

FOUR DIE IN \$2,000,000 FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS

Fanned By Fierce Gale Flames Sweep Arkansas Health Resort Destroying Poorer Residence District.

Buildings Are Dynamited to Save the City— Twenty-five Business Houses and a Hun- dred Homes Destroyed.

Fire which broke out early this morning for a time threatened the destruction of the entire city of Hot Springs, Ark. A district extending a mile and a half long and several blocks wide was devastated by the flames before the fire was got under control at 10 a. m. today.

The flames were fanned by a strong gale, rendering the efforts of the fire department futile, and dynamite was used to check the progress of the fire. Several lives are known to have been lost, many people are missing and thousands are homeless.

Twenty-five business houses and more than 100 homes were destroyed, and the property loss exceeds \$2,000,000. Among the buildings burned are the Plateau hotel, the Southern hotel, city hall, court house, city jail, public school, Methodist church, Lee house, Moody house, Columbia house, House of Israel and the Grand Central block.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 25.—A large section of Hot Springs was destroyed by fire this morning. A district a mile and a half long and several blocks wide was devastated by the flames. Twenty-five business houses and 100 homes were destroyed, several lives lost, thousands of persons are homeless and the property loss exceeds \$2,000,000.

The fire started at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The flames were fanned by a high wind and the fire department was virtually powerless being handicapped by a lack of water. The flames were finally checked at 10 o'clock this morning by dynamiting business houses on Central avenue to save the north-end of the city.

The fire started in the Grand Central block and made rapid headway, sweeping through the business and residence district. The wind blowing almost a gale rendered the efforts of the fire department ineffectual. The first Methodist church then caught and from thence the burning brands were carried to the residence district on the west.

The air was filled with burning brands, while the noise of the explosions and the shrieks of the rescued and injured combined to make head-splitting terror for Hot Springs. Government troops were called out and lent their assistance in fighting the fire, forming a cordon about the devastated district.



Hot Springs, Ark., Showing a Portion of the Section Devastated by Fire.

T. CADER POWELL UNDER A CLOUD

Charges Filed to Balk His Ap- pointment to Alaska Marshalship.

JOURNAL EXPOSE SAID TO BE BASIS OF ATTACK

Powell's Signature Attached to Many Fraudulent Affidavits for Use at Election.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—T. Cader Powell, recently appointed United States marshal in Alaska, is confronted at the very outset of his tenure of the office with serious charges which may cause his removal. The charges relate in part to election frauds in Portland which Powell's name has been connected and citizens of Portland who have been opposed to Powell in politics are said to have submitted evidence which seriously reflects upon him.

Powell was appointed United States marshal in Alaska upon the strength of recommendations by Senator Fulton, who assured the president that Powell was a man of high character and unblemished reputation. It is well known that since the land fraud disclosures in Oregon Roosevelt has been extremely anxious in making further appointments from that state, to put in office only men of unquestioned integrity, and if the charges against Powell should be sustained it is quite likely that he may be removed.

The election frauds alluded to in the foregoing dispatch are probably those attempted by the local Republican organization at the county election in June, 1924, when hundreds of fraudulent affidavits were prepared for the purpose of voting unregistered voters. T. Cader Powell was implicated in these frauds and his signature was attached to a large number of the false affidavits.

The facts are briefly as follows: Under the laws of Oregon an unregistered voter who is otherwise qualified may vote upon presenting at the polling place his own affidavit as to his qualifications, verified by the affidavit of six freeholders who swear that they are personally acquainted with him and that his statements are true. For several days before the last county election and on election day, several active Republican workers were engaged at the county central committee's headquarters in signing as attesting freeholders, these affidavits for unregistered voters.

The name of the voter for whom they vouched was in each instance left blank, to be filled in later at the polls, so that the attesting freeholders were making affidavits without any knowledge of the voter. As fast as the six freeholders signed, a notary public attached his certificate.

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TO THE READERS OF THE JOURNAL

It has taken a long time to decide upon the winners and to distribute the prizes in the presidential contest. It was not possible to have announced the actual result of the voting until February, for the reason that the official count was not finished until then, and nothing but the official count could be accepted in case of this kind. Then there were to be considered the thousands upon thousands of votes cast so as to get those who most closely approximated to the actual result. This has taken almost endless labor. It now looks as though the list of prizes might be in shape to announce next Saturday. This The Journal sincerely hopes and takes this occasion to thank its readers for their forbearance.

LETSON BALLEET TO BE FREE TUESDAY

Has Served Less Than Three Months for Quarter Million- Dollar Swindle.

(Journal Special Service.)
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 25.—Letson Balleet, "Napoleon of finance," will be released next Tuesday without serving the entire three months of his sentence imposed for obtaining \$250,000 by fraudulent use of the mails and through the White Swan Mines company. He escaped a year in prison for a similar swindle in 1924, when hundreds of fraudulent affidavits were prepared for the purpose of voting unregistered voters.

SEEDLESS APPLES TO REVOLUTIONIZE TRADE

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Feb. 25.—The first consignment of seedless apples has arrived in New York, and is on exhibition at the offices of the Fruit Exporters at Park Place. Fruit merchants who have long dreamed of developing such fruit, since the announcement of the discovery, some months ago, inspected the samples and agreed that within a few years the seedless apple will revolutionize the trade, as did the navel orange. No one knows the secret of the new process except John F. Spencer of Grand Junction, Colo., who produced the wonder.

HENRY MILLER JOINS VAUDEVILLE PLAYERS

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Feb. 25.—Henry Miller is going into vaudeville and has signed a contract for an engagement of 16 weeks. He will make his debut at the Frederic Lemaitre theatre in this city on March 13. After an engagement at various theatres in and around New York, it is said a small play adapted to Mr. Miller's talents will be produced for him some time during his appearance on the vaudeville stage. He will star again next season.

WHOLE FAMILIES LOST IN ITALIAN FLOODS

(Journal Special Service.)
Rome, Feb. 25.—Twenty thousand persons are homeless and whole families have disappeared in the floods which have inundated the city of Bari, Italy.

CHIEF OF POLICE IS ASSASSINATED

Kondratovitch of Baku Is Killed as Is Prince Vasiltchikoff at Warsaw.

TROOPS FIRE UPON WORKMEN AT WARSAW

Biggest Battle of War Begun— Japan Starts Peace Movement.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Three strikers at daylight this morning assassinated Kondratovitch, chief of police of Baku, as he was passing through the streets. The assassins escaped in a vehicle which was awaiting them.

Warsaw, Feb. 25.—Troops yesterday fired on 400 workmen at Warsaw, five were killed and 24 wounded.

JAPAN ASKED PEACE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Washington, Feb. 25.—Despite denials it is now known that the first direct move toward ending the far eastern war has been made by one of the belligerents, and that belligerent is Japan. The terms proposed by Japan are as follows: The evacuation of Manchuria by Russia; the return of the province to the control of China, and its recognition as an integral part of the Chinese empire. Recognition by Russia of Japan's supremacy in Korea, transfer of the Chinese eastern railway to the management of an international commission, and the retention of Port Arthur by Japan.

FAST PASSES DOWN.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Feb. 25.—A Russian battleship accompanied by four cruisers and several colliers, presumably a part of the fleet, passed down the coast of the British Isles.

FIRST CONSUMPTIVES CURED IN PORTLAND

Open Air Sanatorium's Treatment Has Proved Successful in the Cases of Gilbert and Williams.

Pure Atmosphere, Outdoor Life, and Diet of Warm Milk and Raw Eggs, Among Things That Restore the Patients.

The following method of treatment is observed at the Portland Open-Air Sanatorium for Consumptives. It is insisted upon by the physicians and patients gladly obey.

Rest in the open air day and night. No exercise as long as the temperature is over 100. Over-feeding; seven meals are served daily and patients are urged to eat as much as they possibly can.

Sun baths are prescribed whenever they are possible. When the sky is cloudless the patients lounge for hours in hammocks and easy chairs, absorbing the rays from the sun.

When the temperature becomes normal patients are advised to walk or take other exercise in mild form, but must cease at the least sign of exhaustion or even weariness.

SURGEON OPERATES ON WRONG PATIENT

Through Mistake a Woman Is Chloroformed and Cut Open at Clinic.

INCISIONS ARE MADE BEFORE ERROR IS FOUND

Physician Could See No Indica- tions of Trouble and Sewed Up the Victim.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, Feb. 25.—A feeling of panic prevailed among the students of the New York polyclinic medical school and hospital for three days when it was discovered that through a mistake of an attendant, a wrong patient had been brought into the amphitheatre and subjected to a dangerous operation, intended for another patient under the same roof.

The patient upon whom it was intended to operate was a woman suffering from intestinal troubles. The attendant was ordered to remove the patient from her ward and bring her into the amphitheatre under the influence of an anesthetic, and ready for the operation. The woman was duly brought in under the influence of chloroform and wheeled on a stretcher, but it was not discovered that she was the wrong patient until Dr. Goffe had made incisions in the abdomen and failed to find conditions that warranted the operation.

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