with the result that the fire grew in volume and intensity and the women became desperate.

Joe Coyle, of Lansing, slid down a burning station and both hands are badly burned.

Mr. John Joseph, of Desota, and Mrs. Dr. Meyer, of Lansing, sustained broken legs.

Mrs. Gus Kapler, of Desota, sprained an ankle.

The boat was valued at \$50,000 and is a total loss.

The steamer brought 3000 people from Lansing, Ia., and 500 from intermediate points to Leavenworth, Kan., on the return trip at 6 o'clock tonight.

The boat caught fire when two miles above Victory, Wis., the blaze breaking out close to the boiler-room. Putting on full speed, Captain Strebeck headed the boat direct for Bad Ax Island, nearby.

Before the general alarm was sounded the vessel had grounded on the sand.

The crew worked valiantly to control the excursionists. The excursionists, stranded on an island 500 feet long and 300 feet wide, with only a few launches and rowboats available, made slow headway in getting to the mainland.

Passengers rescued from the J. S. declare they saw several women throw their children into the Mississippi before the boat could be beached and jumped after them. Being in mid-stream at the time, it is believed they were drowned.

PHONE RATES CAUSE ROW

Walla Walla Farmers Would Prevent Move to Raise Cost.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Farmers' Union, held today, it is understood, action was taken to thwart the move of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, carrying out its plan to increase the rate of switching from \$6 per year to \$10.

Circular letters, which were sent out from the local office, state that the rate will become effective July 1. Spokane men were in Walla Walla a week ago looking over the field with a view of entering the field. They have been given every encouragement.

The farmers assert when they united their lines with the Bell system it was with the understanding they were not to be charged more than \$6 per year for the connection with city lines. The company says the rate was made to induce the use of the telephone and that services cannot be given at a profit for the sum.

The farmers are obliged to keep up their own lines and maintain their own instruments.

GATE HITS; THREE HURT

Infant May Die as Result of Accident on S. P. Tracks.

The 6-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Watt, of 288 Jefferson street, was perhaps fatally and its parents were painfully injured when a gate tender, at the Southern Pacific Railroad crossing, East First and Morrison street suddenly dropped a gate and completely demolished a light vehicle in which they were riding at 7 o'clock Saturday night.

Every effort was adopted by those concerned to suppress the details of the accident. Several witnesses state, however, that Watt, who was driving a single horse and buggy near the tracks as a switch engine was shunting a string of cars in the yards several hundred feet south of crossing. Apparently the operator in the tower did not observe the moving vehicle and lowered the heavy arm. It fell with great force striking the child, Mrs. Watt and her husband, injuring them all.

DOCTOR'S WIFE ARRESTED

Alleged to Have Stolen \$200 From Husband's Patient.

Mrs. Wing Lee, wife of a Chinese doctor at 28 North Fifth street, was arrested at her home Saturday morning by Detectives Coleman and Snow, on a charge of larceny preferred by George Lake.

Lake asserts that the woman stole \$200 in gold from his coat, while he was being treated by her husband.

The woman, who is 41 years old and a native of Sweden, denies the theft. A search warrant was secured yesterday afternoon to pursue the hunt for the missing money. It is alleged that the woman has systematically been stealing and that she has an accomplice.

CHEHALIS WILL CELEBRATE

Baseball Series and Street Vaudeville Included in Program.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—The report that has been published that

Chehalis would not celebrate the Fourth of July is an error.

The citizens of Chehalis have subscribed a big fund and will pull off the biggest kind of a celebration.

In fact, the doings will begin on Saturday, July 2, when a three days' baseball series will begin between the Chehalis League and the Victoria team.

There will be baseball Saturday, July 2, two games on Sunday, and a game the afternoon of the Fourth at Millot Field. The renowned Fielder Jones will play center for Chehalis.

On the Fourth there will be free street vaudeville shows, athletic contests, patriotic entertainments and a celebration intended to meet the wishes and pleasure of all classes of people.

The report that the celebration here had been abandoned and that in its stead the people of Chehalis and Centralia were to observe the Fourth at the Southwest Washington state fair grounds midway between the two cities to mark the opening of the electric lines between the two places. Such a celebration will be held later, but it will in no matter interfere with the big doings here on the Fourth, for which funds have been paid in advance arrangements were made.

SPEAKER APPROVES ALL

WORK OF CONGRESS GOOD, CANNON DECLARES.

Parting Words of Uncle Joe Are of Optimism and Satisfied and Gratified Retrospect.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Speaker Cannon in a statement issued just before Congress adjourned declared he had nothing to apologize for as a member of the House or as a Speaker, and he presumed each member could express similar sentiment.

"This has been a times a strenuous session," said the Speaker. "Virtually men acting in a great representative capacity, and in some cases in doubt of otherwise say that which if conditions were different, they would not say. So that, in sharp contests, who soever is accused, and who so ever broad men realize that positive men don't hold responsible their colleagues who under the influence of passion or otherwise speak in detriment that which they would not say in moments when they were cool."

"As we pass from Washington to our homes I shall go, putting behind me the contests through which the House has passed, without any regrets. In my judgment the two sessions of the past Congress have accomplished more and done better work than any Congress of which I have been a member."

Representative Champ Clark, Democratic leader in the House commenting tonight upon the result of the last session of the Legislature said:

"The Republicans are at their old game of claiming everything and whittling to keep up their courage while going through a graveyard. They are now bragging that they have filled the promises. Their biggest promise, I believe, they utterly failed to fulfill. On the contrary they revised it upward and for so doing are in for a good trouncing."

ANGELL IS IN DISFAVOR

O. A. C. ex-Physical Director in Many Disagreements.

Behind the resignation of E. D. Angell, physical director of the Oregon Agricultural College, is a long story of disagreement among Angell, the faculty and the student body. It is asserted by the students and faculty that Angell has taken advantage of his position to be unusually unpleasant. That he has prolonged disagreements has been common knowledge at Corvallis, and ever since he forbade the use of the armory for athletic ball the general unpleasantness has been known outside the institution.

Angell gave a voluntary verbal resignation a week ago, presumably caused by an action taken by the student body, although Angell asserts it was because of lack of support from the faculty. These charges are generally denied.

Recently a committee of the student body approached President Kerr and asked that a committee of the faculty with the committee be held. It was then made plain that it was desired to change the control of athletics from Angell to a committee, one of whom should be the physical director.

As an amendment to the constitution of the student assembly, certain by-laws were presented for approval to President Kerr. Among them was one which provided that athletics should be controlled by a board of control. This board was to consist of three members of the faculty, one of whom was to be the physical director, two members of the student body, one of whom was to be an auditor; one member of the alumni and the graduate manager.

President Kerr approved the amendments and advised that the board hold regular meetings; further that he would resign upon the board's maintaining harmony throughout all athletic work.

The letter of approval concluded: "It should be the special duty of the board to cultivate and maintain in athletic work the same ideals and high standards of conduct which are expected to prevail throughout the other departments of the institution."

Director Angell gave his oral resignation immediately upon receiving a copy of this letter.

The new board of control then met without consulting Angell, as he was no longer a member of the board, and appointed George Schindlauer, of Dartmouth, football coach in place of S. Metzger.

Angell yesterday was unaware of this action and gave as the reason for his resignation the fact that Metzger was retained. At the same time Angell made charges that there were tainted athletics at the college; that he stood for clean athletics and could not tolerate the reverse.

Last night Professor Kerr said it was quite true that Director Angell stood in the way of clean athletics, but not so, the college would not have retained him. Regarding the charges of professionalism, Professor Kerr said:

"So far as I know, no one has attempted to play who was ineligible or to violate the rules of the conference regulations. It is a gross injustice to the football team to say or even to imply that we were professional on the team and the conduct of the team was discreditable. As a matter of fact all members of the team were clean and of good course of study, and so far as I know, they were as gentlemanly and creditable as any team."

Professor Kerr declined to discuss the differences between Angell and the students and faculty. But inasmuch as he was a member of the board, Metzger had not been reappointed, it is generally agreed he was disliked on all sides.

Angell left yesterday for the East to take up physical work in the playgrounds at Worcester, Mass. He is a member of the faculty and an athlete and physical director. Schindlauer, Metzger's successor, is generally recognized as a man of sterling worth as a coach and a thorough upholder of clean athletics in all ways.

SPOKANE REGULARS ROOT INSURGENTS

Poindexter Adherents Driven to Tall Grass in Republican Convention.

HAM IS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

Delegates Chosen to State Convention Whose Avowed Principles Are Decidedly Anti-Insurgent.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Poindexter's insurgents took to the tall grass at the Spokane County Republican Convention Saturday afternoon, when their weakness was shown in the contest for the chairmanship.

Police Judge S. A. Mann, candidate for Representative, and friend of the insurgents, was shoved down the line by a vote of 204 to 214, the regulars electing David T. Ham, county chairman, head of the convention, and later electing delegates to the state convention, whose aspect is decidedly anti-insurgent.

Rumors of war before the meeting in the Temple fell upon eager ears, for Rufus R. Wilson, Poindexter's manager, had noted about that he intended to start something and the insurgents settled on Judge Mann for the chair. Friends of John L. Wilson and Judge Burke, however, hushed the something that Wilson started and had things all their own way.

The second tit of the day came when the report of the committee on resolutions was read. An insurgent delegate objected to the provision that resolutions should be referred to the committee on rules without debate, but on the ensuing vote the victory of the regulars was almost unanimous.

The report of the committee on resolutions was unanimously adopted. The committee presented a supplementary report, eulogizing the late Congressman Francis W. Cushman, the late Governor Samuel G. Cosgrove and the late Governor John H. McGraw. The adoption of this report was progressed in the report of the committee on resolutions was in part as follows:

"The Republican party of Spokane County in convention assembled, reaffirms its faith in and allegiance to the great Republican party."

"The Republican party of Spokane County also renews its faith in and allegiance to the great leader of that party, President William H. Taft."

"We commend and approve the efficient, economical and businesslike administration of state affairs by our fellow-citizen, Governor M. E. Coffey, and the other Republican state officials."

"We recommend that a copy of these resolutions, so far as they pertain to the President and the Governor, be transmitted by telegraph to President Taft."

D. T. Ham and S. A. Mann were then nominated for chairman.

At the start of the rollcall the candidates broke about even, but as the list of city precincts progressed it was demonstrated that the larger delegations were for D. T. Ham.

A Spokane delegation of 52 Republicans with a good number of military standpaters was selected, headed by Governor Hay.

BODY TO BE SENT NORTH

T. R. Garretson Views Body of Wife and Scene of Accident.

LOS ANGELES, June 26.—(Special.)—T. R. Garretson, husband of Mrs. M. E. Garretson, who with Samuel Elmore, the wealthy salmon packer, was killed Tuesday, when a Santa Ana car struck the automobile in which they were riding, arrived in Los Angeles today and in completing details of the death of his wife, Mr. Garretson is accompanied by Mrs. L. T. Perkes, sister of the woman who was killed in the accident. Mrs. Perkes is registered at the Yannyu from Portland, Or.

After visiting Breese Brothers' undertaking parlors, where a week ago, presumably upon the face of his dead wife, and arranging to have the body sent to Portland tomorrow for burial, Mr. Garretson immediately visited the scene of the accident. Garretson was visibly affected both when he saw his dead wife and when he saw the scene of the accident, but he denied himself to all reporters.

ILLINOIS NOT WORRYING

Chicago Resident Says Little Attention Is Paid to Charges.

C. H. Moore, Jr., who arrived from Chicago yesterday and is staying at the Portland Hotel, asserted last night that little attention is being paid the charges of bribery.

Lorimer, either in Chicago or the State of Illinois. Mr. Moore said he would not express his opinion as to the guilt of the Senator, but he would comment on the cases of the several representatives who have been indicted both in Chicago and Springfield on the charge of accepting bribes to vote for Lorimer.

"Although the papers are saying a great deal about Senator Lorimer," said Mr. Moore, "the people are paying very little attention to the charges."

MADRIZ MAY BE LOSER

Estrada Demands Uncle Sam Stop Steamer.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Dr. Salvador Estrada, representative from Mexico here, today demanded of Secretary Knox that the commander of American warships in Nicaraguan waters be instructed to intercept the Columbus, which cleared from New Orleans on Friday, and to seize the munitions of war which she is alleged to be carrying.

It is alleged in the demand that the Columbus carries particularly three high-power gasolene launchers, intended to augment the equipment of the steamer Venus, which is now in Nicaraguan waters equipped as a cruiser.

MISSOURI SENATOR WOULD HAVE UNCLE SAM RECOGNIZE MADRIZ.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—In the Senate Saturday Senator Stone said he had been informed that a syndicate had been organized in the United States to exploit the finances of Nicaragua. That the syndicate had been represented in Washington by a former high official of the State Department.

Senator Stone said there was no sound reason why the United States should not establish diplomatic relations with Madriz. The idea of this Government protecting Americans at Bluefields the Senator ridiculed, declaring the only Americans there were engaged in doubtful and unprofitable speculation.

Senator Stone's statement followed his introduction of a resolution directing the committee on foreign relations to make a general investigation as to the relations between the United States and Nicaragua.

The resolution would direct special inquiry into the question whether the property rights of lives of citizens of the United States had been in jeopardy in Nicaragua, especially "to ascertain whether any effort had been made by persons representing financial interests in the United States to refund or otherwise secure the property of citizens of Nicaragua or of claims against the government of Nicaragua, and if so in what manner and to what extent, and which efforts had been made and carried on."

Chairman Cullom, of the committee on foreign relations, said the Secretary of State had made a full and satisfactory explanation to the committee. Mr. Cullom announced his dissent, and announced that the State Department had been guilty of any wrongdoing.

ITALIAN SUSHES WIFE

MRS. FILOMENA'S WAYWARDNESS ALMOST COSTS LIFE.

Knife in Hands of Irate Husband Raked Across Her Throat Just Misses Her Jugular Vein.

Because his wife would not return to him after twice sleeping with her affinity Antonio Filomena, Saturday night, slashed her across the throat with a knife. The sharp blade just missed the jugular vein and Mrs. Filomena will live.

The affair was the result of a series of domestic infidelities that have dominated the Filomena household for some time. Twice Mrs. Filomena ran away with Benito De Aguiar, the last time who took \$200 belonging to her husband and joined her affinity in Spokane. The pair was arrested in Spokane and sent to the county jail. De Aguiar was sentenced to four months on the rockpile and Mrs. Filomena was paroled under \$2000 bond.

The woman obtained employment at the home of Joe Morak, 64 Alberta street and Filomena has sought repeated visits to the coming conference between the President and the Governor.

Accompanied by two men, he applied at the Morak home about 9 o'clock last night and asked to see his wife. She met him on the veranda. A half hour later Morak heard a scuffle and scream and ran downstairs to investigate. He found the woman on the floor, the two men standing near by and Filomena running away. He carried the woman into the Vernon Drug Company's store, where she was dressed by Dr. F. S. Smith. Later she was sent to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

The police were notified, but could not find Filomena. The two men who accompanied Filomena to the Morak residence, however, were arrested. The woman's wound was being dressed. They said they did not see Filomena stab his wife, although they say he is guilty of the assault.

TROOPS ARE TO STAY

Dickinson Investigates Fort Lawton Trouble.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 26.—That strained relations of an uncertain character exist here between the citizens of the city and the troops at Fort Lawton, over the question of the retention of the colored troops at the post, came out Saturday afternoon in a personal interview with Secretary Dickinson played an important role.

Mr. Dickinson is in the city on his trip around the world and when it became known that he would visit the fort a conference was arranged, that he might hear both sides of the question of disposing of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry. Almost at the opening of the meeting W. D. Mackay, a member of the committee, started to engage in personalities upon Colonel Miller, but before he was fairly launched in his denunciation Secretary Dickinson intervened and smoothed over the difficulty.

As soon as the Secretary arrived he asked Colonel Miller if a committee was being formed to investigate the charges that it was dispatched a courteous message to F. S. Steiner requesting that the meeting await the inspection of the fort.

Secretary Dickinson prepared the following statement for the Associated Press: "The Secretary of War reviewed the troops and inspected the quarters at Fort Lawton this afternoon. He had an interview with the commanding officer, Colonel Miller, and with several members of the post, with F. S. Steiner and other members of a committee of citizens living in the vicinity of Fort Lawton, who requested the removal of the colored troops from that vicinity. The committee said that various outrages had been committed and that they had affidavits showing they had been made."

The Secretary of War said that one case of a colored man who had been in the colored troops had been called to the attention of Colonel Miller, that any complaint brought to the attention of Colonel Miller would be promptly investigated, and properly dealt with; that the party charged with an outrage had been turned over to the civil authorities to be dealt with according to the law of the state. He said that he had fully considered their views, but that he would not be able to consider the attitude of the Government.

The law requires the colored regiment to be maintained by the administrators of the War Department. Congress alone could abolish them. The executive branch of the Government must, while they exist, provide for them. If they violated the laws they were subject to punishment, and if an entire company were removed from a community on account of one man, the innocent would be punished for the guilt and any community to which they were moved would be disgraced. Thus the administration of the Army to this extent would be controlled by local sentiment. This could not be considered."

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"Well, Colonel, are you willing to say why Governor Hughes is coming and what you are likely to talk about?" was the next question.

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MEAT COST CUTS PAYROLL

Walla Walla Plant on Half Shift. People Turn Vegetarians.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—It is not known whether Walla Walla meat turned vegetarians or quit eating meat, owing to the high cost of the commodity, but, nevertheless, the Walla Walla Meat & Cold Storage Company is working less than half shift and many of the workers have turned vegetarians. The fact is all the more astonishing when it is considered it is the only plant of any size in the southeastern part of the state.

The Walla Walla Meat & Cold Storage Company also has several meat markets in the city. Clerks have been let go while less than half the usual number of men are at work in the plant.

TELEPHONE USED BY DOG

Locked in Office It Tries to Call Up Its Master.

LONDON, June 26.—(Special.)—This is the latest dog story in Europe, and the most sceptical Brits are swallowing it.

The operator at Grimsby Telephone Exchange received an unexpected call from the premises of J. M. Turney, Limited, a local firm, who telephoned alternately at 6 P. M. Ticket office 152 Third st., near Alder.

Putting the instrument to his ear, his surprise developed into wonderment for all he could get in reply to the usual query, "What number, please?" was the vigorous barking of a dog.

Coming to the conclusion that there were burglars in the place the operator informed the police. In the meantime, the owner of the dog suddenly remembering that he had left the animal, a fox-terrier, in the office, had gone to the premises to release it. When he arrived he found a couple of police officers about to force an entrance. Their astonishment was great when, reaching the office, they found that the terrier had climbed onto a desk five feet

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