



DESTROYED BY FIRE

WORK OF INCENDIARY

Business District of Grangeville Idaho Is Wiped Out

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$200,000

All Telephone Communication was Destroyed But Flames Were Visible for Miles Thus Summoning Help From Surrounding Towns.

Grangeville, Idaho, Sept. 14.—Fire swept the heart of the business district at an early hour this morning and the loss of approximately \$200,000 is credited to a fire bug. With remarkable rapidity the fire leaped from building to building until the flames were visible at Denver, ten miles away. All telephone communication was destroyed but the fire itself served the purpose of summoning help and a number of fire fighters came from the towns and country for miles around.

The heaviest loser was the firm of Alexander Frienderich & Co., their loss being estimated at \$90,000 of which \$75,000 was on the stock and \$15,000 on the building. The Jersey House, the largest hotel in the town was burned, entailing a loss of about \$30,000. The Bank of Camas Prairie, which was destroyed contained all the books and accounts of the Jumbo Mining and Milling company.

The First National Bank's loss consisted mostly of plate glass windows. Vollmer and Scott, whose large establishment adjoined the burning district had a narrow escape, but their business was saved.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 14.—Oregon and Washington: Friday, fair.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Tacoma, Sept. 14.—Tacoma 3, Seattle 7.
San Francisco, Sept. 14.—San Francisco 1; Oakland, 2.
Los Angeles, Sept. 14.—Los Angeles, 2; Portland, 3.

SUNKEN STEAMER IDENTIFIED.

Proves to Be the John Grafton, of London, England.
Helsingfors, Finland, Sept. 14.—The steamer which was sunk by her crew on September 10 after landing a portion of a cargo of arms and ammunition on a barren island in the Gulf of Bothnia has been identified as the John Grafton of London, England.
Divers say there are a thousand additional rifles on board.

HIGH FINANCE EMPLOYED IN LIFE INSURANCE

New York, Sept. 14.—When the special legislative committee that is probing the life insurance companies methods adjourned today, chief counsel Hughes had finished for the present the examination into the Mutual Life Insurance company, and that of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company was started on.

NORWAY MAY OFFER THRONE TO PRINCE GEORGE

This is the intention if Prince Charles of Denmark declines.

Copenhagen, Sept. 14.—A Norwegian diplomat said today that if, owing to the opposition of the Swedish government, Prince Charles of Denmark should decline the throne of Norway, negotiations would probably be opened with Prince George, of Greece.

CRANK IS INSANE

Was Arrested After Persistent Efforts to See the President.

Mineola, L. I., Sept. 14.—Isaac Schamus, who was arrested at Oyster Bay Tuesday after he had made efforts to see the president in order to present a plan for the handling of the anthracite coal output, was today declared insane.

STRIKERS WAIVE DEMANDS

Refused Increase in Pay, But Will Be Given Shorter Hours.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—The indications to night are that the threatened strike of the freight handlers employed by the railroads of Chicago and vicinity will not take place, the union having decided to waive their demand for an increase of ten per cent in wages. Committees representing each freight house throughout the city called on the general managers today and although they were met with a refusal for any increase in wages they were offered modifications in other ways, such as shorter working hours and pay while injured.

PASTOR IS ASSAILED

Woman who is Ousted From Church Seeks Revenge.

Rev. T. B. Elliott, Well Known Pastor of Vancouver M. E. Church Has Charges of Heresy Placed Against Him at the Annual Conference.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 14.—Charges of conduct unbecoming a minister, falsifying and heresy were read today against Rev. T. B. Elliott, pastor of the Methodist church at Vancouver, Wash., before the annual session of the Puget Sound M. E. conference, also against Rev. G. A. Landen, presiding elder of the Centralia district, charging maladministration and bias.

The charges against Elliott were made by the followers of Mrs. Hidden, a woman expelled from the Vancouver church by the committee. Landen is accused of unfairness in the selection of the trial committee in this case.

NINE LOSE LIVES IN FIRE

—A factory in this city was destroyed by fire today, in which nine persons were burned to death, and several injured.

EMPLOYERS MEET

ORGANIZATION FORMED

Typothetae and Independent Firms Resist Union Demands.

FIFTY HOUSES ACCEPT TERMS

After Union Orders Men to Leave An Eight Hour House the Independent Firms Meet With the Typothetae and Form Organization.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Concerted action between the members of the Chicago Typothetae and a number of big independent employers of printers was decided on today in the effort to oppose the demands of the union job printers of Chicago. After the union had ordered out 100 men in an eight-hour house for refusal to grant the request of the union, the Chicago Typothetae invited the independent master printers to meet members of the typothetae in an effort to devise means of fighting the union demands. Nearly 100 independent employers attended the meeting where a motion was adopted to have a committee appointed to arrange for the formation of an organized independent master printers to resist the 8-hour day plan. During the day more than 50 small independent establishments agreed to the proposal presented by the union.

LYNCHING BEE MAY YET TAKE PLACE

Miners of Granite Hill on Trail of Jennings' Murderers.

Grants Pass, Sept. 14.—Information was received here last evening from Granite Hill that the miners of that camp have agreed to run down the murderer of N. N. Jennings, the old man who was killed as he slept in his cabin last Thursday night. The miners believe they have a clew to the murderers, and that the two men who killed Jennings slew him for his money, since escaping to the mountains.
They declare there will be a lynching bee at Granite Hill if the guilty persons are caught.

BREAK OPTION LAW

Coos Saloon Men Plead Guilty and Await Court's Action.

Coquille, Sept. 14.—The saloonkeepers of Coos county, with the exception of those in Marshfield, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of selling liquors contrary to the provisions of the local option law. Judge Hamilton suspended sentence until the supreme court had decided on the legality of the election. The saloonkeepers of Marshfield are depending on their charter, which was amended at the last session of the legislature, and gave the city council control of the liquor business. The saloons have closed their doors until the question is settled by the higher court.

VICTORY FOR GROWERS

Smutty Wheat Will Not Be Graded Lower Than Formerly.

Tacoma, Sept. 14.—Washington wheat growers are happy over the announcement by the state grain inspection department that there will be no change in the present system of grading smutty wheat. Wheat containing smut will be graded as No. 1, smutted, although the growers will have to submit to the

higher charges made by the combine for smutting the grain.

The charge for smutting will, however, be from 5 to 20 cents, against a charge of 3 and 4 cents in former years, the commission deciding that it has no authority to say what shall be charged by the buyers for this work. The commission will experimentally, for a month fix the dockage on each car of dirty wheat inspected. Should the plan prove successful, it will be adopted permanently.

NEW CABLE LINES

Connection Will Be Made With Both Japan and China.

New York, Sept. 14.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Pacific Cable company today made the announcement that the company had secured the necessary concessions to enter Yokohama, Japan and Shanghai, China. Japan will be reached by laying a cable from Guam in the Pacific ocean direct to Yokohama. The cable to China will be laid from Manila to Shanghai.

NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, Sept. 14.—Major-General Ovansky and his suite returned from Kochiation this morning. At 7 o'clock last evening General Ovansky and General Fukushima signed the armistice ordinance in the open plain near Shakhedze, after the negotiations had been conducted for nine consecutive hours.

AUDITOR IS REMOVED

Governor of Indiana Declares Office Vacant.

Had Used State Funds for Private Investments and Is Summarily Dismissed—Will Be Arrested for Embezzlement.

Indianapolis, Sept. 14.—Alleging that David H. Sherrick, auditor of the state was guilty of a "plain and inexcusable violation of the law and a gross betrayal of the public trust," in investing funds belonging to the state in his private affairs, Governor Hanley today issued an executive order declaring the office vacant and appointed Warren Bigler, of Wabash, as his successor.
Later in the day Sherrick forwarded his resignation to the governor, which was immediately accepted.

Detectives are now on the way to the home of ex-auditor Sherrick to where he will be served with a warrant for his arrest, charging him with embezzlement.

IDENTITY CONCEALED

Wealthy California Woman Long Lives Under Assumed Name.

Florence, Italy, Sept. 14.—When the will of a woman known as Mary R. Newbree, who died here on May 13 was opened today, it was found that her real name was Mrs. Guy Gunner, of Los Angeles, and that she had been divorced. The woman's estate amounts to \$66,000 and the will bequeaths \$20,000 of this to charity, \$1,000 to her servants, \$8,000 to her female friends the remainder to her son James, and a Count whose name is not disclosed.

WITHDRAW FROM CONFERENCE

Citizens Union Shows That It Is Not Opposed to Tammany Hall.

New York, Sept. 14.—Representatives of the citizens union withdrew tonight from the conference of the various local political organizations which were opposed to Tammany hall.

The conference has been called for the purpose of determining upon a majority candidate to oppose Mayor McClellan, who it is generally understood will not stand for re-election as a Tammany nominee.

INCREASE OF FEVER

FORTYNINE NEW CASES

Six Deaths in New Orleans Patterson Reports Many Victims.

FIRST SUICIDE IS REPORTED

Steps Are Being Taken to De-populate Parishes of Tallulah and Lake Providence—Federal Authorities Have Ample Forces at Work.

New Orleans, Sept. 14.—Official report up to 6 p. m.: New cases, 49; total, 2462; deaths, 6; total, 329; under treatment, 316.

New Orleans, Sept. 14.—With steps in progress to depopulate both Tallulah and Lake Providence as much as possible, and with an ample fever force at work at both places, shows some improvement as to yellow fever. Out of 40 squares in Tallulah, 36 are infected, many of the victims being people of prominence and some being desperately ill. Former Naval Officer J. B. Snyder is among the late cases.

At Patterson 22 patients remain in the hospital. Cases appear in considerable numbers in the town, but are generally mild.

The first suicide due to yellow fever has been reported. Antonio Gongo, an Italian was attacked by the disease. In his delirium he got out of bed, secured a revolver and blew his brains out. He leaves a widow and two infant children.

BOSTON'S MAYOR DEAD

Was Among the Last of the 'Old School' in National Life.

Boston, Sept. 14.—Mayor Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, died today at Hot Springs, Va. Mayor Collins was regarded here as one of the last members of the so called "old school" in national life. He was presiding officer of the National democratic convention of 1888. For many years Mayor Collins devoted much time to the defense of the cause of home rule for Ireland and was the first national president of the Irish Land League in this country.

PRESIDENT SANCTIONS BIG CANAL CONTRACT

President Endorses Action of Shonts in Accepting His Report.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 14.—The contract for hotel and subsistence concession of the Panama canal zone, is awarded to Jacob E. Markel, of Omaha, by President Shonts of the Panama railroad com

mission. This, in effect is the decision of President Roosevelt, who today approved the report on the subject made by Shonts. The contract amounts in the aggregate to many millions of dollars, but Shonts report indicates that it may be abrogated at the will of the government, which will actually own the permanent plant to be used by the market in filling the terms of the contract.

NORTH BANK MYSTERY IS CLEARING UP

Many Believe That Harriman, Not Hill, Back of the Project.

Walla Walla, Sept. 14.—A large force of men is encamped on the Columbia river opposite Wallula, and this morning they took up the work of grading for a railroad down the north bank of the stream. The outfit includes a large number of horses and grading tools, but it is impossible to ascertain under whose direction the work is being done. It is believed that it is part of Porter Brother's construction outfit, which has also sent a force of men and tools to Vancouver to begin work at that end. It is presumed that work is being done for the Northern Pacific.

WIFEBEATER FINED.

Hillsboro, Sept. 14.—Henry Becked, of South Corvallis, was yesterday tried by a jury in Justice Bagley's court and convicted of the charge of assault and battery on his wife, Mary Becker. He was fined \$40.

BRYAN MAKES SUGGESTION

Outlines Plan to President for Permanent Peace Congress.

Says Ending of Russia-Japan War Glorious Thing, But It Would Have Been Far More Glorious to Have Prevented Frightful Loss of Life.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 14.—A letter addressed to President Roosevelt from W. J. Bryan, in which a plan for a permanent peace was suggested, was made public this evening. Bryan says:

"Why not ask congress for authority to submit all international questions, (when an agreement cannot be reached by the parties interested) to an impartial board for investigation and report. The investigation will in nearly every case remove the cause of complaint and reconcile the parties.

"It was a glorious thing to end the war between Russia and Japan, but it would have been far more glorious to have prevented the war and saved the frightful loss of life. The congratulations you received from the heads of European governments should strengthen your chances of success. If the leading nations of the world would enter into an agreement to join this nation in creation of such a board and pledge themselves to submit all their disputes to the board for investigation before declaring war, the danger of war would be reduced to a minimum. Few men have had the power to do so much for humanity—will you improve the opportunity?"

"W. J. BRYAN."

MISSOURI'S GOVERNOR IS BOOMED FOR PRESIDENT

Portland, Sept. 14.—Governor Chamberlain this afternoon during the Missouri day exercises in the auditorium of the Lewis and Clark exposition, launched the boom for Governor Folk of Missouri as the next presidential candidate on the democratic ticket.

Governor Chamberlain was scheduled to deliver an address of welcome, but in the course of his speech he mentioned Governor Folk as the natural choice of the democrats for president.

Folk's name, as a presidential candidate was greeted by a tremendous outburst of applause.