

## WORCESTER, MASS., IS NEARLY WIPED OUT BY FLAMES

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—Destruction of Worcester, was threatened today by one of the most disastrous fires in New England history.

Fire Chief Avery estimated shortly before noon that the loss would total \$2,000,000. He said the conflagration was under control at 11 a. m.

Nearly 30 fires broke out within a mile of the city hall shortly after the Knowles building, a 10-story office structure in the heart of the business district, was discovered in flames.

City and state police were investigating reports that several of the fires were of incendiary origin.

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Others were started by flying embers. Many people were forced to flee from their homes.

Fire apparatus was brought from Boston when the flames got beyond the control of Worcester's fire fighters. Engines were also sent from Framingham and Marlborough.

Practically all buildings between Barton place and Austin street on both sides of Main street were burned.

These included buildings of the Worcester Post, stores occupied by Denholm-McKay company, the Caesar-Mische company and the Richard Healy company.

**ICE COVERS FIREMEN**  
Firemen fought the blaze with the temperature hovering around zero. Men after man fell from exhaustion under the weight of his ice-encrusted garments.

When the blaze in the Knowles building was at its height more than 20 new fires broke out in buildings several blocks distant, firemen said. These were believed started by flying sparks.

Emergency apparatus was held in readiness at Springfield and other points.

Ammunition in a sporting goods store on the ground floor exploded, endangering lives of firemen and police.

Fires broke out shortly after the Knowles building fire in the Bijou theatre in Millbury street, a building in Foster street, four blocks from the Knowles building, and in a row of tenements at 29 Ward street, four houses in Gold street, seven houses in Ainslie street and two tenements in Harding street.

Physicians dressed the injuries of several firemen.

Hundreds sought shelter in other parts of the city when their homes caught fire or they were driven from the fire area as a precaution.

**Incendiarist, Governor Hears**  
Boston, Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—Governor Channing Cox sent intelligence officers to Worcester today to investigate reports that the fires there were of incendiary origin. Governor Cox offered aid to Worcester officials.

**'Own Your Home' Is Thursday's Slogan In Thrift Campaign**

Own your own home is the slogan of the Thrift week campaign program for Thursday.

Particular interest in this phase of the campaign by the Y. M. C. A. is shown now that the state legislature has proposed a bill enabling war veterans to make a loan of \$500 for the purpose of home building or farm improvement.

"There is no question," said Watson S. Moore, second vice president of the U. S. grain corporation in his letter to the Thrift week committee, "but that the employee who owns his own home is more efficient and more stable than the one who merely rents. It is sound argument that a person does not destroy that in which he is financially interested."

Portland as a home center and its success as a town is used in the arguments presented why each man should own his home. The campaign thus far has been very successful, according to Raymond Van Valin, who has charge of the work.

**Cease Vandalism on Mountain Scenery, Is Plea of Ranger**

"Nine high school boys have been arrested this winter for breaking into cabins on Larch mountain," Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger told the students of Franklin and Lincoln high schools Tuesday.

"In all these cases the boys were suffering from exposure and there was no shelter because of the trail club cabin having been destroyed," he said. "This might have been prevented, had the boys known the condition of the weather at the summit and the lack of housing facilities."

Wiesendanger offered the cooperation of the forest service to high school hiking organizations in furnishing information, guides and equipment. He showed pictures of mountain scenery and vandalism, and appealed to the pupils to refrain from carving initials, cutting trails, destroying property and leaving dirty camp grounds. He showed a signboard marked with 242 initials and four bullet holes and told of the unfavorable comments made upon such writing by visitors.

Wiesendanger spoke to the Washington high school students this morning. He will spend Thursday at the Benson Polytechnic school, speaking to different classes. Friday he will talk to the students of the High School of Commerce.

January 25, Wiesendanger will talk before the Y. M. C. A. school, and January 28 before the Portland Women's club.

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**FORGER ANALYZES CRIME PSYCHOLOGY**  
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really permissible that is not done with a gun, to the other real fun, and they are all more or less fascinated by the work, is realized in blowing a safe and its actual explosion and excitement.

"But while in the penitentiary I made it a point to study every class as much as I could, and I learned a lot of things from them. You'd be surprised to learn that there are many cultured men, and that when they get together in prison there are many weighty arguments on the relative merits of the various types of crime and the technique in each case. Then, there is much philosophical discussion as to the actual cause of crime."

"In my case, that is not difficult to detect. Some years ago, while I was in a straight, I contracted a serious heart disease. My physician informed me that I could not live much longer, and in fact set a definite time limit on my life. I might die at any moment, he told me. Well, the time limit passed and I still lived, but in the meantime I had become reckless."

"What was the use? I had seen so many men grating steadily, and still starting out on a journey. Perhaps I had been drinking a little too much, perhaps I was simply reckless from brooding over my bank account. Nothing particular was said about the matter, and I suddenly realized how simple it would be to issue even larger checks."

"I extended the journey and passed out paper generously, but with discrimination. It worked splendidly. I can't tell you where that was, for I've never been back there to find out what the president of that bank and his private detective had to say about my little pleasure trip."

"Once I walked into a large hotel in a big city and asked for the clerk, saying I had a check I would like to have cashed. The clerk was engaged at some other business, so I turned and called out casually but loud enough to be heard all over the lobby. 'Anybody here cash a check for me?'"

"Four men ran their hands down and pulled out rolls and I had no trouble getting money at all. It was really amusing how simple the thing worked."

"Here about two years ago, I violated one of my basic principles, just for the fun of the thing, and I got caught. That was the time I had Captain Circle and his men hunting for me for three months after my little play with the wood dealers in the city."

"I went back to the same man for a second time. He cashed my second check without ever knowing it was bad."

Dr. Wood paused to laugh at the thought of that second check.

"It is a great mistake to send boys in their teens to the penitentiary for first offenses. They learn there from the old offenders and soon begin to take a pride in their line of work. They have no conception of the vast amount of pride a clever criminal has in the excellence of his technique."

"No, I never carry a gun, for I believe that false bravado born of a gun, when carried in one's pockets, gets man into serious trouble. But the stick up man has a profound contempt for the paper hanger, that is for me, because he thinks I get my money too easily. It is the risk, the daring, of sticking up men, that keeps him in that same line. Seldom do they change trades."

Dr. Wood faces deportation as soon as the police are through with him. R. P. Bonham, head of the United States immigration service, said this morning. Wood has been deported twice already from the United States.

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ably caused great expansion, and the recent war was no exception. Periods of great expansion have always been followed by periods of reaction, and the reaction is usually more severe where expansion has been greatest.

"The readjustments which have taken place in this country since last spring have been painful, paper profits have been wiped out and in many cases the spirit of pessimism should have run amuck just as in months preceding the spirit of optimism exceeded all reasonable bounds."

"But present conditions justify some conclusions which ought to encourage and hearten us all," says Harding.

"Our banking position is sound and stronger than it has been for many months, and the business community which has been first over-exhilarated and then unduly depressed has recovered its normal state of mind."

"Public sentiment today undoubtedly approves of working back to normal."

"Whatever danger of crisis there may have been has been passed."

**CRITICAL STAGE PASSED**  
The gloomy forebodings which many felt a year ago because of the knowledge that readjustments were pending, have given way in the assurance that the most trying and critical stage of the adjustment period is safely over, to a feeling of conservative optimism, renewed courage and restored confidence."

"We should keep clearly in mind that the thought that our problems in working back to normal are not domestic problems merely, but they are problems connected with the working back to normal of a war-torn world. Europe cannot work back to normal without the help of America, and America cannot become normal unless and until normalcy of Europe in some measure is restored, and until this restoration has proceeded far enough to justify the conclusion that it will be eventually completed."

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purchased here in the usual manner. We must buy their goods if we expect them to pay for ours and pending restoration of the normal productive activities of the world and of Europe particularly, where these activities have been most curtailed, it is necessary that we should devise some new means of financing foreign trade."

Harding seems to believe that the export corporations authorized by the Edge law will be very useful, though his address doesn't seem to indicate any faith in the revival of the War Finance corporation over which congress and the chief executive clashed recently. Harding is in a delicate position and can't discuss the tariff very freely, but the hint which is given in the foregoing quotation may be taken as the informal attitude of members of the federal reserve board who look askance at unsentimental and ill-considered attempts at tariff revision at this time.

**TARIFF IS FEARED**  
What seems to be feared is that a tariff may operate as an embargo and trade relationships lost, "while countries which have been in the habit of selling to Europe but which now, on account of Europe's inability to pay and their own inability to extend credit," will be shipping raw materials to the United States in order to sell for cash. Indeed, the accumulation of goods in the United States other than European, to be for cash as much a factor in the present tariff controversy as the age old cry of cheaper European labor.

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**New Trial Is Sought For Youth Convicted Of Killing Fiancee**  
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 19.—(U. P. S.)—A new trial will be sought for Albert Scott Ellis, 21, convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of his former sweetheart and dancing partner, Edna Ellis.

Ellis, who had maintained throughout the trial the demeanor manner which made him a favorite in the dance halls of St. Louis, broke down completely in his cell and swore violently, cursing the police and avowing they had forced him into making a false confession.

The jury, after being out slightly more than four hours, returned the verdict last night, fixing life imprisonment as the penalty for one of the most brutal killings in the history of police annals.

Edna Ellis, an 18-year-old stenographer, was killed on the night of November 4, last, on a vacant lot while on her way home from work. Albert Scott Ellis, dance hall habitue and former fiancee of the girl, was arrested two days later and the police produced confessions signed by Ellis stating he had killed the girl in a fit of frenzy when she spurned his efforts to effect a reconciliation after the breaking of their dance hall and summer romance.

**SHADOW IS DEAD, IS POLICE THEORY**  
That the mysterious "Shadow" might be lying dead somewhere out in the woods, was one theory that gained popular favor today at police headquarters. This theory was based upon the fact that no sign or trace has developed of the black-hand terrorist since he was fired upon early Friday morning by Deputy Sheriffs LaMonte and Mollenhour at a little waiting station on the Mount Hood electric railway.

In accordance with this theory, a posse of men organized by Chief of Police Jenkins was sent Tuesday night to search through the woods between Montavilla and Taxi inn, where "Shadow" conducted his hide and seek game with the police.

Although no trace of "Shadow" was found by the police in their search for him following his numerous escapades along the Base Line road it is said that a thorough combing of the woods in daylight has not been made.

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**CITY NOT TO PULL ASPHALT TREADERS OUT OF HOT 'GOOEY'**  
Commissioner A. L. Barbur of the department of public works is willing to order a flush-coat of asphalt and sand spread over the recently completed pavement on Sixty-fifth street southeast, between Foster and Powell Valley roads, but he declines to go to the rescue of women-in that vicinity who may find themselves in need of a life-saving squad next summer.

"If you property owners want us to put a flush-coat on that street now, all right; but when you start across the hot pavement next summer and lose your slippers in the sticky asphalt, you needn't call upon my department, for we are not going to pull you out of the 'gooey,'" Barbur told a committee of 30 property owners at a meeting in the council chamber Tuesday evening.

"We are not going out there to pull your chickens out of the bog, either," he warned his audience.

More than 40 property owners recently filed a protest with the city council against paying the United Contracting company for the Sixty-fifth street paving, charging that it was rapidly disintegrating because it had been laid on wet foundation. City Engineer Laur-

gaard stated at the hearing that the United Contracting company had been urged by the property owners to put down the paving despite the engineering department's opinion that it should wait until dry weather.

Barbur, Laurgaard and the paving company's representative assured the property owners that the paving would be placed in perfect condition and that a sturdy bond with the city now guaranteed satisfactory construction and upkeep. The property owners agreed to withdraw their objections to paying the contractor, provided the asphalt flush coat was applied.

**Cannot Make U. S. Dry Nation, Asserts 'Pussyfoot' Johnson**  
New York, Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—The United States will never be dry," W. E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson declared today, following his return from Great Britain. "Pussyfoot" stated that if the United States would never be dry because it is impossible to "legislate the ten commandments into the people."

**Diphtheria Causes Ban on Gatherings**  
Marshfield, Or., Jan. 19.—Baldwin has an epidemic of diphtheria. Two infants have succumbed to the disease within a week. The city council, as a precautionary measure, has ordered all public places closed, including churches, Sunday schools, lodges, theatres, dances and card rooms.

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