

12 GIRLS AND ONE MAN MADE IN FLAMES

Workers in Box Factory Are Trapped by Fire Which Cuts Off Their Escape.

RESCUES SHOW HEROISM

Egress by Stairways Is Cut Off and Some Slide Down Rope, While Two Men Catch Others and Lower Them to Ground

PITTSBURG, Oct. 25.—Thirteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building, the upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box Company, on the North Side here, this afternoon. Of the dead all were young women employed by the company except one, Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong at once ordered that the police, City Council and the coroner make thorough investigation of the fire. The dead:

Colletta Sellman, aged 19; Helen Wanner; Sophia Zebok, aged 23; Carolina Ferrara, aged 15; Dorothy Link, aged 16; Florence Baker, aged 17; Cecelia Joss, aged 17; Bertha Dunapple, aged 24; Tillie Greininger, aged 20; Laura Breuninger, aged 23; Martha Miller, aged 20; Marcella Rauch, aged 17, and Peter Vallon.

Warning Given Promptly.
The flames started in a pile of straw in the rear of the feed store of James Brown & Co., on the first floor of the building. William C. Kimbel, general manager of the box factory at once went to the third and fourth floors and warned the girls employed there. The flames gained headway so rapidly, however, that escape by means of stairways and fire escapes was soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing-room for their hats and there, juddled on the floor, firemen found a majority of the bodies.

Joseph L. Bash and Z. J. Seagle, employed on the second floor of the building, were about to jump, when they were attracted by the screams of girls in the window above. The men told the girls to jump. One by one, as the girls leaped, Bash and Seagle caught them, lowering them as far as they could and let them drop to the sidewalk.

Girls Slide to Safety.
C. R. Carlisle, driver of a transfer wagon, drove his wagon into an alley in the rear of the building and threw up a rope to girls in a window above. Making one end fast, they slid down the rope to safety.

Margaret Steigerwald, aged 17, who was injured by jumping from a third-floor window, said she and five other girls were trapped in the building when somebody closed a door at the head of the stairway on the second floor.

"We got our wraps and started down the stairway," said Miss Steigerwald. "As we reached the second floor, some person closed the door at the head of the stairway and we were trapped. We tried to open the door, without success, and then we started back to the third floor. When we reached the third floor it was filled with smoke. We made for the windows. One girl pushed me away from a window, and I was the last to jump."

An attempt of a man to make moving pictures of the removal of bodies from the building was stopped by the police.

One Dies Hero's Death.
One of the heroes of the fire was Peter Vallon, who is among the dead. When the fire broke out he was working in the building. He groped his way to the street, where he heard the girls calling for help. He ran up per story, trying a handkerchief about his mouth. He rushed into the building. Six times Vallon staggered to the street with the unconscious form of a girl in his arms. When he failed to appear the seventh time, however, firemen began a search and found his body on the second floor. Next to his body a young girl, whom he evidently had tried to rescue when overcome by smoke.

Francis Feehan, supervising inspector of the State Department of Labor and Industry, made an examination of the building after the fire. He reported that fire escapes were inadequate.

SAN FRANCISCO TO VOTE

Little Interest Displayed Except by Those Affected by Issues.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Administration forces and members of the joint party committee both expressed confidence tonight in the success of their campaign for and against the return of Charles E. Strecker, Assistant United States Treasurer, announced here today. He said that legal measures would be taken to collect the money.

Mr. Strecker declared that persons of foreign birth have been more prompt in Centralia for a year, as required by law to make her a legal resident.

NEW ENGLANDERS TARDY

More Than 200 Owe Government for Trip From War Zone.

BOSTON, Oct. 27.—More than 200 New Englanders who returned from the United States Government through Consuls in Europe during the times of distress immediately following the declaration of war, have failed to return Charles E. Strecker, Assistant United States Treasurer, announced here today. He said that legal measures would be taken to collect the money.

GERMAN ADMITS HE HAS AID

and said he would give me \$25 a week.

"I was Ed Fay's idea. He was allowed to come here by the German government. I believe he cost \$4000 from that government. It cost between \$6 and \$70 to make one of these mines. We worked three months to perfect the exploding mechanism. We were almost ready when caught. We used the garage to do our mechanical work. Then we went to the boat-house.

CALIFORNIA PARTY TAKES GOLD TO WASHINGTON FOR PRESIDENT'S WEDDING RING TO BRIDE-TO-BE.



LEFT TO RIGHT—MRS. GAILLARD STONEY (CHAPERON OF THE THREE GIRLS), MISSES DOROTHY STARR, ALPHA McQUEENEY, ESTHER BULL.

GOLD FOR RING GIVEN

California Girls Arrive in Washington on Mission.

INVITATION ALSO GIVEN

President and Fiancee Visiting Each Other's Relatives; Miss Benham May Succeed Miss Hagner as Social Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—All the way from California came the three girls and their chaperon, bearing with them the precious yellow metal in its raw state, which the women of the Pacific Coast state have sent to the National capital, with the suggestion, happily accepted, that the gold be used in making the wedding ring for Mrs. Galt, the bride-to-be of President Wilson.

With the gold they also brought a monster invitation addressed to President Wilson, asking him to visit the two expositions (Panama-Pacific and San Diego) now being held in California.

Alpha McQueeney, the youngest member, won the trip East because her invitation to President Wilson was the best composed one submitted by the girls of the grammar school grades in her city.

Only Few to Attend Wedding.
It is known definitely that the wedding trip will be taken to the South, though the President may be convinced that a trip later to California would be advantageous.

Only close friends and members of the immediate family will be in attendance at the wedding.

President Wilson and Mrs. Galt went on a long motor ride again this afternoon. The President and Mrs. Galt are making visits upon each other's relatives, the trip to Emmitsburg made on Saturday being one of those.

Miss Benham acted in this capacity for Mrs. James Bryce, when Mr. Bryce was British Ambassador here, and was secretary for Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Theodore Shontz and the late Mrs. Duncan McKim.

Others mentioned as the possible successor are Miss Catherine Letterman, who was one of the most successful social secretaries and held the position throughout the Taft administration, and Miss Laura Harlan, daughter of the late Supreme Justice Harlan, who has had considerable experience and much success in all social circles.

UNCLAIMED LAND IS FOUND

Nearly 8000 Acres in Imperial Valley May Be Homesteaded.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Adjustments of conflicting claims to land in the Imperial Valley in California, was completed today by the Interior Department, and Secretary Lane announced that 7805 acres had been found free from claims. This acreage will be opened for immediate settlement under the Department's regulation.

Evidence of the first governmental survey in the Imperial Valley in 1856 were so completely removed by the elements that confusion resulted some 15 years ago when settlers, beginning to appreciate the possibilities of the rich soil, flocked to this region to take up land. In 1902 Congress authorized a re-survey. For seven years the Government has been readjusting the disputed claims shown by the re-survey.

SHIP GETS SECRET ORDERS

British Tramp Carrying Powder Allowed Short Stay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—The British tramp steamer Llangorse sailed from here today under secret orders, given the captain by A. Carnegie Ross, British Consul, at the expiration of a 48-hour stay allowed the vessel as a belligerent.

The possession of 25 tons of black gunpowder in her hold caused authorities to declare the Llangorse was a military transport entitled to remain here only 24 hours.

RUSSIANS WIN CASE

18 Immigrants Freed to Leave for Portland.

DEPORTATION HELD WRONG

Supreme Court Finds Authorities at Ellis Island Had No Right to Debar Party Because of Labor Problem on Coast.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 25.—Eighteen Russians, destined for Portland, but detained by immigration authorities at New York, with a view to deportation, were ordered liberated by the Supreme Court today and soon will be free to proceed to the Pacific Coast.

When these immigrants reached Ellis Island and announced they were en route to Portland, the Commissioner of Immigration ordered their deportation on the ground that there were many idle laborers then in Portland and that these Russians, if permitted to proceed, might become charges upon the community.

One of their number, All Gieglow, had money and sufficient knowledge of American law to convince him the immigration authorities were proceeding illegally against his party, so he instituted habeas corpus proceedings and the case was expedited and brought to the Supreme Court, where the Immigration Bureau was today overruled because it had undertaken to bar these immigrants on grounds other than those fixed by statute.

The principal arguments advanced against the law were that the initiative and referendum amendment had not been validly adopted, because of faulty publication, by Attorney Preston, that the amendment failed of adoption because submitted as a single proposition, instead of submitting the initiative and the referendum as separate amendments, by Attorney Howe; that the prohibition act was not adopted because copies of the initiative measure were not placed in the hands of voters 60 days before the election, by Attorney Donworth, and that the law was invalid because of inconsistencies and interference with interstate commerce, by Attorney Wooten. Against these contentions Attorney-General Tanner and associate counsel claimed a great preponderance of opinions, and urged that the proclamation of Governor Lister, declaring the law in effect, precluded inquiry into possible irregularities in the course of its adoption, having the same effect as the Governor's signature upon an enrolled bill.

All eight judges heard the case. A decision is expected within six weeks.

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PROTEST MAY GO TO GERMANY

Officials Regard Old by Secret Service as of Grave Import.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—If the State Department determines that Robert Fay is telling the truth in his story to the New York police of how he, a Lieutenant in the German army, was sent to this country by the German secret service for the purpose of disabling by explosives steamships leaving American ports for Europe, the matter probably will be made the subject of vigorous representations to the German government.

State Department officials were much interested today in press accounts of the confession said to have been made to Police Commissioner Woods and it was said that a report on the case was expected tomorrow from agents of the secret service who assisted in arresting Fay and his alleged accomplices.

The American Government, the officials said, would regard such an action as Fay's attitude to the German secret service as an offense against the United States of grave character.

It was explained, however, that not enough was known of the matter officially to hazard a presumption regarding the form of any representations which might be made would take, as to Captain Boy-Ed and Captain Von Pappen, of the German embassy, in New York, who were approached by him, refused to have anything to do with the scheme and advised against it.

All the information in the hands of the State Department has led officials to believe that no action toward prosecuting Fay and his alleged co-conspirators could be taken by the Federal authorities. In fact, it was pointed out, the Government might appear more in the nature of defender than prosecutor when the men came to trial in New York or New Jersey courts, for the reason that it is bound to see that all rights of Fay, as a subject of Germany, are protected.

CHARLTON TO BE SET FREE

of their marriage, a short time prior to the tragedy, she was Mrs. Neville H. Castle, a daughter of Henry H. Scott, of San Francisco.

Charlton and his bride were on their honeymoon at Lake Como when he killed her. Placing her body in a trunk, he threw it into Lake Como, where it was found by a boatman. Charlton fled from Italy and returned to the United States. He was arrested when he landed at Hoboken, and immediately confessed.

Body Put in Trunk.
In his confession Charlton said his wife was subject to fits of violent temper and that when enraged she showered abuse upon him. It was during one of these fits, he said, that he seized a mallet and struck her a blow on the head, killing her. He then put the body into the trunk and threw it into the lake.

For three years Charlton was held prisoner in Jersey City before he was permitted to Italy for trial. Every legal means was used in an endeavor to keep him from being sent back, the case going even to the Supreme Court of the United States, which decided that he must be extradited. During his incarceration in New Jersey a board of alienists examined him and declared that he was of unsound mind and not responsible for the crime.

Trial Often Delayed.
Since his return to Italy in 1913 Charlton has been in the jail here. The trial was delayed several times through the necessity of taking testimony in the United States and the examination of the prisoner by Italian alienists. The Italian alienists held divergent opinions as to whether Charlton was of sound or unsound mind.

The trial began October 5 but was postponed until October 18 in order to give Charlton's lawyer time to prepare the case. On October 18 the judge refused to consent to a motion for a further postponement and the case was carried to its conclusion.

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POLK TEACHERS TO MEET

Three-Day Session Will Open on Wednesday; All Must Attend.

MONMOUTH, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—One hundred and fifty teachers of Polk County are to meet in a three-day institute in Dallas Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Teachers have received notice that all must be in session, according to the state law. A long programme of music and dramatic numbers is arranged.

The programme contains the following speakers: J. H. Ackerman, president of Oregon Normal School; E. F. Carleton, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction; T. H. Gentle, principal of the State Training School, Monmouth; E. D. Resaler, department of education Oregon Agricultural College; D. W. Debusk, department of education University of Oregon; F. L. Griffin, Oregon Agricultural College; M. S. Pittman, Oregon Normal School; Miss Lillian Dinkler, Miss Alice McIntosh, Training School, Monmouth; Mrs. Manie Fullerton, institute instructor, Salem; H. H. Parsons, rural supervisor, Polk County.

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- Silk Lisle Hose**
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Women's fine Silk Lisle Hose in black, white and shades of tan—they come full-fashioned and with indestructible heel and toe—all sizes especially priced at 33c a pair or three pairs for \$1.
- Fleeced Cotton Hose**
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A warm, durable, fleeced Cotton Hose, made with elastic ribbed top and reinforced heel and toe—all sizes—a stocking of extra good value at 25c pair.

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