



DRURY LANE THEATRE

Famous Old Play House Burned.

FIRE SEEN TOO LATE

Fire Brigade Worked Heroically But the Fire Had Too Good a Start.

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LONDON, March 25.—Drury Lane theatre, one of the most famous in London, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. While the interior of the theatre is destroyed and outside as well as the whole interior is badly damaged. The flames were first discovered about 4 o'clock this morning bursting from the windows. It was then too late to save the structure which burned fiercely despite all the efforts of the fire brigade. There was no loss of life. The theatre has been closed since the pantomime season ended. It was to have been reopened on April 18. The origin of the fire is unknown.

CHILDREN'S HOME.

Receives Gift of \$70,000 From Childless Couple.

CHICAGO, Mar. 24.—Through the interest aroused in the hearts of a childless old couple by a 12 year old orphan girl the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society has been enriched by a gift of \$70,000. By this gift the long delayed dream of an industrial home for orphan girls has become a reality and the resources of the society are doubled.

Four years ago A. B. Judy, a wealthy farmer residing near Petomac, Ill., and his wife adopted a little orphan from one of the homes of the society. Through their interest in their adopted daughter they were led to study juvenile charitable societies and Mr. Judy conceived the project of building a memorial school for orphans.

Further Mr. Judy proposes to devote to the society 400 acres of choice farming land valued at \$150 an acre, himself and wife to retain a life interest in the land except ten acres which with a beautiful grove of hard wood timber is to go with the building to the society. The income from the land is to form the endowment fund for maintenance of the school. The contract for the transfer has been completed and today the property which the society holds virtually amounts to \$140,000 as against \$70,000 yesterday and \$10,000 ten years ago.

The new home is midway between Potomac and Ellis, Ill.

NINTH GRANDCHILD.

Disarranges Plans for Distribution of Millionaires Property.

CHICAGO, Mar. 24.—An event of great importance to the family of the late Otto Young occurred Sunday night in the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel K. Martin. The boy is the ninth grand child to share the millions left by the merchant. Until the birth of this, their first child, the

Martins under the terms of the will, had no claims on the fortune beyond Mrs. Martin's life interest in its income, now they have an heir whose prospects are worth at least \$3,000,000. It is the first young grandchild to be born into its own rights since the death of Mr. Young.

The importance of the event to the four branches of the family arises from the peculiar provisions of Mr. Young's will. In his testament, Mr. Young directed that his widow and four daughters be given practically the entire income from his estate but the principal, amounting at the time of his death to \$25,000,000 he left to be divided equally among his grandchildren. To the family with the most children thereby will receive the most money and the one with none living at the time of the distribution will not share.

The birth of the Martin baby had the effect of disarranging calculations in the families of the other three daughters. The prospective share of the family of Mrs. Marie Julia Young Kauffman of Marquette, Mich. who is in the lead with five children was decreased by the event from five eighths to five ninth of the estate—a loss approximately of \$1,875,000. The future share of the family of Mrs. Cecile Young Keyworth, with two children declined from 25 to 22 per cent while that of Mrs. Catherine Young Hobart, one child fell off some \$375,000.

An addition to any of these three families will help it to regain the loss of prestige suffered through the event in the Martin family. At the same time a repetition in the Martin family will enhance its prospects and still further reduce the others.

SLAYER OF SHERIFF

Half a Hundred Cowboys in Pursuit of the Murderer.

DEAD OFFICER WELL KNOWN

The Man Who Did the Shooting Was a Horsethief Whom the Sheriff Had Arrested—The Sheriff Was Relentless in Pursuit of Thieves.

HELENA, March 24.—Half a hundred cowboys in pursuit of the murderer of Sheriff James Webb, of Yellowstone county, who was killed on the Mussell Shell near Billings by William Byckfound, a horsethief, who was wanted in Wyoming, whom Webb had arrested. The dead officer was known as one of the best and most fearless men in the State. He served six years as a stock detective and arrested many "bad" men, some of whom he chased from one end of the state to the other before getting them. His relentless pursuit of stock thieves made him many enemies and his life was often threatened.

INCENDIARY FIRES.

CHICAGO, Mar. 24.—The fourth fire of supposed incendiary origin in Joliet within 24 hours occurred last night and, like the fire Sunday night seemed to be directed against one of the leaders of the local option fight. The fire occurred in the plant of the Illinois Match Company which is owned by Col. Fred Bennett, the leader of the "dry's"

The fire last night which followed the fires in the Ruby Grain Elevator, the Leach Windmill plant and the Hardy Machine Shops started in the drying room of the Match Company's plant within ten minutes after the night watchman had passed through his room on his inspection tour. The loss was comparatively small but two hundred employes in the factory will be thrown out of work for a month. This fact led to a crowd of angry workmen making threats if the incendiaries are found.

A number of arrests have been made.

MAY COMMUTE SENTENCE

Fate of Orchard Under Ad- visement.

JUDGE WOOD HOPEFUL

What Action the State Board of Pardons Will Take Cannot be Surmised.

COULD BE OF USE TO STATE

If Orchard is Sincere, in the State- ment he Makes That he Desires to Make All Possible Reparation, he Should be Willing to Live.

BOISE, March 24.—What action the state board of pardons will take when it meets April 1 in regard to the recommendation of Judge Fremont Wood to commute the sentence of death to life imprisonment in the case of Harry Orchard cannot even be surmised. It is the general impression however that the action recommended by Wood will be followed. Judge Wood expresses confidence that the sentence will be commuted. Today it was suggested to Judge Wood that Orchard has stated that he prefers death to life imprisonment. Wood replied: "If Orchard is sincere in the statement that he desires to make all possible reparation for his crimes he should be willing to live if there is a possibility of his being of further service to the state. If Orchard be hanged nothing would prevent Jack Simpkins from walking the streets of any Idaho town with impunity."

INSUFFICIENT DAMAGES.

NEW YORK, Mar. 24.—When a jury in the supreme court at White Plains yesterday brought in a verdict for \$2,000 damages against the New York City Railway Company in a suit brought in behalf of Patrick Moran, a boy of fourteen for the loss of a foot, Judge Morschauser sent the jury back for further deliberation. "I do not think the amount is sufficient" said the judge. "If you find for the plaintiff at all I think you must figure on the amount which will compensate the boy for the loss of his foot and his suffering. If you find there was contributory negligence, then you must find for the company." The jury after going out the second time, returned an hour later with a verdict of \$8,000 for the plaintiff. He sued through his mother as guardian for \$75,000.

GAVE POSSE THE SLIP.

RENO, March 24.—The bandits who held up Edward Hoffman, the manager of the Coalition Mine near Rawhide Sunday and who were surrounded by a posse that night gave their pursuers the slip and escaped to the southward. It is thought they headed for Death Valley. The posse is still in pursuit but with little hope of a capture.

REPORT UNTRUE.

LEXINGTON, March 24.—A report is in circulation today of a settlement having been reached between the American Society of Equity and the American Tobacco Co., was denied at the office of the secretary of the Equity Society in Winchester this afternoon, the statement being that there was nothing in it.

DEFECTIVE RAILS.

Forty People Hurt by Trolley Leaving the Rails.

DETROIT, March 24.—Over a score were injured this afternoon, two of them seriously, and nearly another score received minor hurts when an interurban car on the Ann Arbor branch of the Detroit United Railways in-bound was derailed by defective rails and plowed across a brick pavement into a store building. The car was wrecked and the front of the building demolished.

TO GIVE BOY A HOME.

SPOKANE, March 24.—"Jesse Hart," the boy suspected of being Cecil Brittan, the kidnapped Oregon boy, has mystified R. L. Brittan, the father of the stolen child. Brittan was at first positive that the boy was his son, but the boy insists that he is Jesse Hart and his story is backed up by Mrs. L. M. Hert, a variety actress of Wallace, Idaho. The lad is strongly like Cecil and is familiar with the Wild Seven Devils region and the tollgate country as the lost boy would be likely to be. Brittan is now planning to take the boy and give him a home.

BOXING CLUB.

LOS ANGELES, March 24.—The Jeffries Athletic Club was formed here today for the purpose of holding 25-round bouts at Vernon. James J. Jeffries is president of the club and will referee the fights. The club intends to hold its first bout during the week in which Admiral Evans' fleet is in Los Angeles ports.

FORCE REPUBLICANS

To Some Action on Employers' Liability Law.

DEMOCRATIC FILIBUSTERING

A General Debate on the Agricultural Appropriation Bill Continued Throughout the Day Except for a Brief Time When Sulzer Spoke.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The determination to conduct a filibuster on all occasions where an opportunity presents itself in order to force the Republicans to some action on the employers' liability law and other measures is deemed necessary of enactment was announced by Williams, the minority leader in the House today during the consideration of the agricultural bill. He said he had waited until today to see some evidences of their intention to transact business which the people are demanding but finding none, he had reached the conclusion that the time was ripe to force the hand of the Republican party. The Democrats cheered the announcement. A general debate on the agricultural appropriation bill continued throughout the day except for a brief time when Sulzer by way of retaliation for the action of the House yesterday in eliminating from the record his speech of Saturday last sought to have expunged some remarks of Dalzell regarding the rules. In fact, however, he was unsuccessful. Many democrats refrained from supporting his proposition.

MATRIMONY!

NEW YORK, March 24.—Some- what peculiar circumstances attend the engagement of Miss Mildred Barnes to Robert Woods Bliss, secretary of the American Legation at Brussels just announced. Miss Barnes is the daughter of Mrs. Wm. H. Bliss second wife of Wm. H. Bliss, who is the prospective groom's father. Some years ago the elder Mr. Bliss, then a widower, with one son, married Miss Barnes' mother, after the death of the bride's father.

INVITATIONS ACCEPTED

The Battleship Fleet Will Visit China.

SOCIAL CALLS LIMITED

All Other Invitations Should Any be Extended Will be Declined With Thanks.

A CABINET SESSION DECIDES

The Fleet Must be Home on Wash- ington's Birthday so That President Roosevelt Can Participate in the Welcome 10 Days Before he Retires

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The battleship fleet will visit China as well as Australia and Japan and be home on Washington's birthday so that President Roosevelt may participate in the welcome before his retirement which occurs 10 days later. In deciding at the cabinet session today to accept the invitation extended by China it was also determined that the limit of social calls had been reached and that all other invitations, should any be extended, will be declined with appreciative and regretful thanks.

ISSUE STATEMENT TODAY.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., March 24.—Professor Clark, chairman of the student affairs committee, announced this evening he would issue a statement tomorrow morning in regard to the cases now under investigation. He gives no intimation of the committee's probable action. It is surmised by the students that at least a part of the 247 will be dismissed.

President Jordan, president of the university, refuses to talk on the question. The original 12 students suspended have prepared an appeal to Jordan if the committee will not reinstate them tomorrow. No student body meeting will be held until the decision is announced.

The statement made by Professor Whitaker, a member of the student affairs committee in a formal address today is taken by the students to indicate that the decision of the committee tomorrow will be for the suspension of the 247 students who have confessed to participation in the parade. Professor Whitaker said in effect that it was only natural that the 247 should be suspended as they were as guilty as the twelve already suspended by the committee.

SUICIDE BY GAS.

NEW YORK, March 24.—While John A. Cisco, an aged retired banker, lay dying of pneumonia in his residence on 40th street near Fifth avenue, his wife, worn out by her devoted attendance upon him and shocked by the verdict of physicians that he could not recover, committed suicide last night in an adjoining room room by turning on the gas. Mr. Cisco's condition is so critical that he has not been informed of his wife's death. Mrs. Cisco was 70 years of age and the couple had been married nearly half a century.

SEA DUTY.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Lieutenant-Commander Logan, secretary of the general board of the navy, has been assigned to duty as navigator of the battleship Idaho.

DEFECTS IN PUBLIC BUILDING

NEW YORK, March 24.—Defects in the new custom house recently completed in Bowling Green and occupied by various federal government offices were reported yesterday. Cracks have developed in two large columns flanking the main entrance on either side. Their material, Italian marble, has failed to withstand the rigors of a New York winter. Workmen yesterday were engaged in encasing them and in erecting props for the arch which they help support. They are likely, it is said, to be replaced by columns of American granite.

CURRENCY BILL ADVANCED.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The currency bill was practically given the exclusive right of way in the Senate today until it is finally disposed of, by the announcement that Senator Aldrich that he would move tomorrow to give it that status in the Senate. La Follette concluded the third instatement of his speech on the currency bill. A question brought out the statement by Aldrich to the effect that he hopes to see the creation of a joint commission of the Senate and of the House authorized to consider a permanent currency reform.

HELD FOR TRIAL.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Wm. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., was arraigned before Justice Olmsted in the court of special sessions yesterday on the charge of speeding his automobile. Mr. Vanderbilt pleaded not guilty to the charge. The case was adjourned and Justice Olmsted held the defendant in \$100 bail.

REACHES THE COAST

American Car Arrived In San Francisco Yesterday.

WAS IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE

The Car Will be Thoroughly Over- hauled and All Repairs Made and Will be Shipped to Valdez on the First Boat.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The American car in the New York to Paris automobile race reached the ferry slip and was driven aboard the ferry at 3:37 this afternoon. Twenty minutes later it was rolling along Market street accompanied by no less than two hundred other automobiles. The car will remain here several days, undergoing numerous repairs and a thorough overhauling. It is not badly damaged, apparently, by the trip across the continent. It will be taken from here to Valdez by steamer. The time for leaving here has not been definitely settled but it may not be able to start until the early part of May.

TERRITORIAL CONVENTION.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 24.—The democratic territorial central committee has met in Phoenix and fixed May 28 as the time and Tucson as the place for holding the territorial convention to elect delegates to the Denver convention. The republican convention has been called for April 8 at Tucson.

REPUDIATES HIS VOTE.

CHICAGO, March 24.—A despatch to the Tribune from Peoria, Ill., says: A. W. White, a juror in the case of Jac P. Nau vs. the Standard Oil Co., yesterday repudiated the vote he had cast giving the plaintiff \$8000 damages thereby necessitating a new trial. Nau sued for \$25,000 damages. White was one of two jurors who held out against the plaintiff until the court refused to accept disagreement.