

HEAVY FIRE LOSSES IN TWO EASTERN CITIES

Jan. 27.—One fireman was killed, and a score injured, and property to the value of \$500,000 was destroyed in a fire which devastated the building, a seven story brick building, the hotel Florence at 163-167 street, early today.

The fire started in the basement of the hotel building, and when the firemen arrived they found the entire building in flames. A strong north wind was blowing which carried flames to the adjacent hotel, and in five minutes that structure was in flames. The walls of both hotels collapsed an hour later, and with them an entire company of firemen, but all except one, Gallagher, was rescued.

Guests of the hotel rushed in street in scant attire, and were cared for by the police and citizens. A number of printing establishments in the Mayer building were being shifted. These, too, were in the streets and are safe, but the north was bitterly

cold and greatly hampered the work of the firemen.

PORTLAND, MAINE, HAS ANOTHER BLAZE

Portland, Maine, Jan. 27.—A fire which several times threatened to wipe out the business district of the city was kept confined in the block in which it started after a ten-hour fight by Portland's firemen, aided by men and apparatus from several outside cities. The fire started in the wholesale dry goods house of Millikin, Cousins & Company, and spread to adjoining establishments. Loss, \$900,000.

The dining car conductor on train 15 discovered after leaving Roseburg Saturday morning his pocket picked of \$190. A negro porter who deserted the train at Riddle is believed to be the thief. He is five feet high, weighs 160 pounds, wore checked coat, light vest and derby hat.

The textile trades of Russia show a union membership of 37,214.

RAILROADS MAY DISCRIMINATE IN HIRING EMPLOYEES

Washington, Jan. 27.—The constitutionality of the act of congress of June 1, 1898, prohibiting railroad companies engaged in interstate commerce from discriminating against members of labor organizations in the matter of employment, was called into question by the case of William Adair vs. the United States, decided by the supreme court of the United States today favorable to Adair.

The opinion was by Justice Harlan and held that the law was repugnant to the constitution.

The court held that Adair, as a master mechanic of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, had a right to discharge an employe because he was a member of a labor organization, just as it was an employe's right to quit such employment because of his membership in such an organization. Congress could not, under the

constitution, authorize a violation of contracts under the guise of protection to interstate commerce.

Justice McKenna delivered a dissenting opinion.

RICHEST MERCHANT IN NORTHWEST DEAD

Butte, Jan. 27.—D. J. Hennessy, president of the Hennessy Mercantile Company, and the richest merchant in the Northwest, dropped dead today of heart trouble. He was born at Frederickton, N. B., in 1854.

WORK FOR INCREASED APPROPRIATION

President Whitson, of the Commercial Club, has received letters from Senators Bourne and Fulton and Representative Ellis, acknowledging receipt of the club's resolutions for an increase in the appropriation for the new postoffice building in Eugene from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Each said he would do all in his power to secure the increased appropriation.

GLADYS VANDERBILT MARRIED TO AUSTRIAN IN NEW YORK TODAY



MISS GLADYS VANDERBILT.

New York, Jan. 27.—The wedding of Miss Gladys Moore Vanderbilt, daughter of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Count Laszlo Szechenyi, member of the Hungarian nobility, lieutenant of Hussars and hereditary member of the Austro-Hungarian parliament, took place at the Fifth avenue home of the bride's mother soon after noon today in the presence of 350 guests. Miss Vanderbilt was accompanied to the altar by her elder brother, Cornelius, and the count's best man was Count Anton Stray.

The ceremony was performed by Monsignor M. G. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, assisted by Rev. John Verne. The wedding chorists from Gaud's cantata, "Ruth," was sung by thirty boys attired in the vestments of the St. Patrick's chorists.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. This afternoon Count and Countess Szechenyi went to Newport to remain for a week at the home of Reginald Vanderbilt.

Family Reconciled.—An eleven-hour reconciliation, effected only by the most strenuous measures at a time when there was deep animosity in the Vanderbilt family, brought the brothers of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, the bride-to-be, into harmony with her mother and Count Laszlo Szechenyi.

Just when it looked as though discord would mar beyond repair Monday's elaborately planned wedding, all the clouds were cleared away. Cornelius, the eldest son, agreed to his mother's wish that he come back to his rightful place as head of the family, and gave away his sister to the Hungarian nobleman. His agreement placed him once more at the head of the masculine Vanderbilt line. His father took the post away from him years ago when he married Miss Grace Wilson. Alfred, the second son, consented to attend the wedding, bury his unfriendliness and greet Count Szechenyi as a brother. Reginald, the third son, who brought about the reconciliation, gladly assented to the giving up of his black satin knickerbockers and Pantlery costume he was to have worn as the head of the family, and was equally happy in turning over to Cornelius the task of giving Miss Gladys away.

A harmony dinner in the "big house" tonight celebrated the coming together of the family.

Why Gladys Did It.—The reason Gladys Vanderbilt will marry Count Szechenyi is that she wishes to escape the fate of marrying an American, who would swallow her love as he

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TAFT FAVORS APPROPRIATION FOR SEATTLE EXPO.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The appearance of Secretary Taft before the house committee on industrial arts and exhibitions in support of an appropriation for the Seattle exposition of 1909 was the signal for a demonstration in his honor by the congressional delegation from Washington and officials from Washington who were also present and pleaded for an appropriation for the exposition.

Secretary Taft thought on account of the finances of the Philippines the government would not be able to make an exhibition of considerable size, but said the war department would have the Jamestown Philippine exhibit sent to Seattle.

In an indirect way Secretary Taft touched upon the relations between Japan and the United States. The exposition at Seattle, he thought, would have a good effect all over the Pacific, and declared it would help in the interest of trade with the Orient, and bring the peoples of both sides of the Pacific into closer relations.

FAMOUS NOVELIST DIES IN POVERTY

Florence, Italy, Jan. 25.—"Ouida" (Louisa D. Laramie), the novelist, died today at Via Reggion, after a long period of illness. She died in the most distressing poverty, her only attendant being an old servant in whose arms she expired. Ouida was blind in one eye and the other was badly affected through having suffered much exposure and privation. During the last few months she was compelled to sleep in the open air, being unable to pay for a night's lodging.

The immediate cause of death is said to be asthma, complicated by heart disease. Her passionate fondness for dogs continued up to the last and she was surrounded by many of them, often deriving herself of necessities to feed them. She had recently been an object of charity.

TRIAL OF GRAFTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—The trial of the men charged with conspiracy to loot the state treasure in connection with the construction and furnishing of the state capitol building commenced today. There is intense interest, especially among the members of the state being in attendance.

EX-SENATOR WILSON GOES UNDER KNIFE

Baltimore, Jan. 27.—Former Senator Wilson, of Washington, underwent what was pronounced a successful operation for kidney affection at John Hopkins hospital today.

GOMPERS UPHOLDS BOYCOTT PLAN

Washington, Jan. 25.—Although enjoined from making any reference to the controversy between the American Federation of Labor and Buck Stove & Range Company, President Samuel Gompers in an editorial in the current issue of the American Federationist, comments on Justice Gould's recent decision and length, and declares a purpose not to comply with all its terms.

"It is an invasion of the liberty of the press and the right of free speech and we would be recant in our



SAMUEL GOMPERS.

duty did we not do all in our power to point out to the people the serious invasion of their liberties which has taken place. That this has been done by judge-made injunctions and not by statute law makes the menace the greater.

Coat and Suit Departments the center of Attraction

Monday and Tuesday Ladies' Suits and Coats will be priced for Store Clearing. 40 Suits, the latest and best styles at reasonable prices. This is the opportunity for which you have been waiting; the time to economize; the time to buy suits Half Price or Less. This is a busy store, but we are forcing business to make it still greater.



Ladies' Suits..

40 Ladies' Suits, regular price from \$20 to \$40, finely tailored, satin or silk or silk lined jackets, all go at one price, your choice, the suit..... \$16.00

\$12.50 to \$20.00 Suits

This is a broken line of sizes and last seasons' goods. We make a price to move them, less than the skirt is worth, your choice the suit..... \$5.00

Lonsdale Muslin, the yard 11c
Clarks' O. N. T. Spool Cotton, spool 5c

Ladies' Coats

Ladies' Full Length Coats of black or gray Kersey, regular price \$7, \$8 and \$9 your choice, each \$5.00

Ladies' Short Coats

\$12.50 Coats, Skinner's satin lined. The colors are tan, mode, red; red and black mixed, and black broadcloth, all finely tailored your choice each \$3.00



January Clothing Specials

Profits are no consideration at this season, it is a matter of stock reduction. Our goods at the usual cash prices are bargains enough, but we are selling still cheaper now.

Overcoats and Rain Coats

Our stock and quality of this class of clothing as well as others is the largest and best in the city but they must be moved out.

\$10.00 Overcoats special \$8.00
\$15.00 Overcoats special \$12.00
\$20.00 Overcoats special \$16.00
\$25.00 Overcoats special \$20.00

Boys' Suits for Less

\$1.50 Two Piece Suits special..... \$1.20
\$2.00 Suits in dark colors, special..... \$1.60
\$2.50 Suits, gray, checks and plaids, special..... \$2
\$4 double breasted, blue and gray check \$3.20



Boys' Sweaters

Large assortment of sweaters both in colors and price, 50c to \$1.75. Special price on all grades.

Hose

Men's 20c Hose in black or tan, special price, the pair..... 12 1/2c

Hats

Men's \$3.00 stiff hats, black or colors, each 50c

Hampton Bros.

Where Cash Beats Credit

Children's \$3.00 Red or Gray Coats \$2.00

MELDRUM CONFESSES TO FORGING BROWNELL'S NAME

Portland, Jan. 27.—This may possibly be the last day of the prosecution's case in the Hall-Mays conspiracy case, and it was made interesting by the presence of Henry Meldrum, who was caught in the dragnet of the former land fraud cases while United States surveyor general, and who was brought down from McNeill's Island, where he is serving a sentence, to testify that he forged the name of George C. Brownell to field notes which resulted in the indictment of Brownell. The latter testified a few days ago that Hall had held forged notes over his head to force Brownell to retire as a candidate for United States attorney for Oregon and to release Senators Fulton and Mitchell from their pledge to him and to recommend Hall for reappointment. Henry's purpose in having Meldrum

confess to the forgeries was twofold. It will dispose of the case against Brownell and also tend to prove Brownell's testimony was not secured through promises of immunity. In other words Honey will be killing two birds with one stone and dispose of the Brownell case while doing an entirely different one. The objection of the defense to Meldrum appearing as a witness will be decided this afternoon.

Franklin Pierce Mays was placed on the stand this morning. Henry tried to prove by the witness that Hall knew that Mays was implicated in the "24-1" land fraud case and had promised to permit Mays to appear before the grand jury in his own defense in support of Hall in his fight for reappointment as United States attorney. Mays was still on the stand when the noon adjournment was taken.

SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST GREAT RAILROAD KING

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—In an official statement, after referring to

HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION STAGE IS REACHED

New York, Jan. 27.—The defense in the Thaw case completed this morning the introduction of all its testimony, and shortly before the noon recess Attorney Littleton began to read a long, carefully prepared hypothetical question to the three attorneys engaged to testify in Thaw's behalf. The question covered all the testimony in the case, and before it was read had been submitted to District Attorney Jerome for any objection the prosecution had to offer. Only slight changes resulted. As the testimony at the present hearing has differed largely from that of the first trial, so the hypothetical question differed from the one propounded by Mr. Delmas last year. Evidence as to irrational acts or manner, from infancy to the time of the homicide, was given precedence over every other phase of the testimony.



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Investigations, the Interstate Commerce Commission says: "From the evidence so adduced and independent investigation, the department has arrived at the conclusion that the stockholders of the Union Pacific and its subsidiary company in the corporation mentioned

OFFICIAL FORECAST FOR NORTHWEST

Portland, Jan. 27.—Western Oregon and Western Washington — Fair tonight and Tuesday; easterly winds.

The Wheat Market. Chicago, Jan. 27.—Wheat closed: May, \$1.00 3/4; July, 97 7/8; September, 95 1/8.

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