

RELIEF WORKERS

Blankets and Bedding Needed.

COMMITTEE MEETS

No Near Localities Are Reported to Be in Need of Help.

Rev. Dr. E. P. Hill was elected president and R. L. Sabin secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary committee to the Merchants' Protective Association for the aid of the fire sufferers at their meeting this morning.

The chairman was appointed a committee of one to procure a suitable location for headquarters, to which supplies should be sent. It is probable that the Armory will be obtained for this purpose.

The following committees were appointed: Executive—Dr. Hill and Messrs. Fleischner, Sabin, Fiegel, Devers and Rowe.

Distribution—Mrs. George E. Cressey, Mrs. H. Hogue and Mrs. H. A. Fanno. Transportation—S. G. Fulton, A. A. Morse and R. B. Miller.

The executive committee will meet every morning at 11 o'clock in the association building.

The fire relief situation was thoroughly discussed and the conclusion was reached that no more clothing is needed, but more blankets and bedding can be used. It was also decided to send a man into each locality to investigate the conditions there and report to the executive committee.

W. O. W. WORKING. The Woodmen of the World are doing good work for the fire sufferers.

Through the Portland Union Degree Camp they have appointed a committee to take up donations of clothing and furniture of any kind that the charitably-inclined may desire to offer. They have made arrangements with one of the express companies to call for all offerings and deliver them at the tabernacle without cost to the donors. Their work has been very successful owing to the whole-hearted way the members of the order have gone into the work.

Besides clothing and supplies amounting to a couple of wagon loads, they have been able to secure considerable cash, nearly \$50 having been donated. Only two or three of the camps have had a meeting since the committee was appointed, but all have responded liberally. The names of the camps and other donors will be given later. In the meantime any party wishing to contribute will confer a favor on the committee by phoning J. J. Jennings, phone Black 1822, or calling at his office, 309 1/2 Morrison, as he is in charge of the matter.

BAND CONCERT TOMORROW.

No one should miss hearing the grand band concert to be given by 70 members of the Musicians' Mutual Association tomorrow afternoon at Shields' Park. This concert is to be given for the benefit of the fire sufferers and should be well patronized.

C. L. Brown will lead the mammoth band, as every one is assured of hearing good music. The admission price is only 25 cents and those present are assured of hearing at least \$2 worth of music. The gates will be open at 2 o'clock and the music commences at 2:30 o'clock.

THE MARQUAM AND THE BAKER THEATRES.

Owing to the enormous demand for tickets to the benefit performance to be given at the Marquam Tuesday afternoon those who cannot procure seats at the Marquam can be accommodated at the Baker. The same performance will be given at the Baker after that at the Marquam. Both are for the benefit of the fire sufferers.

THE RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Mrs. George C. Cressey, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, Mrs. S. S. Wise, Mrs. Ernest Bros, Rev. E. P. Hill, Father C. J. Black, Rev. A. A. Morrison, General O. Summers, C. E. Rummelin, A. L. Fiegel, A. H. Devers, I. N. Fleischner, Rev. J. F. Ghorrmey, Mrs. Harry Hogue, G. S. Mann, Ralph Hoyt, Rev. George B. Van Waters, Rev. John Simpson, Miss Caples, Mrs. J. K. Gill, C. J. Owens, S. G. Fulton, E. W. Rowe, A. A. Morse, R. L. Sabin.

The above committee will assist the Merchants' Protective Association in its work of aiding the fire sufferers. All contributions, either of supplies or money, should be sent to the Merchants' Protective Association, Front and Vine streets, who will act as the central committee and will attend to the distribution.

THE FUND HAS SWELLED

considerably in the last 24 hours, \$785 having been contributed to date. In this total is considered \$2,000 made by the sale of advance seats at the Marquam benefit performance and \$500 netted at Shields' Park last night.

Shields' Park was crowded last night with an appreciative audience who enjoyed the 25 star acts by the following artists: Helen Lamar, the Lamonts, Duffy children, Earle and Hampton, Kalaratus, the Thompsons, Annie Goldie, George and Lizzie Bird, Richard Wilde, Seld Back, R. and others comprising the Chinese quartet; Joseph Thompson, W. H. McBride, Royal Japanese acrobats, Stanley and Scanlon, Mr. and Mrs. Duffy, Ullie Wade and Frank Hennessy.

The box receipts netted over \$250 and

The Latest Photograph of President Roosevelt.



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CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 20.—Thousands greeted President Roosevelt on his arrival this morning. Today the city is packed with people coming from the surrounding towns to take part in the reception being given the National Executive here today. When the special train bearing the President and party arrived at 10 o'clock this morning tremendous crowds swarmed the streets in the vicinity of the depot and cheer after cheer of welcome were given when President Roosevelt made his appearance. He was met by a reception committee, which was headed by ex-Governor Foraker and Mayor Fleischman. The city presents a gala appearance, the merchants being profuse in their decorations. The President was conducted to the St. Nicholas Hotel, where a reception lasting two hours was held, and where he met many friends and acquaintances. After lunch he will address the Business Men's Association at the Music Hall.

PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY. Sept. 19—Oyster Bay (starting point). Sept. 20—Cincinnati. Sept. 21-23—Detroit. Sept. 23—Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne. Sept. 24—Milwaukee. Sept. 24-25—Minneapolis and St. Paul. Sept. 26—Sioux Falls and Yankton. Sept. 27—Omaha. Sept. 28—Topeka. Sept. 29—Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., and St. Joseph. Sept. 30—Iowa points. Oct. 1—St. Louis. Oct. 2—Springfield, Ill. Oct. 3—Chicago. Oct. 4—En route Chicago-Cleveland. Oct. 5—Cleveland. Oct. 6—Columbus. Oct. 7—Washington, D. C. (on return).

(By the Journal Special Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The political atmosphere is charged with electricity. It is the opinion here that during the present tour of the President in the West, he will make or unmake himself as a candidate for re-election. Men who are largely informed upon the conditions and who have had wide experience in national politics assert that when President Roosevelt reaches Washington City on October 7th, returning from his journey, he will have won or lost the position of advantage that most people have acknowledged he has held in the chances to occupy the White House again. Therefore, everyone is awaiting with intense interest the course he follows in his speaking.

HENDERSON'S COUP. It is bruited about the national capital that Speaker Henderson, in issuing the fiat that he will not accept the Iowa Congressional nomination, placed upon the President the onus of bearing the party's burdens and compelled him to accept the responsibility of determining whether or not the Republican organization shall continue to dominate the nation.

It is further asserted that it is a part of a pre-conceived scheme to defeat the President. They are arguing thus: If Mr. Roosevelt take a pronounced position upon the trust question now, in view of Henderson's spectacular act, he will incur the hostility of the Wall street people who do not propose to support any presidential candidate who will not agree to leave the trusts largely alone.

If he do not pronounce against them in any manner to indicate some practical scheme, he will lose the support of the common people, who are much stirred over the subject.

THE DEVIL AND THE OCEAN. Hence, it appears to be a proposition of Roosevelt being between Satan and the ocean, with perils political for him every time he opens his mouth to talk national politics.

It is certainly the most trying position a presidential candidate ever occupied. He must talk, and he desires to talk in a manner to strengthen himself before the country. All eyes are upon him, and he cannot escape.

That he expresses rage at Henderson indicates that he sees the danger confronting him, and that he has been the object of a pretty and hostile plan seems to be not far from the realm of probability.

POLITICIANS AGAINST HIM. He is playing against the most practiced politicians who ever conducted the national policy game in this country. And they do not want him for President. If he receives the nomination it will be because he promises not to seriously interfere with the trusts or to counsel revision of the tariff on trust made goods.

HUNDRED ARE DEAD

List of Fatalities of Stampede Increasing.

NO WHITES KILLED

Notable Negro Divines Among Victims of Terrible Disaster—Only Few Identified.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 20.—As the result of the terrible stampede in the Negro Baptist church here last night, caused by the immense congregation of fully 2,000 people, mistaking the cry of "fight" for "fire," at least 100 persons were killed and many more injured.

Just as the famous Booker T. Washington had concluded his address, two negroes in the choir got into an argument over the occupancy of a certain seat and finally blows were exchanged. Some one in the audience cried out, "they are fighting," and the majority of the people thinking he had said "fire," began to start for the door. A preacher in attempting to resume order told them to keep "quiet," when the vast throng arose as one solid mass and made for the exit. Women screamed and fainted, men climbed over the benches, fighting with all their might to get to the door, and children and women were trampled under foot.

SCENE WAS SICKENING. Finally the police, with the assistance of the fire department, which had been summoned by two white men who succeeded in making their escape from the building, succeeded in restoring order, but not before at least a hundred people had been killed.

The sight of the interior of the church, after it had been vacated by the living was a most horrifying one, bodies of men, women and children were strewn along the aisles and under the benches. The floor was covered with blood from the wounds of the dead and dying. The screams and groans of the injured were heartrending.

MANY RELIEF PARTIES. At the earliest possible moment the work of removing the bodies of the dead and injured was commenced, and all through the night relief parties did all in their power to relieve the suffering of those who had been trampled under the feet of the maddened throng.

Throughout the entire day undertakers have been preparing the bodies of the dead for burial, many of whom have not been identified. Outside the undertaking establishments hundreds of people are waiting to gain admittance in order to ascertain if their friends or relatives are among the victims of the disaster.

At noon today only 40 bodies have been identified, as the majority of those killed were visitors from other towns. This afternoon ten of the people who were taken to the hospitals died and several others who had been taken to their homes are dead.

NO WHITE PERSONS KILLED. The death list will reach 100. No white persons were killed, although several were injured. Among the latter is Policeman Eilgedge, who was severely injured while trying to quell the panic among the strangers. Identified this morning are Rev. S. Price, of New Orleans; Johnson Weir, of Kansas; Allen, of Chattanooga; Roanoke, of Montgomery, Ala.; and Hilliard, of Texas, Ark., all prominent negro divines.

EIGHTY-SEVEN DEAD. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 20.—Later—The list of the dead now number 87, and it is believed it will reach 115, as many of the injured are in a critical condition. So far 87 victims have been identified.

SPENCER COMING.

Will Visit America With His Flying Machine.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Aeronaut Spencer contemplates a visit to America for exhibition purposes. He will make another flight over London next week.

MILES IS EN ROUTE

To Examine Defenses at the Mouth of the Columbia.

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, Sept. 20.—General Nelson A. Miles left here today for the mouth of the Columbia River to examine the defenses. He will probably go to Portland from here on his way to San Francisco.

NEW POSTMASTER.

End of a Hot Contest at Independence

(Journal Special Service.) INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 20.—A telegram states that Marsh Merwin has been appointed to the postoffice here. This ends one of the fiercest waged contests in the history of Independence. The retiring postmaster has for months endeavored to resign, owing to ill health, and weeks ago his request was answered by the reply that his successor's name had been presented to the President and would be made public ere the receipt of the note which contained that information. However, the appointment was held up until yesterday, when it was made public.

Mr. Merwin has been Mayor of the city, and is a hop grower. For years he was a gold Democrat but united with the Republican party when Bryanism swept the party. He will probably take the office the first of October.

JUMPED HIS BONDS.

Deputy Sheriff W. J. Featherstone of Sacramento, Cal., arrived from Salem this morning where he got off and secured Governor Geer's signature to a requisition for Ernest Balkutick, alias Frank Sutich. While awaiting trial at Sacramento for seduction Balkutick jumped his bail and fled to Portland, where Deputy Sheriff Fred Matthews picked him up. The deputy and prisoner will leave on the southbound Southern Pacific train tonight.

RIOT IN SALOON

Three Miners Killed in a Fight.

A DRUNKEN BRAWL. Several Onlookers Were Seriously Injured—Over Fifty Shots Fired.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 20.—Three miners were shot and killed in a riot in a saloon here last night. As a result of the brawl three miners are dead, one fatally injured and several others seriously wounded. The names of those killed during the melee are Brown Sletton, Tony Merrick and Anton Merrick. Anton Sletton, a brother of one of the dead men, received wounds which will undoubtedly cause his death.

Many others who were in the saloon at the time were more or less seriously injured by being shot and stabbed. The riot was the result of an altercation over

STEAMER NOT A GO

J. P. Rudd Does Not Show Up With the \$10,000.

THE PORTLAND-ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY is an empty bubble—for this year, anyway. Today was the fateful day for J. P. Rudd of Nome, Alaska, to have come around with \$10,000 as subsidy for the chartering of the steamship Indiana. As yet Rudd is invisible.

What is aggravating to the members of the Board of Trade, who have fostered the proposition of a steamship to Alaska is the following telegram received by John F. O'Shea from P. G. Copeland of Dawson, Y. T.:

"DAWSON, Sept. 18, 1902.—Have Portland-Alaska Steamship Company wire proposition for bringing 500 passengers from Skagway to Portland on October 20."

It is understood that the Seattle people have accepted in and acquired Mr. Rudd as their own prey.

FIRST IN YEARS.

HABEAS CORPUS REFUSED.

(Journal Special Service.) SALEM, Sept. 20.—County Judge Scott rendered a decision today in the case of M. E. Kegg, the McMinnville merchant, now confined in the insane asylum. His attorney had applied for a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that Mr. Kegg was sane and improperly detained in the asylum, but Judge Scott refuses to issue the writ.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Wheat—74 1/2 @ 75 1/2. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—Wheat—11.19 @ 11.19 1/2.

TO PROTECT BRITAIN.

HALIFAX, Sept. 20.—The Inshafaghie has been ordered to Haiti to protect British interests there.