



GORED BY AN ELEPHANT

Miss Gibbs Pinned Against Her House

TWO MEN BADLY HURT

Fire Which Started in the Standard Oil Company's Tanks Caused the Trouble

THE ELEPHANTS BROKE LOOSE

The Sells-Floto Circus Three Blocks Away From the Fire Were About to Give an Afternoon Performance and Dismissed the Audience.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., April 16.—As a result of a fire which started early this afternoon at the Standard Oil Company's storage tanks, Miss Ella Gibbs, a church deaconess, was gored and trampled to death by a maddened elephant, and L. K. Worsley lies in the hospital fatally burned.

The sullen boom heard at 1:30 marked the explosion of the first large tank.

Worsley was the driver of a delivery wagon from which fire communicated to the tanks and he was hurled many yards from the spot and picked up with his clothing ablaze. The flames spread quickly to the tanks which instantly became a mass of flames. Sells-Floto circus, three blocks distant, was about to open for the afternoon performance. The explosion and fire caused the showmen to lower the tents after dismissing the audience which had assembled. A herd of elephants became uncontrollable and tearing loose from their fastenings, dashed to the east side of the town, knocked down fences, outhouses, and despoiling the orchards that lay in their paths. Many persons narrowly escaped being trampled to death by the crazed animals. In a short time all but three of the largest elephants were rounded up. The leader then changed his course and entered the center of the city, a mile distant. He entered the court of the Glenwood Hotel. Miss Gibbs was in a yard in front of her house. The elephant pinned her against the house between his tusks, then threw her to the ground and trampled upon her, crushing her chest and inflicting fatal injuries. The animal then proceeded to the court way, where the guests were rushing panic-stricken, in doors. The beast crashed through the doors and walked through the barber shop and out on to the main street, crossed the street and crashed through a heavy plate glass window in a store. Before being rounded up at a downtown public stable, the animal trampled upon another man and seriously gored him with his tusks. One of the keepers attempted to subdue the animal but he was hurled over a high fence, sustaining painful injuries. Not until four other elephants were brought to the stable was the huge beast got under control and taken back to the circus grounds. By this time the entire town was in an uproar. Women on the east side were afraid to venture into the streets fearing that the herd had not been captured.

Miss Gibbs died tonight and Worsley is not expected to live through the night. The fire at the oil tank continued throughout the entire afternoon and

60,000 gallons of oil was consumed. The oil loss is \$7000 and the loss on the buildings \$4000.

Miss Gibbs came here from Chicago three years ago where she had been prominent in slum work. Since her arrival here she had done mission work among the Chinese and Japanese and also spent much time assisting penniless consumptives.

The keeper of the elephants, whose name is not known, was the means of saving at least two lives before the big brute was placed under control. At the corner of Orange and Seventh streets the elephant had thrown Frank A. Bird and was about to crush him with his full weight when the keeper came up close behind and fired three shots into the animal's neck. This caused the big beast to swerve and distracted its attention from its intended victim. In the meantime however, Bird had sustained a broken leg and other injuries.

In the court yard of Glenwood Hotel, D. P. Chapman was thrown by the elephant and might have sustained fatal injuries had not the same keeper arrived in the nick of time. He fired the remaining four shots into the elephant and the brute turned his attention from the man on the ground to his keeper. The keeper's trousers leg was ripped wide open by the infuriated beast and his leg painfully lacerated. The flesh on the keeper's right hand was also scraped away. At the stable where the elephant was brought to bay, another of

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LAND FRAUD CASES

Witnesses in Hyde-Diamond-Benson-Schneider Land Fraud

OREGON BANKER TESTIFIES

Tells of Numerous Transactions Involving Lands of Oregon in Which Himself and Hyde Were Interested. Drew on Hyde For Reimbursement

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The principal witnesses for the government today in the Hyde-Diamond-Benson-Schneider land fraud cases was E. P. McCornack, a banker of Salem, Oregon. He told of numerous transactions involving the public lands of Oregon in which Hyde and himself were interested financially. The defense sought to offset the weight of McCornack's testimony relating to the land transactions by admitting that Hyde had furnished the money to finance certain deals and that McCornack was only his agent. McCornack testified that he paid his own money for all land purchased but that he always drew on Hyde for reimbursement.

CLARKE DEFEATED.

Mayfield Goes "Wet" and a New Mayor Will be Chosen.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 16.—The last screw was put in the lid on the students here Tuesday, when Dr. Jordan issued a statement which almost totally ignores the appeal for reinstatement presented by a committee of San Francisco alumni. Chairman Clarke, at the same time, mailed notices to the 41 suspended men notifying them that the usual two weeks' time of grace was up and requesting them in effect to "beat it."

In the town election held in Mayfield, adjoining the university, made dry by Clarke, and where Chairman Clarke is Mayor, the results show that Clarke is out. His candidate was defeated and the "wets" seem to have the majority. Clarke will step down next Monday, when a new Mayor will be chosen by the board.

POLICE WERE POWERLESS

Governor Sends Troops to Chester.

TWO EMPLOYEES INJURED

The Strikers and Their Sympathizers Stormed Trolley Cars That Were Started.

IMPORTED STRIKE-BREAKERS

Two Troops Were Ordered to the Scene of the Disorders, One of Which Has Already Arrived—No Arrests Were Made Today.

CHESTER, Pa., April 16.—The

most serious disturbance which has marked the strike of the motormen and conductors of the Chester Traction Company occurred early today, during which two employees of the company were shot, but not seriously injured. The company attempted to operate a car, and William Borgmann, who acted as motorman, was shot in the foot during an attack on the trolley by a large crowd of strike sympathizers. Earlier in the day William Griesemeier, a claim agent of the company was shot in the leg while leading a squad of 40 men who had been imported to take the places of the strikers to the car barns.

Disorders were spasmodic during the night, but the serious outbreak began with the attack on the imported men shortly before 5 a. m. An attempt to lead the men from the hotel which they were quartered to the car barns by way of back streets was discovered by the strikers and their sympathizers, and in a hand-to-hand fight the imported workers were routed and driven to shelter in the barn. Griesemeier, who was in charge, was struck by a bullet, and he was helped into the barn.

The company decided at once to start out a car. The car had not gone far when attacked. Men swarmed aboard from all sides. The trolley pole was pulled from the wire, the controller was taken from Borgmann, and the crowd began to beat him and the conductor. Bricks, pieces of lead pipe and other missiles were thrown, and every window in the car was broken. A number of revolver shots were fired, and one bullet struck Borgmann in the foot. A strong detachment of police rushed up, and after considerable effort succeeded in driving the crowd back. The car was left standing on the tracks, and Borgmann and the conductor were hurried into the barn.

The police roped off the streets adjacent to the barn, and are now on guard about the building. Mayor Johnson came to the scene, and strongly condemned the traction company for attempting to resume service without his permission. The mayor then called a meeting of the police committee of the city council to consider the situation.

The strike began on Monday, owing to the refusal of the employees to accept a reduction of wages. The company also operates lines between Philadelphia and Chester, and Chester and Wilmington, Del.

President Rigg, of the Chester Traction Company, requested Mayor Johnson to ask that a detail of 100 state policemen be sent here. Mayor Johnson refused because he said he feared the presence of the state police might cause another outbreak.

Thereupon Mr. Rigg telephoned to Governor Stewart at Harrisburg and requested that a regiment of the State National Guard be ordered out. The Governor this afternoon ordered three companies of State Police to Chester.

RIVER RECEDING.

HELENA, April 16.—High water in the Missouri river north of this city caused by the break in the Hanser dam has receded and the river is now about at its normal stage. The latest reports from Craig indicate that the damage to property in that village will not exceed \$10,000. Work will be begun at once in repairing the partially wrecked structure, according to the general manager of the company. There was no property loss at Great Falls on account of the flood waters. The Great Northern it is announced will resume train traffic between Helena and Great Falls by next Saturday evening.

VICTIMS OF CHELSEA FIRE.

BOSTON, April 16.—Three more corpses have been recovered today from the ruins of Sunday's fire in Chelsea making a total of 10 now recovered. In addition two have died this week of causes incident to the fire.

JURORS STILL LACKING.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—No more jurors were secured today in the Ford trial.

CONVENTION ENDED

Turbulent Democratic Convention in New York Closes

REORGANIZE KINGS COUNTY

The Meeting of the State Committee Was Held at Hotel Victoria and Lasted Only Half an Hour—Wm. J. Connors Elected Chairman.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The gathering of forces of the state democracy which has caused such exciting scenes and sensational action, chief of which was the deposition of Senator McCarren as the leader in Kings County came to end today with a meeting of the state committee. The meeting took place at the Victoria and lasted hardly more than half an hour. The committee re-elected William J. Connors of Buffalo as the chairman and appointed a committee of 12 to re-organize the democracy of Kings County. The motion to reorganize the Kings County democracy was in accordance with a resolution adopted by the state convention and was unanimously agreed to by the committee. The committee is headed by Arthur A. McLean of Orange county. J. Sergeant Cram of New York is a member of the committee.

A UNIQUE SENTENCE.

Gets a Square Meal and Three Days in Jail.

BROOKLYN, April 16.—A man describing himself as John Murphy, 25 years old and homeless, walked into the Clymer street station last night while the rain was falling in torrents and asked the lieutenant behind the desk to give him shelter for the night. Murphy said he was without home and friends. He was accommodated, and this morning when taken before Magistrate Higgambotham repeated his story. Murphy told the magistrate he had eaten nothing in four days, whereupon the magistrate sent Murphy out to a restaurant with a policeman with instructions to eat his fill. After a good square meal Murphy came back to court and went to jail for three days at his own request.

INDIAN GIFT TO CLAPP

Chief Plenty Coos Appreciated Treatment

APPROPRIATE GIFT DUE

He Took From One of His Followers a Huge War Bonnet.

CLAPP WAS "FLABBERGASTED"

Chief Said he Was Now a Man of Peace and the War Bonnet of Less Value to Him Than to a Senator in Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Senator Clapp is now "Heap Big" Indian chief. Chief Plenty Coos and his fellow Crow tribesmen who have been before the committee for the past three weeks, stalked into the committee room today and Plenty Coos phlegmatically informed the Senator that the Indians appreciated the treatment accorded them and that an appropriate gift was due the white chief of the committee. Plenty Coos then took from one of his followers a huge war bonnet carrying upon it the chief's insignia, which had been worn by Plenty Coos in battle. He said he was now a man of peace and the bonnet was of less value to him on the reservation than to a Senator in Congress and therefore he wanted Clapp to accept it.

Clapp was completely "Flabbergasted" according to his own description of his emotions. He took the war bonnet and thanked the chief. Plenty Coos and his band will start for their home in Montana tomorrow.

COUNT KILLS HIMSELF.

BOLOGNA, Italy, April 16.—Count Coltelli went into a local undertaking establishment last night and mystified the undertaker with a request to be allowed to lie in a coffin he selected several days ago, as he said, for a friend. He wanted to see if the casket was the right length, he explained. The Count's wish was reluctantly granted.

When Count Coltelli had stretched himself at full length he sent a bullet into his brain, dying instantly. He will be buried in the coffin, which he had chosen for himself. It was the finest the undertaker had in stock.

The Count's suicide is attributed to a visit he paid to a fortune teller last October when the prediction was made he would soon lose his wife and himself meet with a violent death. In January the Countess eloped with one of her husband's friends, which is believed to have unsettled the nobleman's mind.

RIOTERS ACQUITTED.

Other Complaints Will be Filed Late Today.

SALEM, April 16.—After scarcely 10 minutes' absence from the court room the jury in the case against Mrs. Nettie Rhodes, of Portland, and Miss Lulu Goode, Jasper Goode and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips, charged with disturbing a religious meeting, arising out of the whipping of Presiding Elder W. N. Coffee, of the Free Methodist Church, two weeks ago, brought in a verdict of not guilty at 12:45 this afternoon. The case has been on trial since yesterday afternoon, and it was clearly shown

by the testimony introduced by the prosecution that the religious meeting had adjourned from five to ten minutes before the trouble occurred, hence there was nothing for the jury to do except bring in a verdict of not guilty, which was agreed upon on the second ballot. Only one man voted for a verdict of guilty on the first ballot. The complaint against Mrs. Roy Phillips was dismissed before the case went to the jury.

Other complaints will be filed late today, it is understood, charging the defendants with assault, riot and disturbing the peace, and before the end is reached the whole history of the factional strife among the congregation of the Salem church will be made public. There is a charge of assault pending against Elder Coffee, and this will probably be disposed of before any other cases will be tried against the defendants in the action just concluded.

EVANS SENDS REGRETS.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., April 16.—For the first time in a week Admiral Evans was given an outing today. He felt so much stronger that his son, Lieutenant Evans, wheeled him about the hotel grounds. Many of the hotel guests noticed his improvement since last week. The admiral today sent a message to the Los Angeles fleet committee expressing regret that he will be unable to participate with his officers and men in the welcome prepared for them.

SUBMARINE BOATS

Secretary Makes His Own Selection of Submarines

LIVELY DEBATE OVER THEM

A Humorous Speech by Williams in Which he Had Friendly Clashes With Hobson Over Warships and Balloons Commanded Attention.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—A long existing controversy as to whether the United States navy should have submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type, as recommended by the committee on naval affairs, was settled in the house today when, after a lengthy and lively debate, the proviso limiting the secretary of the navy to purchase only those of the Holland type was stricken out. The effect of this action was to give the secretary a free hand in the selection of submarines. The members haggled over almost every line of the three pages of the bill remaining to be disposed of when the house met, but the principal action was that with regard to the submarines. A humorous speech by John Sharp Williams in which he had several friendly clashes with Representative Hobson over warships and balloons, commanded the attention of the house for a time. After agreeing to take up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill next, the house adjourned until tomorrow.

TO STUDY COAL FIELDS.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Professor Wallace W. Atwood, of the Geology Department at the University of Chicago, has been appointed by the United States Geologic Survey Department to survey the coal fields of Alaska, with a view of ascertaining the extent and the best place to establish a coaling station for the Navy Department. The professor will leave for Alaska April 19, to assume charge of the surveying party. This will be Professor Atwood's second visit, as he recently has returned from a two years' trip, during which he studied the minerals of the country.