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FIRE TAKES LIVES OF 148 YOUNG GIRLS

Bodies Rain From Tall Factory Building in New York City.

50 DIE WHERE THEY WORK

Elevator Shafts Clogged With 30 Bodies of Girls Who Fall in Panic.

CROWD PASSES TO DEATH

Victims Rush to Window for Air and Are Pushed Out.

PEDESTRIANS DODGE DEAD

Sudden Flash Sets Shirtwaist Factory on Fire and Stampede Follows—Some Plucky Rescue Work Done by Students.

NEW YORK, March 25.—One hundred and forty-eight persons, nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side, were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered by smoke or burned to a crisp this afternoon in the worst fire known since the steamer Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brother Island in 1904.

One hundred and forty-one bodies had been removed from the ruins at midnight and seven of the 49 injured died in hospitals. This, it is believed, completes the list of dead, most of whom are unidentified.

Grief-stricken relatives besieged the morgue as the bodies were laid out. Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Waist Company on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a 10-story loft building at 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale district.

Partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped, carrying with them ever an adjoining roof Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire-escape on the building.

How the fire started perhaps never will be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and only the three upper floors were swept.

Many Crushed to Death. On the ninth floor 50 bodies were found, 53 or more persons were crushed to death by jumping, more than 30 clogged the elevator shafts. Less to property will not exceed \$100,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington square at 4:50 o'clock were scattered by the whizz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible thud on the pavement and a body flattened on the flagstones.

Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills. "Don't jump!" yelled the crowd. But the girls had no alternative. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to fall to the sidewalk.

Four alarms were rung within 15 (Continued on Page 8.)

CHANCE RECOVERS COSTLY MEMENTO

GIFT FROM CZAR TO OWNER'S FATHER FOUND AFTER YEAR.

Gold Pendant Lost in Los Angeles Hotel Is Returned Through Chat With Clerk.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 25.—(Special.)—Through a remarkable stroke of good fortune, Fred H. Eckhardt, a salmon dealer of Vancouver, B. C., today recovered a pendant valued at over \$1000, which he had lost at the Westminster Hotel here almost a year ago.

According to Mr. Eckhardt, the pendant had been given to his father more than 30 years ago by the czar of Russia while the elder Eckhardt was traveling in that country. It was in the form of a square cross. In this country it had been set with a valuable emerald which belongs to a member of the Eckhardt family.

When Mr. Eckhardt was in this city on business about 12 months ago, he lost the heirloom and supposed, he had dropped it from his watch fob while on the street.

While conversing with George Hopkins, clerk at the Westminster Hotel, Mr. Eckhardt mentioned his loss. To his surprise Hopkins dived into the safe behind the grill and returned with the valuable piece of jewelry.

When Mr. Eckhardt left the hotel 11 months ago for Vancouver, he gave one of the bellboys a suit of clothes which he had discarded. The boy took the suit to a tailor to have it renovated, and the tailor discovered the pendant in the turned-up cuff at the bottom of the trousers. The pendant was turned over to the hotel office, but every effort to locate the owner proved futile until Mr. Eckhardt himself proved his ownership today.

HANGING STAKE IN GAME

Two Murderers Play Grim Game of "Seven-Up" in Cell.

DENVER, March 25.—A game of seven-up with the stake a hangman's noose was played by two condemned murderers in their cell at the county jail today. The players were Michael H. Weichter, whose sentence had been fixed at life imprisonment by the jury that found him guilty of the murder of his former sweetheart, Anatolia Wunderle; the other, Weichter, adjudged guilty of murdering W. Clifford Burrows. In his case the jury had fixed hanging as the punishment.

But the game was not finished, for Murphy was taken into court to be sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Biles. "You need not look to this court for any mitigation of your sentence," said Judge Biles.

"Let's play for sentences," said he to Murphy, his cell mate. "If I win I'll take your place. If I lose I'll take my own medicine. It's my life against yours," said Murphy, and the game started, never to be finished.

SOLONS WARNED OF MOVE

Mysterious Action in New York Senatorial Race.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 25.—Senator Roosevelt learned today that all the Republican members of the Legislature had been asked to be in Albany Monday morning by the minority leaders, Brackett and Merritt. He at once sent telegrams to his fellow insurgents, requesting that they also be on hand, ready for an emergency in the balloting for United States Senator. He would not divulge the reason for his action.

Speaker Friehle telegraphed all the Democratic members tonight, warning them to be in their seats Monday morning.

PRIZEFIGHT PULPIT THEME

"Will He Win?" Subject of Oklahoma Minister's Sermon.

SAPULPA, Okla., March 25.—From the pulpit of the First Methodist Episcopal Church South here tomorrow the Rev. Jerry Jeter will discuss Carl Morris' chances to win his fight from Mike Schreck, of Louisville, to be held here next Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Jeter's text will be, "Will He Win?"

The pastor is a believer in all kinds of sports. More than 6000 tickets to the fight have been sold. Three moving-picture machines will be in operation.

RUSSIA TO FORCE CHINA TO TERMS

She Must Yield March 28 or Fight.

STERN ULTIMATUM IS SENT

Answers to Russian Demands Cryptic and Evasive.

PROCRASTINATION TO END

Note Presented to Chinese Foreign Board Says if China Resists After March 28, She Must Pay for Her Obstinacy.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—The Russian government is determined to force China to take decisive action regarding the Russian demand that the provisions of the treaty of 1881 be complied with.

Russia's ultimatum, which has been presented to the administration at Peking through the Russian minister, declares that China must give a satisfactory answer to the Russian claims before March 28, otherwise it will hold the Chinese government responsible for such action as Russia deems advisable to take. The ultimatum was contained in a telegram from M. Neratoff, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, to M. Korostovetz, the Russian minister at Peking, as follows:

China's Answer Evasive.

"Negotiations in recent months have convinced the imperial government that the Chinese are seeking by cryptic and evasive answers to reject the points of the note of February 15. As an instance, on March 19 the Chinese memorandum presented to the Russian minister yielded, on one hand, to our repeated representations and agreed that the establishment of a consulate at Kobdo should not be made dependent upon the introduction of custom treaties, while, on the other hand, it remained silent regarding the establishment of other consulates, for which provision was made in article 19 of the St. Petersburg treaty, and also regarding monopolies which, contrary to the agreements among the powers, had been introduced in the Province of Sinkiang.

"It is also intimated that in the trade in local products Russian traders must observe the same conditions as the Chinese, thus entirely ignoring the treaty provisions exempting Russians trading in Mongolia and Western China from the payment of customs duties and other taxes whatsoever.

Procrastination Must End.

"In view of the futile character of such negotiations in the course of which the Chinese government has sought to restrict Russia's treaty rights by advancing arguments which it afterwards abandoned, the Russian government sees itself obligated to interfere in this procrastination, for which there is no justification, and requests the Chinese government formally to admit that all the points in the note of February 15 are valid and conform to the treaty stipulations.

"Only after such admission can the Russian government agree to enter into negotiations on the questions of the introduction of customs duties, the establishment of a special regime for the tea trade or any other partial modification of the treaty of 1881.

Reply by March 28 or Fight.

"If an exhaustive and satisfactory reply to all six points of the note of February 15 is not received by March 28, Russia reserves to itself freedom of action and will make the Chinese government responsible for the obstinacy displayed by it."

In the last few days there have been persistent rumors in the Far East that Russia's patience was exhausted and that a declaration of war against China was imminent. It would appear now (Continued on Page 2.)

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FIVE MEN CHOSEN FOR DIAZ' CABINET

In Addition, Limantour Will Rule Finance.

REYES WILL FIGHT REBELLION

Reforms Will Provide Real Election of Governors.

DE LA BARRA IN CABINET

Diaz Will Announce Programme to Congress Saturday and Limantour Predicts That It Will Unite All Good Mexicans.

MEXICO CITY, March 25.—Although no official announcement has been made, it is known that five of the new members of President Diaz' Cabinet have been selected and it is almost certain Jose Limantour will remain as Minister of Finance. Other selections besides that of Senor de la Barra are:

Demetrio Sodi, Judge of the Supreme Court, Minister of Justice, succeeding Justino Fernandez.

Norbeto Dominguez, Postmaster-General, succeeding Leader Fernandez.

Manuel Maroquin, a well-known civil engineer, Department of Fomento (promotion of colonization and industry), succeeding Olegario Molina.

Jorge Estanol, an attorney, Minister of Education, succeeding Justino Sierra.

So far as announcements are concerned, Mexico City is as ignorant tonight as it was yesterday. Officials expected to be able to give out the names of the men appointed at 7 o'clock tonight, but have decided to wait until next week.

For the heads of the Departments of War and Interior, no hint has been given.

REYES TO FIGHT REBELS.

General Bernardo Reyes, now in Italy, who by many was thought to be slated for the post of Secretary of War and Marine, is returning to Mexico, but not to serve in that capacity.

According to a high authority he will return to serve in the army. With the exception of General Diaz himself, there is no man in Mexico who the Mexican people credit with greater military genius than General Reyes, and it is believed the mere knowledge of the fact that he is to be sent into the field will do much to break the spirit of the revolution.

Elections to Be Genuine.

With the changes in the Cabinet reforms which have been enacted, which will include changes in the electoral system, effective suffrage in the election of state Governors and a reformation of the powers of the jefe politico. It is said a full programme of these reforms will be given in the President's message next Saturday at the opening of Congress.

"That the administration's policy of reform now has an excellent chance of being carried out successfully is currently believed, but no alteration in its attitude toward the rebels, so far as the war is concerned, is expected.

Difficulties Will Be Solved.

"I hope and earnestly trust that the present difficulties will be soon solved for the best of the country and to the satisfaction of all," said Senor Limantour today. Mr. Limantour insisted that he be quoted as a private citizen.

"I feel that I can say that the administration of President Diaz is prepared to take such measures and implement such reforms as will satisfy the best public opinion and, while meeting force with force, it will leave nothing undone in the present circumstances to unite all good Mexicans.

"The Mexican people and the government are friendly to us must believe, and I say this in all solemnity of verity, that the government is determined properly and progressively to satisfy (Continued on Page 2.)

CALIFORNIA PUTS BAN ON NEPOTISM

BILL TO BAR OFFICIALS NAMING RELATIVES PASSES.

Legislators Guilty of Offense Which Measure Seeks to Correct Many Are Affected.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 25.—(Special.)—By a vote of 43 to 18 Henry Ward Brown's bill against nepotism was passed by the Assembly today.

The bill makes it impossible for legislators, state officers or local public officers to appoint to positions under them relatives within the third degree of consanguinity.

At present many of the state officers have one or more members of their immediate families holding positions of trust.

Several legislators have, during the session almost over, named to lucrative positions brothers, wives, daughters and other relatives. Brown of San Mateo, author of the bill, in a speech for the measure, patted the legislators on the back and branded them the best legislators California has ever had, despite the fact that nepotism prevails within the body.

RECRUIT WOULD BE FED

Spokane Officer Rejects Light Applicant; He Is Indignant.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Rejected for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps today on account of being considerably under weight, Lewis Bert Johns, a clerk of Tacoma and a recent arrival in Spokane, demanded that the Government should feed him until he gained the needed avoirdupois. He was indignant that his demand was turned down.

Drawing attention to the story how an under-weight recruit for the infantry at Portland, Ore., had been brought up to standard by Lieutenant Upham, the Portland Army recruiting officer giving him a couple of hearty meals, the indignant Johns said to Sergeant Chamberlin, "I shall report at the Portland recruiting station and fatten up."

ALIEN BILL IS RECALLED

Measure Affecting Japanese May Be Passed Today.

SACRAMENTO, March 25.—The Assembly tonight by a vote of 39 to 29 recalled from the judiciary committee the Senate substitute alien land bill. The bill is the measure upon which the committee voted to rescind its action upon request of Governor Johnson, who is believed to have received a message from Washington urging him to prevent anti-Japanese legislation.

The resolution asking for the recall of the bill was presented by Assemblyman Coghlan, of San Francisco, who declares he will ask that the bill be put on the special urgency file and passed tomorrow.

TREASURE FOUND IN RUINS

Manor House Built in 13th Century Concealed \$1,250,000.

LONDON, March 25.—Treasure trove to the value of \$1,250,000 is reported from Jersey, where it was uncovered by Athelstan Riley, while he was pulling down the ruins of an old manor house built in the 13th century with the object of using the stone to enlarge his present manor.

The discovery includes ancient urns filled with spade guineas, coined during the reign of King George III and bearing the British arms on a spade-shaped shield. One urn bears the monogram of Emperor Vespasian, the Roman who flourished in the first century.

210 VOTERS ARE INDICTED

More True Bills Expected in Kentucky for Selling Franchise.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 25.—A special from Frankfort, Ky., says that the grand jury of Floyd County, which has been investigating vote selling, has returned 210 indictments and that many more true bills will be found against voters before the inquiry is concluded. This is an increase of about 100 indictments over the last report.

Similar conditions are said to exist in Pike and Magoffin Counties and their grand juries will begin an investigation soon.

Riggs Saw Impending Danger.

Motorman Riggs, of Ashland, in speaking of the collision tonight, said: "It was not till I was coming down on the junction, where I was to take the siding to give right of way to No. 15, that I noticed something was wrong. As we have to stop there to turn the switch for the siding, I applied the airbrakes first and found they would not work; then I tried the emergency (Continued on page 4.)

HARRY MURPHY DISCOVERS A FEW CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR WHERE NONE WERE KNOWN TO EXIST BEFORE



The thinking-it-over candidate. To run or not to run? Can't decide, the strain is awful. Believes he would struggle if some one should ask him to.

Fading contractor's candidate. Plasterers give us more streets; don't use gravel when clay is handy; repave 'em every year whether they need it or not.

Topsy-turvy tax candidate. Our present prosperity is fictitious, according to a little book he read while unavoidably detained at the State's House for Fossil-minded. Declares if elected he will fix things.

Burglars' candidate. Says city should have a new jail. Thinks the Portland Hotel would do very well for one. Leading plank is: Reduce the taxpayers' burden by abolishing the police force.

Anti-improvement candidate. During the campaign will ask the thoughtful voter that significant question: Why a paved street when a cow-path is cheaper?

Harmonizer candidate. Belongs to no faction, but is firm believer of tenets of all of them. Champion of labor, likewise warm friend of capital. More public improvements and less taxes.

"Yellow-peril" candidate. Heavy guard should immediately be thrown around Ashland and City Council. Any citizen talking peace to be fished on the bayonet's point. "Death" also H-I-ood!