

200 GIRLS PERISH IN FACTORY FIRE
MOTOR PLUNGES INTO TRAIN; SCORE HURT

128 BODIES RECOVERED FROM RUINS OF FIRETRAP FACTORY IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY

LIKE CORDWOOD PILED IN STREET

Tragedy Paralyzes Gotham—Nets Do Not Save—Four Score Plunge to Their Death on Pavement Trying to Gain Safety.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Plunging to death from the eighth floor of a shirt waist factory in Washington square or trapped to a fiery death within burning walls, girls to the number of over 200 perished this afternoon in the most terrific disaster New York has seen in years.

Penned within the structure when bursts of flame had blocked all exits by elevator and stairways, scores of fear-maddened girls and men fought desperately for life, and when hope had gone, more than three score leaped to certain death on the pavements.

It is believed that an investigation will bring out the fact that the building was a fire trap.

Hurting from the windows, some of them came, crushed to death by the struggles of the terrified victims behind. Others deliberately chose to leap rather than the certainty of roasting in the building.

Not until the ruins of the building, which was gutted by the fire, are searched will the full extent of the disaster be known.

Of the 53 persons known to have been killed by leaping, 40 were girls. In many cases the clothing of the victims was burning as they leaped, and they shot down to death vivid balls of flame.

The fire started from the motor used to operate a cutting machine in the factory of the Triangle Waist company on the seventh floor of the American building, John T. Gregory, one of the elevator men employed in the building, saw the smoke as he came to work.

Gregory haved about 50 women. On the fourth trip he was unable to reach the eighth floor, but he believed most of the girls on this floor escaped by breaking through a door leading to a stairway.

One of the physicians to reach the scene was Dr. Alf Froelich. He saw

AGENT GOES TO PORTLAND SOON

Real Estate Men Will Meet Monday Night—Portland Says Medford Advertised Only for Business Men, Not for Colonists.

The Realty association of Medford will hold a business meeting Monday evening in the Commercial club rooms to consider the advisability of sending a colonist agent to Portland to induce newcomers to come to the Rogue river valley.

The members of the association are dissatisfied with the number of colonists reaching Medford and they will send one or two agents to be selected from the association membership list to Portland, who are to meet the homeseekers and gave them data on Medford.

The Oregon Journal has the following in regard to the matter:

Concerning the importance of proper distribution of colonists an instance came to Mr. Chapman's attention this morning. It was the news in a Medford paper that the business men had organized and were about to send a "colonist agent" to Portland to welcome colonists, at the depot, direct them to Medford and have them there located.

Mr. Chapman said that the Medford agent would find the "something" to be Medford's style of advertising; that has been advertising particularly for business and professional men and for the class that has found a Hood river residence profitable in its relation to fruit raising; that Medford has not been advertising for the horny handed tillers of the soil, and that these have, consequently, come to believe that Medford is a little too rich for them.

"There have been frequent complaints from southern Oregon that we didn't do as much as we might in Portland to help the colonists down that way," said Mr. Chapman. "In response to those complaints we have really done more to help Medford than almost any other town. We have had acknowledgments of this help in a number of cases. In fact, the main purpose of the promotion department of the Commercial club is to bring in new industry, new business, more farmers. Conventions and the like are a side issue, but perhaps more is heard about them than about our most extensive work, because closer to home. Medford has not been neglected, nor will she be. Neither will any other town or section of the state."

most of the girls jump and as each one fell he rushed to her side and administered hyperdermic injections of morphia to deaden the pain. He treated 46 patients, each of whom died in a short time.

The Triangle Waist company ordinarily has a half holiday on Saturday, but owing to pressure of work they kept their employes on duty to-

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DEMOCRATS TO WIN 1912

So Says Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri—Says Democratic Congress Will Make Good on Tariff Question.

NEXT PRESIDENT IS TO BE A DEMOCRAT

Holds Informal Reception and Greets Many Former Missourians—Speaks to Large Audience.

That the present democratic congress will make good and insure the election of a democrat to the presidential chair in 1912 is the belief expressed by Joseph W. Folk of Missouri in an interview last evening.

"It is up to the democrats to make good on the tariff question," states Mr. Folk, "and I predict that they will do so. The inequality of the Payne-Aldrich law has disgusted the people who are clamoring for a revision downward, and I have great faith in the new ways and means committee of the house."

"It is a remarkable status of affairs when a republican president is forced to urn from his own party to his opponent's in order to secure needed reform. But this is what we have seen during the past few days."

"The democrats will sweep the country in 1912 and place a democratic president in the White House. At least that is the outlook now."

Mr. Folk held an informal reception at the Nash hotel Saturday afternoon and was greeted by many previous Missourians. He delivered his lecture at the Natatorium last evening to a large audience, and pleased them well, if the applause be any criterion.

Johnson to Meet Langford.

EL PASO, Texas, March 25.—San Francisco, according to James W. Coffroth, will be the scene of the Johnson-Langford fight when it is pulled off. Coffroth said today that Johnson already has promised to fight in San Francisco.

"The Britishers," said Coffroth "cannot raise a purse large enough to land the fight. San Francisco is the city where the crowds turn out and if the fight is ever staged it will be at my arena."

DIAZ CABINET IS NOW FREE

Dictator Accepts Resignations and New Cabinet is to be Named Soon—Uncle Sam is Formally Notified of Resignation of Old Body.

ARMY MEN EXPECT AN ORDER TO INVADE SOON

Impression is General That Resignations Will Be Taken as a Sign of Weakness.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., March 25.—President Diaz this afternoon accepted the resignations of all the members of his cabinet except those of Vice-President Corral and Minister of War Cosío. It is probable that the new cabinet will be composed of the following:

Jose Yves Limantour, minister of foreign affairs. Robert Nunez, minister of public works.

L. Fernandez, minister of justice. B. Desodi, minister of education. Bernardo Reyes, minister of war.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Formal notification of the resignation of the Mexican cabinet was received here today by Ambassador de la Barra in a telegram from Enrique Creel, minister of foreign affairs at Mexico City. Creel wired:

"The cabinet has resigned. President Diaz has reserved the right of accepting the resignations according to his convenience. The decision has been well received by the public, which feels that peace will soon be firmly established throughout the entire country."

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 25.—It is believed here today that starting developments will follow the resignation of the Mexican cabinet and army officers generally admit that they expect marching orders at any moment.

The impression is general at the camp here that the resignations will be taken as a sign of weakness of the Diaz government, and that it will encourage the insurgents to more serious outbreaks, compelling ultimate intervention by the United States.

Color is given to this view by the action of the war department, which is flooding Major General Carter with cipher telegrams.

SEARCH AS YET IN VAIN

Officers Fail to Find Any Clue of Winters' Whereabouts—Search Will Continue During Next Few Days.

SPECIAL OFFICERS TO RANSACK LATE HOME

In Meantime Couple Under Suspicion Are Held in County Jail—Sandy is Busy.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Charles Winters of Woodville which occasions the holding of Mrs. Winters and her paramour William Watson in the county jail on a charge of unlawful cohabitation is still unsolved, although officers headed by Deputy Sheriff Sam Sandry spent the entire day Saturday searching the premises for some clue which will solve the disappearance of Winters. Sandry last night notified Sheriff Jones that the task was one requiring several men and special officers will be detailed to the scene Sunday and Monday and a systematic and thorough search undertaken. Meanwhile neither Watson nor Mrs. Winters will say more than to deny all knowledge of Winters' present whereabouts.

The search Saturday brought little to light beyond the fact that most of Winters' clothes are still in the house. Among his effects found were three pair of shoes and his overcoat, which the officers believe he would have taken with him inasmuch as he is supposed to have left during the cold spell which prevailed a month ago.

The search will be continued today. Officers state that they are firmly convinced that the couple has a hand in the missing man's disappearance.

Two months ago Watson appeared in Woodville. A month ago Winters disappeared. In the meantime Watson has been paying marked attention to Mrs. Winters and is said to have been encouraged. Immediately after Winters' disappearance Watson is said to have taken up his abode with Mrs. Winters. This fact aroused the suspicions of neighbors which resulted in the present activities of the authorities. While the investigations are under way the couple are held on a charge of unlawful cohabitation.

TRAGEDY IS NARROWLY AVERTED WHEN BRAKES REFUSE TO TAKE HOLD ON NORTHBOUND MOTOR

SCORE LOST TRAIN WRECK

Express Plunges Down to River When Bridge Collapsed—Fell Seventy-five Feet—Many Drowned in Their Berths.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 25.—Ten persons are known to be dead, ten are missing and more than a score are badly injured at a trestle on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad crossing the Alpham river where the fast Chicago-Jacksonville express train, known as the Dixie Flyer, plunged down to the river early today when the structure collapsed.

The Dixie Flyer, which makes the run from Chicago to Jacksonville in 36 hours, was one of the best trains in the east. It left Tifton at 3:25 this morning and was running at high speed when it was derailed on the trestle over the Alpham river. With a crash the bridge went down 75 feet into the river, the engine, express car and five Pullmans plunging down through broken timbers into the stream.

The scene of the disaster is one of the most desolate in the state, and reports are yet meager. It is known, however, that most of those killed in the Pullmans were drowned in their berths.

Within a short time help was being rushed from Atlanta, Macon and other nearby cities, and the work of recovering the dead and caring for the injured has been in progress since the morning.

But little news has come direct from the disaster, the officers of the Atlantic Coast line, on which the accident occurred, giving out such details as have yet transpired.

No information has been received here as to the cause of the wreck. Railroaders here say that Engineer Green of the Dixie could not have detected any accident to the trestle in time to prevent a wreck owing to the dense masses of trees whose shadows veiled the approach to the death trap.

RUSSIA DOES NOT EXPECT WAR WITH CHINA

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—Despite the feeling of apprehension which prevails in other capitals today, the Russian foreign office affects to believe that the present crisis in China will not result in war. It is reported that Japan is bringing strong pressure to bear on China to induce the latter to comply with the Russian demands in Mongolia and III provinces. This statement, if verified, is taken as strong proof of the reported agreement between the governments of the czar and the mikado for the joint exploitation of China.

PEKING, March 25.—M. Korostovitz, Russian minister to China, presented his country's final note to the Chinese foreign board demanding complete acquiescence in Russia's Mongolian demands.

Failure to comply, it is predicted, will mean war.

Four Dead in Fire.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 25.—A revised list of the casualties here in the Middleton Manufacturing company's fire today shows four firemen dead and fifteen injured one fatally. Careful search of the ruins, completed today, makes it certain that no more bodies are among the debris.

LOCAL PEOPLE ARE INJURED

Crater Lake Junction Scene of Accident—Over Twenty Are Injured. None Fatally—Wild Excitement Follows Spread of News in City.

Be cause the brakes would not hold, the northbound motor Saturday morning plunged into train 15 from Portland at the Crater Lake junction and, was completely wrecked. A score of people, many of them from Medford, were injured, none fatally.

When the crash came train 15 was at a standstill, endeavoring to reverse, while the motor, beyond control, was endeavoring to stop. Had the engineer of the passenger train not noticed the motor running wild, its whistle shrieking out a warning, there was have resulted an accident which would have caused a dozen deaths. As it was, it is a source of wonder that someone was not killed.

The motor left the Medford depot at the usual hour Saturday morning, with orders to take the blind siding at the Crater Lake junction and pass train 15. It was slightly behind time and was making the run in fast time. When near the siding the motorman found that all attempts to apply the brakes were futile. He sent out a warning to No. 15 that he was running wild by repeated blasts of the whistle. The engineer of No. 15 brought his train to a standstill and endeavored to reverse, but before he could back up the motor plunged into the engine, completely wrecking the light car and darning the engine of No. 15.

Passengers were hurled from their seats. The seats themselves were torn from their fastenings and piled about the floor of the car. Inside all was confusion. Not a single passenger on the motor escaped uninjured and that several was not killed outright is considered a miracle.

No sooner had the crash come than the local office of the Southern Pacific company was notified by telephone. Agent Rosenbaum immediately called Dr. E. Barton Pickel, the local Southern Pacific surgeon, and informed him of the accident and left instructions to get all the doctors of the city available to the scene at once. Within a few moments they were all at the disaster.

Meanwhile the news had spread like wildfire throughout the city and autos by the score hurried out to the scene. Machines which carried their owners out of curiosity to the junction were turned into ambulances, while all fell to and assisted the injured to local hospitals or homes. People living in the vicinity hurried to the scene and carried with them sheets caught up hurriedly from beds. The sheets were torn into strips and used as bandages. Within 20 minutes after the crash came fully 100 people were assisting in various ways the work of caring for the injured.

Chief Engineer Gerig of the Pacific & Eastern at once ordered one of his engines over onto the Southern Pacific tracks to couple onto the motor and pull her away from the passenger train.

The injured:

W. R. Baumback of Medford, severely cut and bruised. J. H. Turfee of Medford, fracture of right leg above ankle and minor cuts and bruises.

Carol Blakeley of Gold Hill, sprain of right ankle and scalp wound. Mrs. F. B. Creecy, bruised and cut about face.

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Taft Bests Mikado in Deep Game

