

FIRES IN HOTEL FIRE OVERCOME 4

Opium in Drugstore at Clark Hostelry Affects Tenants and Fireman, is Belief.

MOTHER AND BABE SAVED

Persons Asleep in Building Carried Out in Night Clothes by Fire-fighters—Damage Will Not Be More Than \$300.

Two firemen were rendered temporarily unconscious and a woman and her baby in arms were carried down the fire ladders unaided, when the basement of the B. F. Jones drugstore, on the ground floor of the Hotel Clark, Tenth and Stark streets, took fire late last night.

The fumes of what is believed to have been blasting opium stored in the basement of the drugstore affected a large number of fire-fighters, several of them becoming almost delirious, while residents of the hotel were carried out absolutely intoxicated by the overwhelming smoke, which spread right through the hotel.

Fire Companies' Work Effective. The prompt work of three companies, headed by Fire Chief Dowell, was responsible for checking what proved to be nothing more than a bad basement fire with damage not to exceed \$300, covered by insurance.

Rescuers in the Hotel Clark assert that an explosion preceded the blaze, but B. F. Jones says such was not the case and that the fire was caused by either spontaneous combustion or the burning out of an electrical fuse.

Flames and dense smoke were pouring out of the basement windows when Chemical Engine No. 1 reached the hotel in response to a telephone call by H. R. Tremblay, night clerk of the Hotel Bowers, who was informed by E. W. Stark that there had been an explosion at the Clark. Immediately afterwards the box at Tenth and Washington rang in.

Several women were carried down the fire ladders shrieking, the fire engines being rendered impassable by reason of the dense, blinding smoke, the fumes of which were so acrid that anyone breathing them closely became almost overcome.

Fireman Makes Rescue. Mrs. Edward Matthews, who with her baby was on the fourth floor of the hotel, was seen through the smoke which was dense around the building, to have fallen unconscious across the window ledge. Lieutenant Parmentier, of Company 1, mounted the ladder and carried woman and child down to safety.

Mrs. W. K. Lyman and Mrs. C. J. Duffey, also living in the hotel, were similarly carried down from lower floors by Thomas Gavin and Christopher Osterman. None of the women was garbed in anything but the flimsiest of night apparel.

This is the second fire at the Clark within two weeks. Chief Dowell was particularly indignant because persons escaping by the side staircase and down a locked door to reach the street. The chief asserts that at the previous fire he found the iron door leading to the fire escape on the top floor locked. He purposes to bring the matter before the fire committee.

Companies 1, 2 and 3 responded to the call and the South Portland company was on its way when the fire was declared under control, which was shortly after midnight.

Hysteria was marked among the residents of the hotel, none of whom, however, was injured. As soon as the smoke cleared, residents were carried back to the hotel.

Mr. Jones asserts a large stock was carried in the basement among which was powdered opium. He believes the actual damage there by fire would not be more than \$300, but smoke and water wrought havoc in his store.

POULTRY'S ELITE IS HERE

Oregon's Best Cacklers Lift Throat in Joyful Praise.

The crowing of hundreds of the finest roosters in the Northwest attracted a crowd of people yesterday evening around the Multnomah Hotel, corner of Pine and Third streets, where the entries in the third annual exhibit by the Oregon Poultry and Pet Association were being transferred to the exhibit building.

More than 1200 fowls occupied the coops. This is, by at least 300 birds, the largest exhibit that has ever been given in Portland under the auspices of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Association, according to S. E. Smith, secretary of the organization, who was superintending the installation and marking of the entries last night.

ZIONISTS GAIN RECRUITS

One Hundred New Members Join at Meeting of Lovers of Zion.

Infusing new vigor into the movement locally to buy Palestine from the Turkish Government as a place of refuge for persecuted Jews, the Lovers of Zion, at a stirring meeting at Knights of Pythias Hall last night added 100 members to its roster.

David N. Moscovitz, who presided, briefly outlined the scope of the movement. The Lovers of Zion is the name of the local branch of the Federation of American Zionists, by which the world-wide movement for the purchase of Zion is conducted in America. Already \$50,000,000 has been collected for this object and is now deposited in the Jewish Colonial Trust Bank of London. The local branch hopes to obtain a membership of 1000 within the coming year.

charge has been made against the Jew that he is a lover of money. In such a measure as it is true, it is not because of an inherent trait, but is one of the accidents of environment. This Jew has ever been down-trodden. He has been denied the common rights of men. And as a lover of power and ambition he has taken the only medium of realizing his hopes available to him, and that has been gold.

Speaking of the Zionist movement as the beginning of the unification of the Jewish people, Robinson said: "A return to Jerusalem is a return to Judaism." In a musical programme after the regular business, Miss Ethel Abrams and Miss Lulu Price gave vocal selections, Philip Peis violin selections and Leo Shapiro piano selections. A choir of five young people, led by Dr. H. H. Heller, sang Zionist songs.

Last night the Lombardi Opera Company gave a second performance of "Thais" and it met with cordial and earnest, but not tumultuous appreciation from another large audience. It is now reasonable, seeing that the first glimmer of the opera has sunk deeply into our minds, to view "Thais" from a purely musical standpoint.

Last night the cast was the same as that of last Friday night, except that the part of Nidias was sung by Francesco Albach. He is an excellent actor, but was plainly a little tired, vocally, from the many times he has lately sung in different operas. Albach's singing lacks force, but last night he did his best and is to be commended accordingly. Margat, baritone, was Athanael, the monk, and Deantee Alvina, resplendent in a new, glittering gown, was Thais. Alvinette Massenet, who was born in Marseilles, France, May 12, 1842, and whose opera, "Thais," received its premiere March 16, 1894.

Massenet, according to the judgment of the Parisians, and seems to be happy if he only pleases his beloved Paris. In "Thais" his style is Oriental, with very little of the gay French in it, and is swing and voluptuous. The French swag and gay atmosphere is especially accentuated with liberal use of drums, cymbals and brasses—live in the aria that Thais first sings to Athanael when she meets him before the house of Nidias in Alexandria, the aria "Perche Tanto Severo." This air is heard at intervals throughout the opera, but in the repetition in the brasses in the accompaniment are toned down.

The aria is very effective in the apparition scene where Thais haunts Athanael in the second scene of act three. This time it has a wistful, haunting sound. In two or three weeks from now the opera will be whistled softly. It grows on one's memory.

The other "Thais" air that is memorable is the "Modere Religieuse," played as a violin solo in the second scene of act two, and repeated at intervals, very softly and delicately afterwards. This air is likewise popular in this city as a violin solo, and is devotional and awe-compelling. It is charged with the sense of a soul that has passed away.

Other solos sung by Thais, solos that linger in the memory, are those that belong to the second act: "Ah! le son de ta voix," "O! speschio mio fedele," "O! diva non vieta" and "Pieta ah non mi." The orchestral prelude, to open with, is very short, only one and a half pages, but it is one of the beautiful melodies that are to follow. The score extends to 275 pages, and the Lombardis do not play the best music.

These hints will perhaps help a better appreciation of "Thais" when it is repeated Wednesday night. Tonight the bill is "Faust," with Salvatore Scottelli in the tenor role and Ida Passio as Marguerite.

PEOPLES HAS NEW BILL Dramatic, Comic and Descriptive Films Feature Programme.

The People's Theater programme is headed by a biograph drama, which keeps the audience in suspense throughout the films. The other attractions are "His Last Cent," a comedy drama; "In Japan," descriptive; and a Lubin comedy, entitled, "Necrotic Conspiracy." The musical numbers on this programme are given by Miss Brown, who sings "I Love, Love," from "The Red Widow," and by Jean Wilson, who sings "Cute."

The Star Theater is featuring "The Voiceless Message," a drama, in which a popular deaf and dumb child actor is playing the leading role. The other numbers of the programme are the "Bear Hunt Romance," "Seeing Cincinnati" and "How Betty Captures the Outlaw," a farce comedy. There are also two similar acts.

The Arcade, Oh Joy, Tivoli and Crystal have new shows today.

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OROZCO TRAITOR TO MADERO, RUMOR

Officers Said to Have Letters in Which General Offers Aid to Reyes.

NEWS CAUSES SENSATION

Mexican President's Assistant in Late Revolution is Shadowed by Spies—Shipment of Rifles is Watched For.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 3.—Five letters, said to be signed by General Pascual Orozco, one of the officers of Madero's revolution, offering his services and those of his men to General Bernardo Reyes, in his alleged contemplated Mexican revolution, are in the hands of secret service agents here, it is said tonight, and will be used against General Reyes in his trial at Corpus Christi, when it is called.

The Orozco letters produced a profound sensation in secret service circles. The matter was kept quiet, only leaking out tonight. Orozco was in Juarez for several weeks, but left that city a few days ago, shadowed, it is said, by a spy in the employ of the Madero government.

The secret service men are looking for Garza Galant, a former associate of General Reyes in Mexico, to whom a cartload of rifles, it is said, was billed to El Paso from Chicago on November 22. The rifles have not yet arrived here.

In a bank there is said to be a fund of \$75,000 on deposit to the credit of the Reyista Junta. The bank Saturday went on the bond of Dr. Jarza Adelpe, arrested with the alleged 14 insurgents there.

ORCHARD GLAD, HE SAYS

GOVERNOR'S ASSASSIN COMMENTS ON McNAMARAS.

Life-Term in Idaho Penitentiary Likens Position of McNamagal in Case to His Own.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 3.—Harry Orchard, serving a life term in the Idaho Penitentiary for the assassination of Governor Steunenberg, which crime he said he was paid to commit by officials of the Western Federation of Miners who were tried and acquitted, gave out an interview today relative to the confession of the McNamaras.

He said he was glad the McNamaras had pleaded guilty. If they had stood trial and been convicted, he said, there would be ground for the creation of public sentiment in their favor by use of stories of bribery, etc., by the prosecution. The plea of guilty cleared up the matter for all time.

Orchard said that McNamagal was in much the same position that he himself was when he tried and convicted of the Steunenberg murder. In McNamagal's case, however, the prosecution at Los Angeles was about to produce corroborative evidence.

Samuel Gomper, said Orchard, in his opinion, was not advised of the dynamite schemes employed. These, he thought, were formulated and carried out by an organized inner circle, as he had said was the case with the Western Federation of Miners.

BLAST KILLS FIVE ON BOAT

Boiler on Ohio River Towboat Explodes; Houses Near Damaged.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.—Captain E. A. Swancy and four members of the crew of the towboat Diamond, which was killed today in the explosion of the boat's boiler while she was lying in the Ohio River off Avalon, six miles south. Four others were injured, two fatally. The boat, which was remodeled but a few months ago, lies at the bottom of the Ohio with the wheel and part of the afterdeck hoist exposed. The cause of the explosion has not been learned.

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'Phoebe's House Book' by Inez Haynes Gillmore in the December

American MAGAZINE

Pieces of machinery were hurled into the houses of Avalon, tearing away chimneys and landing in the streets. Only one body was found, it having been thrown on to a neighboring coal barge.

Aviator Schriver Is Killed. SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 3.—Tod Schriver, a well-known American aviator, was killed last evening in an exhibition flight which he was making at Ponce. Schriver fell 100 feet into a canyon and died within half an hour on the way to the hospital. Thousands of spectators witnessed the accident. Apparently he lost control of the machine in making a turn.

Robber Takes Wedding Ring. The first time in years that Mrs. M. R. Nelkes removed her wedding ring proved an unlucky day for her. Mrs. Nelkes took off the ring to wash the clothes in the kitchen of her home at 831 Minnesota avenue. A robber "jimmied" the front door of the house while the Nelkes were absent and took the ring. Other jewelry, of small value, was also taken.

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