

GAY DREAMLAND IS DEVoured BY FIRE

Six Incubator Babies Are Cremated.

ANIMALS SHOT; BLAZE CHEATED

Coney Island Electric Tower Flares as Never Before.

FLAMES RAPIDLY SPREAD

At Early Morning Hour Entire Summer Amusement Park Is Destroyed and Loss is More Than Two Million Dollars.

NEW YORK, May 27, 4 A. M.—The fire has left Dreamland a barren waste of ruddy embers and is sweeping onward in all four directions, completely beyond the control of the firemen.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Fire broke out early this morning in Dreamland, a big amusement park on Coney Island. The blaze spread rapidly and early this morning almost the entire park had been destroyed.

Six babies lost their lives in the fire. They were occupants of the incubator hospital maintained within the park incinerated.

Unable to save them and to prevent their incineration, park employes shot many of the animals in the "zoo."

Flames Spread Rapidly.

The flames were first seen at the lower end of the park next to the ocean, and spread rapidly, fanned by stiff sea breezes.

The season at Dreamland and the other big Coney Island parks opened last Saturday night. The park was entirely renovated during the winter.

Dreamland was the second of the big parks to be established on the island. Its tall electric tower was a conspicuous feature by night and by day a commanding object from all sides.

Tower Beacon to Homecomers.

At night thousands of incandescent lights flashed on the tower and far out in the Atlantic it could be seen. To Americans returning from Europe on the big liners, it was often a beacon light—a first glimpse of "home."

At 2:35 A. M. the flames were licking up the tall sides of the tower, more than 200 feet from the spot where the fire started and it looked as if the entire park was doomed.

Flying embers fluted over the entire island, and other fires seemed imminent.

At 2:45 the blaze was spreading to adjacent buildings and firemen were fighting to prevent the flames from jumping the street on which the park faces.

Several Stores Burn.

Places of lesser importance adjoining the park and several stores were also destroyed, but at 3:15 A. M. the firemen believed they would confine the flames to the immediate vicinity of Dreamland.

At one time fears were entertained that a conflagration similar to that of a few years ago, which burned over a great portion of the island, was threatened, but a favorable wind, which blew in the direction of a long stretch of vacant beach helped to confine the flames.

Thousands of persons were still at the island when the fire broke out, but the resorts, all of flimsy structure, were soon emptied. The police at a late hour said they had no reports of casualties and they believed everybody had escaped.

Dreamland is owned by a syndicate of which ex-Senator W. H. Reynolds is the controlling spirit.

FOUR INJURED IN COLLISION

Motor Car on O.-W. R. & N. Runs Into Freight at Stanfield.

Four passengers were injured in a collision on the O.-W. R. & N. at Stanfield, in Umatilla County, early last evening, when the Pendleton-Umatilla motor car collided with freight train No. 14. None of the passengers received fatal injuries.

The injured are: Mrs. P. E. Warren, of Pendleton, scalp wound. S. J. Brown, of Spokane, bruised about head. O. H. Jackson, 125 Third avenue, Seattle, injured in legs.

Mrs. James Lundens, believed to be of La Grande, injured on left hip. The motor car was traveling on schedule time and was within the block signal district when the collision occurred.

An investigation as to the cause of the accident will be made this morning. The motor car was carrying 23 passengers.

WIDOW WILL GIVE WEST BIG COLLEGE

MRS. HARRIMAN TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY AS MEMORIAL.

Railroad Magnate's Millions Will Be Freely Spent on Institution. California Likely Location.

NEW YORK, May 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. H. Harriman, America's richest woman, is to be the founder of a great university in the West as a glorious monument to the memory of her husband.

It became known today that Mrs. Harriman, casting about for some means of disbursing her great fortune in a way that would be of benefit to the people of the country, had decided upon the establishment of an institution of learning as affording the best medium for such disbursement.

Her plans are not fully developed, but in a tentative way she has decided to found a university that will be second to none in the country in the point of curriculum and endowment.

Millions as needed will be supplied from the Harriman estate to make this the greatest educational enterprise in the world.

The institution will be called the Edward H. Harriman University. Speculation as to the exact location of the Harriman University favors Southern California. Mrs. Harriman has not divulged her plans in this respect, except to say that the institution will be on the Pacific Coast.

It has been assumed that either Nevada or California would stand the best chance of securing the great foundation, but this is only conjecture.

OREGON DEBATER WINNER

C. W. Robinson Is Awarded Victory Over Washington Student.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 26.—C. W. Robinson, representing the University of Oregon, won the triangular oratorical contest tonight in the University of Washington auditorium. His oration was on "Land and the Immigrant."

Fred R. Angevine, representing the University of Washington, gave an oration on "International Justice." Miss Florence Matthews, the Montana contestant, was unable to be present.

By winning first place, Robinson will receive a cash prize of \$75, which is awarded annually by the King County Bar Association. Angevine will receive \$25.

The judges were D. R. Trifanthen, George H. Walker and John F. Maln.

RUSSIA NOW ADMITS JEWS

American Passports Honored, but Not in Response to Threats.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Russia is conceding the right of entry into that country of American Jews visiting the czar's domains on business missions.

The Russian Embassy here is now issuing passports of this kind to identify American Jewish business men.

It is said here that this is not the result of any pressure brought to bear upon the Russian government through threatened legislation in the direction of abrogation of the existing Russian treaty, but results from a more serious position that has been taken in Russia as a matter of sound administrative policy.

PORTLAND BESTS SEATTLE

Postal Figures Tell Tale of Big Gains Here; Loss on Sound.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Figures just received by Postmaster Endris, showing postal receipts of first-class cities in three Northwest states for the year ending March 31, disclose that every city, with the exception of Seattle, Butte and Missoula, show gains compared with the previous year.

Seattle's loss is 1.8 per cent. Portland, with \$264,492, about \$25,000 less than Seattle, gained 16.8 per cent, and Spokane gained 6.2 per cent with \$474,940.

Salem, Ore., has the largest percentage, 23.3, and Great Falls, Mont., is next.

PORTLAND BANKS THIRD

Increase in Clearings Places City in Leading Rank.

Portland was the third city in the United States in the increase of bank clearings for the week ended May 25, as compared with the corresponding week a year ago.

New Orleans stood highest and Memphis was next. Seattle was 13 per cent below its record of a year ago, while Portland's clearings were 23.2 per cent more than a year ago.

The bank clearings for the week were \$1,548,000, as compared with \$1,048,000 for Seattle. A noteworthy feature of the New York clearance was the increase of 12 per cent over a year ago.

8500 TO STRIKE JUNE 1

Vancouver, B. C., Trades Labor Council Decides on Move.

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 26.—The trades labor council tonight decided to order a general strike June 5 to compel the master builders to treat with the employees who have been on strike for more than a month.

Fifty-two unions are affiliated with the trades council, and labor leaders declare that 8500 men will respond to the call, tying up every line of industry in the city, including light, power and telephone service.

DIAZ STARTS FOR COAST SECRETLY

Ex-President Has Sailed for Madrid.

FUTURE HOME TO BE IN SPAIN

He Leaves Palace at Early Morning for Train.

DE LA BARRA TAKES OATH

Great Precautions Guard Diaz's Departure and Arrival at Vera Cruz—Bandits Dodged by Change of Railroad.

MEXICO CITY, May 26.—Porfirio Diaz, to whom for more than 20 years all Mexico has paid deference, secretly left the palace at 2 o'clock this morning.

In the distance he could hear the voices of enthusiastic celebrants, who were acclaiming the new president, Francisco de La Barra and shouting "Viva Madero."

So carefully were the arrangements made for his departure that details could not be confirmed until this afternoon. Secrecy was due less to apprehension of a popular outburst here than to a desire that his departure should not become known to marauding bands.

For some hours it was generally supposed that he had left over the Mexican National Railroad, which has of late been untrodden by bandits.

This road is equipped with standard heavy rails and it was thought there was less danger.

There is another railroad to the coast, a narrow-gauge affair, owned by the government. Taking it for granted that he would take the more luxurious, the bandits have not molested it. So for this reason the narrow-gauge line was chosen by the ex-president.

Arrival on Coast Kept Secret.

The general reached Vera Cruz at 3 o'clock this afternoon, according to private telegrams received here tonight, but until then the fact was kept secret. Newspaper correspondents at Vera Cruz long since gave up attempts to transmit information over the federal lines, particularly when their information had to do with news which the government wished to remain unpublished.

Presumably De La Barra and the higher governmental officials were informed, but their lips were sealed. Even Americans, high in authority with the road, had been impressed with the necessity for maintaining silence.

General Diaz was still feeble from his illness and far from being a well man when he left his home.

A more dreary leave-taking could scarcely be imagined. Rain had fallen earlier in the night, and by the tips the ex-president emerged from his

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SMILING RELIGION NEEDED

Appeal Made by Preacher to Unitarians—Wilbur Is Officer.

BOSTON, May 26.—The United Unitarian Association brought its 86th anniversary week exercises to a close tonight with a festival in Tremont Temple.

Among the speakers were the Rev. Matthew R. Scott, of Leeds, England, who made an appeal for a "religion with a smile on its face."

John Mason Little, of Boston, was elected president of the National League of Unitarian laymen. Ralph Wilbur, of Portland, Ore., was placed on the executive committee.

THOMAS F. RYAN IS ILL

Traction Magnate Left Weak After Undergoing Operation.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Thomas F. Ryan, the traction magnate, is seriously ill at his home on Fifth avenue. The World will say tomorrow.

According to the reports, Mr. Ryan underwent an operation Wednesday.

DOORS OF PRISON CLOSE ON MORRIS

Convicted Banker Uses Auto to "Pen."

WEST BELIEVES HIM GUILTY

Governor Expresses Sorrow for Man's Family.

NO LABOR IS DUE FOR TIME

Superintendent of State Penitentiary Says Morris Will Be Treated Like All Other Prisoners Now Under His Care.

SALEM, Ore., May 26.—(Special.)—After fighting for months against the inevitable, W. Cooper Morris today heard the doors of the State Penitentiary swing behind him and tonight he has started serving his sentence of six years for aiding in the wrecking of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank of Portland.

The two-hour argument by Attorney S. T. Richardson today failed to change the decision of Governor West and no leniency would be extended to the ex-banker.

Shortly after 5 o'clock the Governor announced his decision and Private Secretary Weston immediately telephoned to Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard, who was awaiting the decision of the executive at the Hotel Marion. Morris was also at the hotel with a number of friends.

Last Trip Made in Auto.

District Attorney John H. McNary, George M. McDowell, Alex Sweek and Archie Leonard accompanied Morris to the penitentiary in an automobile secured by the District Attorney and at 5:30 o'clock Morris entered the prison.

Superintendent James refused to state what number he would give to the ex-banker and stated that such would not be given out under any circumstances.

"Mr. Morris will be placed in line with the rest of the prisoners and he will be treated the same as the others," stated the superintendent. "It is probable he will have no work to do for some time. There are about 100 men at the institution who are not employed now and the new prisoners are not given work. For that reason he undoubtedly will not be placed at labor, and not because we intend to discriminate in his case."

John F. Storey, Mr. Sweek and a few newspapermen were the only ones present when the Governor reached his decision as to the disposition of the Morris case. Arguments were completed shortly after 4 o'clock and the Governor said he would announce his decision at 5 o'clock. Addressing himself to Sweek, the Governor said:

West Believes Morris Guilty.

"I am sorry I cannot see this in the same light as you, Judge. I have followed this case closely and I believe Mr. Morris is guilty and should be punished. It is very hard on account of his family

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SPOKANE RATE CASE DECISION DUE SOON

RAILROAD MEN EXPECT IT TO BE MADE JUNE 1.

Upon Commission's Action Will Depend Legal Steps of Lines to Test "Long-and-Short-Haul Clause."

CHICAGO, May 26.—(Special.)—If expectations of railroad men expressed today are fulfilled between now and June 1, the Interstate Commerce Commission will render its decision in the famous Spokane and Inter-mountain rate cases, on the outcome of which depends largely whether the railroads shall test in the courts the legality of the "long-and-short-haul clause."

If the Commission should give a rigid interpretation of the provision and shatter time-honored methods of rate-making, it is safe to predict that the roads will attack the constitutionality of the clause and prolonged litigation will ensue.

The Spokane and Inter-mountain cases are the most important under consideration as bearing on the "long-and-short-haul clause." They apply to a wider territory and have been the subject of much controversy. The Spokane cases have been the bone of contention for nearly 30 years. When the decision is made, it is expected to define the attitude of the Commission whether, under competition and other conditions, railroads can charge more for a short than a long haul, as governing purely domestic traffic.

In former decisions the Commission has maintained that carriers were justified in ignoring distance as a rate-making basis. It has recognized that water competition controls in the making of rates to Spokane and Puget Sound points. But whether the Commission will now affirm former decisions is the question bothering railroad officials.

BONDS IN GREAT DEMAND

New Issue of O.-W. R. & N. Is Already Over-subscribed.

NEW YORK, May 26.—(Special.)—Conservative banking and corporation interests look upon the present lull in general trade as exceedingly beneficial in one way to the financial situation, for it is affording an opportunity to many corporations badly in need of new capital to do some financing.

The Union Pacific offering of bonds of the O.-W. R. & N., one of its subsidiaries, is being watched closely as an indication of the strength of the bond market. And greater encouragement was taken from the announcement made today that the \$25,000,000 Harriman bond issue has been over-subscribed. Missouri Pacific and other railroads have been forced to resort to note issues, hence the appearance of these Union Pacific bonds affords an opportunity to test the demand on the part of the investors for longer and more permanent forms of secured obligations.

Bankers here are looking forward to a gradual improvement in the investment market, particularly for bonds.

MULES TO GRAZE IN PEACE

Aviators Not Allowed to Use Drill Grounds While Animals Feed.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—The Government mules at this post have been shown unusual consideration for their safety by Colonel George K. McGunagle, commanding officer, who has refused to give permission for an amateur aviator to fly on the artillery drill grounds while the animals were enjoying their daily run in the fields, for fear that they might become frightened and stamped, and cause trouble, or become injured.

However, Colonel McGunagle has given permission for Fred A. Bennett and Elias Christofferson, amateur aviators, to practice the art of aerial navigation on the artillery drill grounds in the morning. The mules are turned out, or in the afternoon, after 4 o'clock, when they are again housed.

Colonel McGunagle said that he intends to have all of his officers in the post witness the exhibitions, to learn the mechanism, and possibly take trial flights, as there is so much stress laid on the navigation of the air in this age.

Sewer Trust Broken.

"The sewer trust, so-called, has been broken and the cost of paving, although competition is prevented under our present defective charter, has been greatly reduced. The capacity of our water system will be doubled by reason of work now under way and nearly completed.

"These are but single items among many touching upon Mr. Simon's able administration of our city's affairs.

"Our Mayor has declared himself in favor of a commission or short-ballot form of city government; has pledged himself to bring this change about without delay by all means in his power. This promise, like all promises made prior to his previous election and since, spells performance; and yet, in spite of these facts, there is an effort making to defeat Mr. Simon and it will succeed without a shadow of doubt if the apathy of the average citizen or business man continues. We cannot afford to lose our present Mayor. To do so will constitute a grave civic blunder. You must act and everyone constitute yourself a committee of one to protect the wage earner in his daily task and further thereby all honorable industries.

"Every resident of our city, man or woman, should be brought to realize that the defeat of Mr. Simon presages an irresponsible and dangerous condition in our city's affairs. Investors are timid and already investments, building and other enterprises are halting.

NO PROSECUTION PLANNED

Criminal Charge Against Oil Men Not Contemplated.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—In response to a resolution asking for information on the subject, Attorney-General Wick-ersham today sent word to the House that the Department of Justice had undertaken no criminal prosecution of the officers of the Standard Oil Company as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision.

It is understood that Senator Pomerene, author of the original resolution, will introduce another directing criminal prosecution against the Standard Oil and constituent companies.

WORLD SEAMEN TO STRIKE

All Will Quit Work When Committee Gives Signal.

ANTWERP, May 26.—The Seamen's International Committee today posted notices throughout the wharf districts calling on the seamen to hold themselves in readiness to strike when the signal is given.

The Belgian government, in anticipation of disorders, is preparing to send 500 gendarmes here to support the local police.



CITY'S GROWTH IS ISSUE IN ELECTION

Simon Campaign Committee Organized.

PROGRESS SHOULD NOT STOP

Citizens Warned of Menace in Ill-Advised Change.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

William F. Woodward Elected Chairman and Clearly Defines Issues—Friends of Good Government Urged to Be Alert.

Enthusiasm of genuine and uncontrollable quality prevailed at the meeting of the citizens' committee of 165 members at headquarters in the Railway Exchange building yesterday afternoon. Organization was effected by the election of William F. Woodward as chairman of the committee, of which Henry E. Reed is secretary. Eighty members of the committee attended the meeting, which authorized the appointment by Mr. Woodward of a general managing committee of 19 members, consisting of one man from each of the 19 wards of the city.

In accepting the chairmanship of the committee, Mr. Woodward delivered a forceful address deploring the apathy and indifference manifested by the average citizen in municipal elections and insisting that the seriousness of the situation confronting the city at this time made it imperative for every voter to go to the polls on election day and register his choice for Mayor.

Simon's Work Commended.

He referred briefly to the accomplishments of Mayor Simon during the term he is now completing and strongly urged his retention in that office for another two years. With particular emphasis, he called the attention of the members of the committee to the urgent necessity of taking an individual interest in the approaching municipal election to the end that Mayor Simon shall be re-elected.

"Our coming city election involves grave issues to you and those dependent upon your earnings," said Mr. Woodward.

"The question whether the growth and material prosperity of our city shall continue or be seriously checked is for you to decide. Apathy, indifference or the loss of your vote by casting it for a candidate certain of defeat is our present menace.

"Two years ago Joseph Simon, impetuous by the citizens of Portland, became its Mayor. He accepted the nomination reluctantly. He was elected by a very defective charter. He has given all his time to this office to the exclusion of his private affairs, and during this time our city has grown and prospered as never before. Investors, unafraid, knowing we have a sound, safe, capable Mayor, have come here for investments. More than 200 miles of hard pavement have been laid and are under construction. The Hawthorne span has been built and the Broadway bridge, although vehemently opposed, is now, largely due to Mr. Simon's efforts, under construction. Our system of parks and playgrounds has been intelligently extended and improved.

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All Citizens Must Act.

"There can be no quibble or shifting of responsibility at this time. The man who declares that he hates politics, that it is a mess in which he desires to take no part, is the one responsible man for the evil conditions which infest so many of our municipalities. The present is Portland's opportunity to declare

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