

SEVEN ARRESTS TO FOLLOW NEW YORK FIRE

Flagrant Violations of City Ordinance Providing for Equipment of Buildings With Proper Apparatus Are to Be Presented by Officials.

FIRE CHIEF SAYS HE IS TO FIGHT FOR MORE ESCAPES

Frame Apartment Houses Are Fire Traps Doors of Work Shop Locked On Saturday.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29.—As an aftermath of the Triangle shirtwaist fire horror in New York Saturday last, seven arrests were ordered today by Building Inspector Backus for alleged flagrant violations of the city ordinance providing for the equipment of buildings of various classes with proper apparatus for fire protection. The warrants issued were for owners of frame apartment houses, and Backus declared that he will prosecute every property owner in Los Angeles who is violating the city ordinances controlling the protection of human life. Fire Chief Ely, discussing the local situation, said this afternoon: "I have been fighting for more fire escapes and I am going to keep on fighting until all of our buildings of every class are properly equipped. There are many frame apartment houses, particularly in the hilly districts, that—well, God help us if they ever catch fire."

NEW YORK, March 2.—District Attorney Whitman today examined 150 witnesses most of them survivors of Saturday's fire, when 143 lives were lost in the destruction of the Triangle shirtwaist factory. All agreed that the doors leading to the stairways and the passenger elevators were locked when the fire started and laid largely to this fact the enormous loss of life.

It was decided today to postpone the funerals of the 20 unidentified victims of the fire for a week, when a great labor demonstration will be a feature of their burial.

TAFT MIXED IN LORIMER CASE

Wholesale Unofficial Denials Come From Washington Following Statement That Hines Helped Elect Lorimer—Taft Wanted It So.

SPRINGFIELD, March 29.—Wholesale unofficial denials from Washington are streaming in here today to the senate's Lorimer investigating committee following a statement by Edward Hines, the lumber king, yesterday that he helped to elect Lorimer because Senators Aldrich and Penrose told him President Taft wanted Lorimer chosen. The committee may ask Penrose and Aldrich to testify as to whether they ever mentioned President Taft's name in connection with the matter.

Revers Coming Home.

MEXICO CITY, March 28.—It was learned here today that General Bernardo Reyes had left Rome last night for Paris and that he will be here in two weeks. Reyes will not take a seat in the cabinet, but will become active commander of the federal troops in Chihuahua.

With the exception of the ministers of foreign affairs and of the interior, the new cabinet was sworn in here today at noon.

New Judge for Cox.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 29.—Chief Justice Jones of the Ohio circuit court has decided that the affidavit submitted by Prosecutor Hunt was sufficient to Judges Swing and Smith as trial judges as in the case of Boss Cox indicted for perjury. Judge Jones will name the men who will try the Cox case.

SAYS LORIMER IS THE GREATEST MAN SINCE THE TIME OF CHRIST

Such is Belief of John I. Hughes, Capitalist, a Witness in Legislative Bribery Investigation

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 29.—William Lorimer, "the greatest man since the time of Christ." That is the opinion of the Illinois senator held today by John I. Hughes, a capitalist, a witness in the legislative bribery investigation being made here. Hughes extensively praised Lorimer and declared that he urged every member of the lower house of the legislature under investigation to vote for Lorimer. He denied, however, that he used any money in the senator's behalf.

Edward J. Hines, a Chicago lumber dealer, made similar denial and said he talked with only senators in connection with the Lorimer candidacy.

OLD, OLD, STORY OF BIG VOLCANO IN SISKIYOU AGAIN GOING AROUND

Prospectors Assert That Earth Threatens to Erupt in Siskiyou—Yellowish Blaze is Show.

REDDING, Cal., March 29.—The usual semi-annual story of threatened volcanic eruption in the border range of Modoc and Siskiyou counties as told by prospectors near Lookout arrived here today. The only new feature of the tale is that a yellowish blaze was seen to shoot from the side of Glass Mountain. The flame extended half a mile, say the reports, and the phenomenon lasted thirty minutes. Loud rumblings accompanied the mighty fireworks.

"I HAVE HAD ENOUGH WIVES," SIGNS GOODWIN AND SWEARS "NEVER AGAIN"

"I Don't Give a D—" is Remark When Told That Edna Goodrich Was Divorced.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 29.—"Never again," sighed Nat Goodwin today. "I have had enough wives." Goodwin had been asked if he were going to try the matrimonial game again.

His fourth and latest wife, Edna Goodrich, actress yesterday secured a divorce in New York. "I don't give a damn," he remarked when told the court had severed his matrimonial bonds.

WOMAN NOW OWNER OF ST. LOUIS NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB

Is First Feminine Base Ball Magnate—Robinson Dies and Leaves Bulk of Property to Niece.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 29.—By the will of Stanley Robinson, principal owner of the St. Louis National League baseball club, which died here a few days ago, a woman becomes the first feminine baseball magnate. Robinson's niece, Mrs. Helen Robinson Britton, is bequeathed all the dead man's baseball stock and other property to make up three fourths of the estate. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Robinson, gets the other fourth of the magnate's holdings.

"YOU ARE WORSE THAN JUDAS," SHOUTS CAMORRA LEADER AT WITNESS

Abbatmaggio, the Informer, Gives His Testimony Against Prisoners Charged With Murder.

VITERBO, Italy, March 29.—Abbatmaggio, the informer, object of execration by the 40 Camorrist members on trial for the murder of Gennaro Cuccuolo and his wife, continued his testimony today at the trial. The recital was exactly like the written confession the informer gave the authorities. Disorder occurred when Enrico Alfano, the Camorrist leader, shouted: "You are infinitely worse than Judas."

Steamers Collide.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The steamer Cedric collided yesterday in the bay with the steamer Maroquin, from Trinidad. The big Cedric smashed into the Maroquin's port quarter. Then, backing away she tried to pass to windward and hit the Maroquin again. Prompt action by the liner's officers prevented any panic on board.

UNITED STATES IS DOVE OF PEACE

Due to President Taft, Army Officers Say, if Peace Comes to Mexico—Think President Dictated Message to Diaz Forcing Move.

IMPORTANT BATTLE IS WON BY REBELS

Tired and Worn They Rush Important Base in Lower California and Capture It.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 29.—Peace in Mexico, army officers here today believe, will, if it comes, be due directly to an ultimatum carried from Washington to Mexico City by Minister Limatour. His message to President Diaz is believed to have dictated by President Taft and the threat of American intervention is thought to have been the means of bringing to the Mexican president at last to a realization of the necessity of a compromise.

Conference Tomorrow.

To go into conference with the Madero family, former ambassador to the United States de la Barra will arrive here tomorrow. He will be met by Francisco Madero, senior, and his son, Alfonso. The party will then, it is said, go toward Monterey, where they are to meet Limatour. It is reported that then the whole party will go to Chihuahua, where Francisco Madero, jr., the rebel leader, will participate in the negotiations under a flag of truce.

It is believed the Chihuahua negotiations will be only formal and that both sides have already virtually accepted the terms of peace.

Important Battle Won.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 29.—What may prove to be one of the most important battles of the Mexican revolution is reported by passengers arriving here today on the steamer San Diego, in from Esenada, capital of Lower California. They say that on Monday, Alamo, a small town 80 miles south and east of Esenada, was captured by a band of 200 rebels under General Berthold.

The little town was attacked by a skirmish party of rebels last week, but they were merely scouting. In Monday's engagement Berthold was wounded in the leg.

Insurgents Were Worn Out.

The insurgents are said to have been in a pitiful condition when they reached Alamo, having traveled on foot and in a hurry from Tecarte, near the Mexican line. Most of them were without shoes and their feet were by caustic and squalor. In addition they all suffered from thirst and had but little food to sustain them in their long march.

When the little band reached Alamo it is said some of them were nearly crazed by suffering.

The capture of the town was almost bloodless, as the rush of the insurgents was so fierce that it took all the fight out of the federal defenders.

Berthold Leads.

Berthold is said to have been in front of his men every step. He is receiving medical attention from Dr. Foster of Alamo, who at first refused to treat him, but was prevailed upon by force to do so. His wound was received in a scuffle while Berthold was in the act of getting a horse from a settler close to town.

Esenada is not well enough defended now to warrant the sending of a large body to the relief of Alamo at once, as all the men who can be spared have gone to Tecarte and toward Mexicali.

Colonel Miguel Mayot and 640 federalists with some artillery were to leave Tecarte today for Mexicali. The Alamo situation may cause him to return to Esenada.

The capture of Alamo is taken to mean that the rebels will try to maintain a base there. This is the first real engagement on the peninsula and the presence of the rebels in that section of Mexico may prove to be a real thorn in the side of the federal forces.

Even at your favorite store you will find unusual buying opportunities at particular times—"sales," "bargain," etc. And your favorite store's advertisements will keep you fully informed about these events.

EMPIRE STATE CAPITOL BURNS

New York's \$27,000,000 Capitol Building Guttled by Flames Causing an Estimated Loss of Over \$6,000,000—Defective Wiring Cause.

HUNDREDS OF VALUABLE DOCUMENTS DESTROYED

State Library Contains 400,000 Volumes Gone—Legislative Chambers Blackened and Soaked.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 29.—Fire scorched and water stained, showing a net loss of \$6,000,000, not including thousands of precious and irreplaceable documents, the New York state capitol today stands partly in ruins following a fire that raged for seven hours in its courts and corridors.

The state library with its 400,000 volumes, was destroyed. The senate and assembly chambers are smoke-blackened and soaked with water.

The office of the department of education, the court of claims chamber, the senate finance committee room, the office of the senate president pro tem, the assembly library, and the document and cloak rooms, all were gutted.

\$27,000,000 Wasted.

The Great Western stairway with its great architectural beauty is blackened and its marble chipped. The western wing is flooded and the roof of the north wing is sunken.

The \$27,000,000 that has been poured into the capitol by the state for many generations has been wasted. The great building, the pride, and also the shame of the empire state, was planned in 1863 to cost \$4,000,000. The construction proved too tempting a chance for graft, and so far \$27,000,000 has been spent upon it, and still the original plans were unfulfilled.

The capitol is in such a state of chaos today that no one can tell what may be its fate. It is a sad wreck at cursory glance, but later investigation may show that enough of its beauty may be salvaged to warrant rehabilitation.

Flimsy Decorations.

The question arising here is whether the state may now become more economical and erect a fire proof building to house its departments. It is admitted that millions of dollars worth of decorations were placed upon flimsy fire-tempting framework.

The democratic legislative caucus had adjourned only an hour before the fire started. Defective wiring had been reported yesterday in the assembly library.

Smoke was seen issuing from the northeast corner of the building shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. Documents, ornate hangings and the rich furniture were fuel upon which the flames gained great headway. With no appreciable check the fire spread to the assembly chamber and its corridors. The flames communicated to the western stairway and its million dollar ceiling, one of the finest mural paintings in the world were destroyed.

Firemen risked their lives in a bombardment of falling masonry to stop the advance of the fire. It swept along toward the senate chamber and attacked the state library.

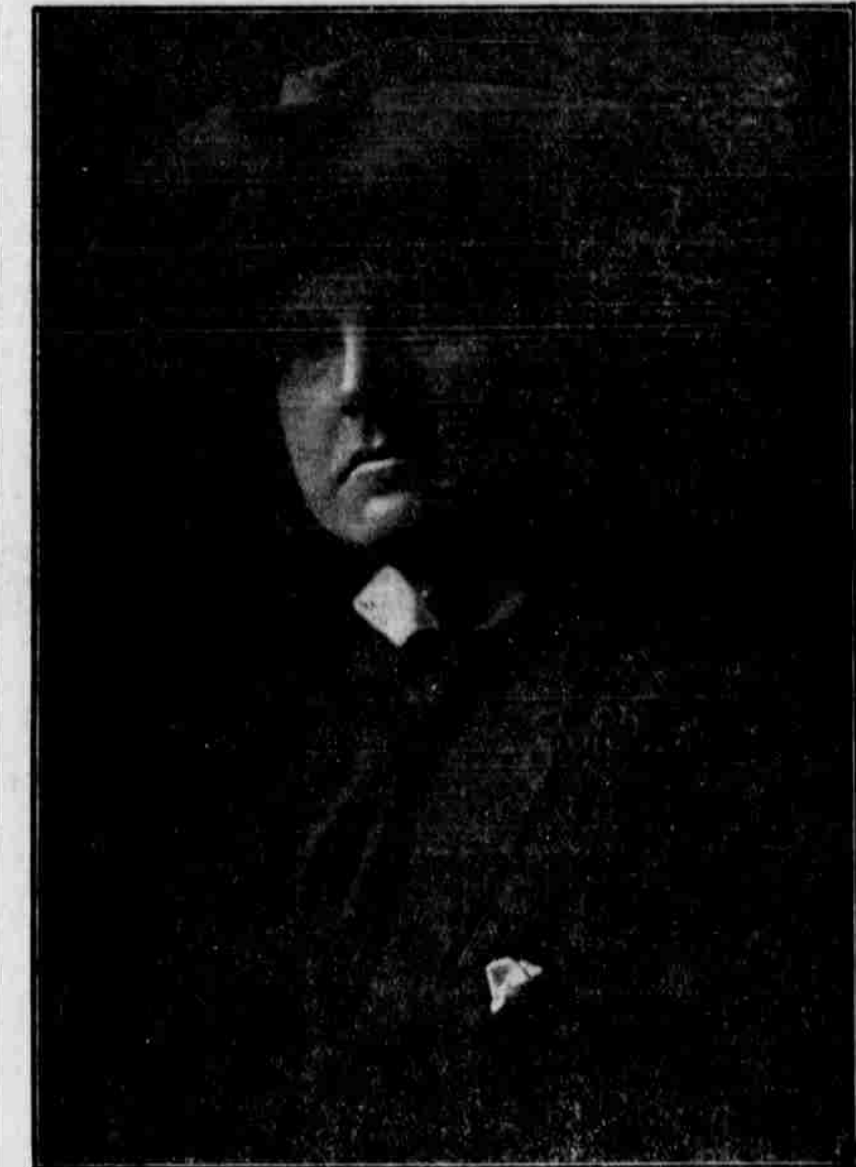
Old Documents Burn.

By 3:30 o'clock the assembly library had been wiped out with its shelves of documents and papers, some dating back to 1776. All documents of the senate judiciary committee of the present session were consumed.

Five minutes later the state library was burning, filled with inflammable material, it became a furnace that drove back the fire fighters. Unable to save the library, the firemen attempted to save the offices on the third floor. The smoke baffled them and drove them out.

While the firemen were fighting to save the state's most precious documents they were being aided by a constantly increasing force of volunteers. State senators, assemblymen, clerks and attaches thronged the corridors and committee rooms in advance of the fire and steamed out of the building, staggering under loads of books and papers.

Burr McIntosh Is to Feature Rogue Valley In His Lectures



Burr McIntosh, lecturer, actor, artist and prince of good fellows, intends to extensively advertise Medford and the Rogue River Valley in his future lecture and for that purpose spent Wednesday spent Wednesday night seeing in the valley and taking photographs of orchards and picturesque sections to add to his collection. The best photos will be published in Burr McIntosh's monthly, and also be used in his lecture upon "our country," and should be the means of advertising this section widely.

Tuesday evening Mr. McIntosh was the guest of Col. and Mrs. Frank H. Itay at dinner at the Nash hotel.

Tonight at the Medford Theater he will be heard in a one act play followed by a lecture, which those who have heard, pronounce well worth while. The lecture is illustrated by over 400 colored slides and in its course, the truth of the Japanese Mexican war scare will be portrayed.

GIANT LUMBER MERGER IN EAST

Michigan Pacific and Michigan Puget Sound Companies Combine—Vast Tracts Are Held by Them in British Columbia.

DETROIT, Mich., March 29.—A \$2,500,000 lumber merger was consummated last night at Grand Rapids, it was learned today when the Michigan Pacific and the Michigan Puget Sound companies combined. The companies are distinct organizations, each possessing extensive timber holdings in the west and British Columbia. The Michigan Pacific company holds 32,000 acres while the other company controls 22,000 acres on Vancouver island. The former corporation is capitalized at \$1,500,000 and the latter for \$1,000,000.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED IN PAXTON CASE

PASADENA, Cal., March 29.—That there will be startling developments in the so-called Paxton case within the next 48 hours is the belief today of Chief of Police Wood. Wood has received a despatch from Chicago which resulted in a conference between him and the detectives in charge of the case. It was rumored that another woman may be brought into the case.

The officers are busy tracing the alleged forged deed upon which the woman giving the name of Lillian Paxton is alleged to have tried to negotiate a loan.

College Infants Want Green Caps.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 29.—Green caps for wear by the freshmen the rest of the year—this is what the first-year students have voted for themselves at O. A. C., and only waiting the sanction of the upper classes, men to don the verdant badge. In most institutions the upper classes have to force the caps on the youngsters; at O. A. C. they take care of themselves.

It is known that all the Duteb and colonial records were consumed and that the historical Van Rensselaer collection has been destroyed.

SLUSH FUND WAS \$100,000 HE SAYS

Publisher of Chicago Record Herald States on Stand That "The Interests" Raised Huge Amount to Elect William Lorimer Senator.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 29.—Flat declaration that "the interests" had raised \$100,000 to elect William Lorimer to the United States was made here today by H. H. Kohlsaat, publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, when he was examined before the senate investigating committee which is probing the Lorimer case.

Kohlsaat twice reiterated his assertion when asked regarding an editorial in his paper which declared that a large slush fund had been raised to send the "blind boss" to the senate. He declared he had good grounds for his assertion, and when asked if he was sure of his information he said he certainly was.

Brown Not Man Wanted.

PORTLAND, Or., March 29.—George Brown, a laborer arrested at Salem, suspected as the murderer of five year old Barbara Holzman in Portland has been released from the city jail. The authorities were satisfied that he was not the man wanted. With Brown proved innocent, the detectives are as much as sea today as the day the child's body was discovered in a lodging house on Russell street.

Chicago Greeks Aid Camorra.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 29.—The existence of a plunder band in the Italian quarter to collect funds for the defense of the Camorra gang on trial at Viterbo is asserted here today by a local newspaper. It is alleged that \$100,000 has been collected from Italians here. The money principally is for the defense of Luigi and Giuseppe Arena, Chicago Italians on trial at Viterbo. The postal money order records show that large sums have been sent to Viterbo recently.

MEDFORD IS ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE FACTS FOR SURVEY

Government Turns Its Attention to Development of Crescent City Harbor and Medford is Wanted to Give Statistics and Data.

HARBOR TO BE IMPROVED SOON BY UNCLE SAM

Engineers to Make Survey of Harbor Next Month—Wants all Available Data.

Crescent City harbor has received attention from the government and the city authorities of that city are calling upon the Medford Commercial club to contribute facts and figures bearing upon the proposed railroad from this city to the interior.

The river and harbor bill which carried the provision for a survey of the Crescent City harbor has received the signature of the president, and engineers will arrive in that city early in April for the purpose of making such a survey.

The Crescent City authorities are in receipt of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel John Biddle, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in which he states that he would like to have their cooperation in obtaining all facts and data available in regard to demands of present and prospective commerce that would be effected by contemplated improvement. He asks for complete detailed statistics of the character and amount of the commerce concerned, and the Crescent City authorities in turn have made a request in Medford.

Manager Charles A. Manboef of the Commercial club will at once forward to the Crescent City people, the statistics regarding tonnage and the like available should the road contemplated be constructed.

The improvement of the harbor at Crescent City will lead to the construction of inland transportation lines. While it has not been announced officially it is believed that the Pacific & Eastern will eventually be extended to the coast and Crescent City is the logical point.

When the present survey of the harbor has been completed congress will be asked for an appropriation to complete the work recommended.

TAFT WOULD NOT EXPLAIN MOVE

Anticipating Awkward Situation When Congress Gathers He is Endeavoring to Stave Off LaFollette Resolution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—President Taft, anticipating awkward situations when congress meets, today is using every possible effort to stave off the LaFollette resolution demanding an investigation of the army and navy mobilization on the Mexican border. He thinks that if a majority of the senators are confidentially acquainted with the real cause of the war move, he may escape embarrassment in being forced to formally define the attitude of the administration to other countries.

IOWA HOPES TO BREAK DEADLOCK TOMORROW

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 29.—Election of a United States senator from Iowa is expected to break the long deadlock here tomorrow. The republicans probably will hold a caucus tonight and select a general candidate.

Borden Resigns.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 29.—R. L. Borden today resigned the leadership of the conservative opposition in the Canadian parliament.