

WHEN WILL IT END

Six Year Old Girl Taken From Her Bed

Not treated by Fiends That She will Die, Will be Lynched if Caught

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 1.—The 6-year-old daughter of John Brownska was taken from her bed by two unknown men, who broke into the house early this morning, who carried her to a nearby field and outraged her; she will die. A big posse of citizens, headed by the child's father, is in pursuit, and threaten to lynch them.

Fired of the Cruel World

Roseburg, July 30.—Penniless, with no friends and worried past endurance over a love affair, a pretty girl, 19 summers, who gives her name as Cecil Porter and home as Marshfield, attempted to leave this cold, unempathetic world yesterday by the poison route, at the Central Hotel in Roseburg. By mere chance the girl was discovered in her room shortly after 7 o'clock in the evening, lying on the floor unconscious. Dr. DuGas was immediately summoned and an investigation disclosed the fact that the girl had swallowed a large dose of morphine. In the folds of her dress was concealed a revolver, taken from an adjoining room, with which, it is thought the girl at first determined to end her existence before changing her mind and using poison. Only by the best kind of work was the girl's existence prolonged. About 9 o'clock this morning she regained her senses, and expressed disappointment at the failure of her attempt, and at the same time declared her intention to kill herself at the very next opportunity.

The unfortunate girl is wayward. With another girl she came here from some county about 10 days ago with the intention of proceeding on to Portland to join a minstrel troupe. Pursuant to instruction from her relatives Sheriff Parrott stopped the companion of the girl here, and she was taken home by her brother-in-law, Miss Porter declining to accompany her. To Mrs. Krakenberg, the proprietress of the Central Hotel, Miss Porter confided a hard-luck story, but steadfastly refused to give her name.

until after her unsuccessful attempt to end her life.

A letter was found in her room addressed to a married man at Marshfield, and formerly a resident of Roseburg, with whom she appears to be infatuated. In the letters she made insinuations of her intention to kill herself, and stated that she would await his arrival here till August 4th. The letter was signed: "You know who."

Refused a Fortune

The following tells of a remarkable young lady, fit to be the heroine in a twentieth century novel:

Crown Point, Ind., July 19.—Because she did not believe she was entitled to the money, Helen Gerrish, of Lowell, tore up a deed by which her uncle, Dr. A. A. Gerrish, had turned over to her his entire estate, valued at a quarter of a million dollars.

Dr. Gerrish died at Lowell today from worry over money matters. He was one of the wealthiest men in this vicinity.

His fortune was estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. His niece had always been his favorite, and he told his friends that she would be the heiress of his entire estate.

A week ago Dr. Gerrish deeded his entire property to the girl, notifying the other heirs of his act. He brought the deed to his niece, expecting to receive thanks.

Miss Gerrish, after reading the document, carefully and coolly tore it into bits, remarking that she did not want the estate. She said that she would not accept the property, because she had no more right to it than the other heirs, and she considered it her duty to see that each received his rightful share.

Dr. Gerrish was dismayed by his niece's action and from that moment began to fall.

The First Baroness

London, August 1.—Little Baroness Beaumont, who is one of the eleven now living who are peeresses in their own right, will be nine years old tomorrow, and preparations have been made to celebrate the event. The little baroness, who is a charming child, with brown hair and large blue eyes, may be designated the premier baroness of England, precedence being given according to the date of the creation of the title they hold.

The barony of Beaumont dates as far back as 1309, when it was conferred upon Henry of Beaumont, a grandson of John de Brienne, last king of Jerusalem, by Edward II. The little baroness succeeded to the title under very sad circumstances, her father, the late Baron Beaumont, having been accidentally killed while shooting.

HALSEY SWEPT BY FIRE

One Business House and Warehouse Left

Ten Stores, Large Warehouse Fine Residence, Post-Office and Many Business Houses go

By the largest and most destructive fire in the history of Linn county, the business section of the town of Halsey was almost completely destroyed yesterday evening. The loss was immense, and is variously estimated at between \$60,000 and \$100,000, the general estimate being \$70,000. With the exception of one store and one warehouse, every business house on the west side of the Southern Pacific track was destroyed. One large warehouse, the postoffice, ten stores, several smaller business houses and one splendid residence went up in smoke. There were no serious casualties, only one man being slightly injured.

The principal buildings burned, together with the estimated losses follow:

- Warehouse, owned by the Balfour, Guthrie Company, of Portland; loss, \$15,000.
- Storehouse owned by M. V. Koontz; loss, \$5000.
- A. T. McCulley's big general merchandise store; loss, \$6500.
- Creamery, owned by Mr. Kauchpick; loss, \$3500.
- Postoffice; loss, \$1000.
- General merchandise store of D. S. McWilliams and Odd Fellows' hall; loss, \$6000.
- H. W. Davis' drug store; loss \$2000.
- E. Ward, confectionery store; loss, \$500.
- Mrs. E. Ward's millinery store; loss, \$500.
- Hardware store and tinshop, owned by J. A. Cross and Alex. Powers; loss, \$1500.
- Gullford's hay barn; loss, \$1000.
- B. Wilson's bicycle shop; loss \$200.
- Bennett's barber shop, \$400.
- H. S. Owen's residence, \$1500.
- T. P. Patterson's butcher shop, \$300.

Part of these losses were covered by insurance.

The fire started in the Halsey creamery, and aided by a strong north wind, swept rapidly southward, sweeping almost everything in its path.

The exact origin of the conflagration is not known but fire was first discovered at 5:30 in the roof of the creamery, and it is supposed it was caused by a defective flue. The fire swept past Koontz's large warehouse, which was saved by hard work, and attacked Gullford's hay barn. A storehouse owned by M. V. Koontz, in which oats is usually stored, but which was, fortunately, empty, was next attacked, and soon went down before the mad flames.

The fire then went across the street, and the large building containing the Odd Fellows' hall and D. S. McWilliams' general merchandise store was destroyed. A whole block of buildings, containing small business houses, was soon a mass of ruins.

While this fire was burning the fire had swept beyond the S. P. depot, and attacked the Balfour, Guthrie warehouse, one of the largest warehouses in Linn county, and the citizens were compelled to see their leading industry melt away in the terrible blaze.

The large store owned by A. T. McCulley, a former Albany merchant, was next destroyed, together with all its contents. Cross' tin shop and the postoffice went next, and a Southern Pacific section house soon joined the general mass of ruins. Nothing of any consequence was saved from any of the burned buildings except from the postoffice. All the stamps and letters and most of the government supplies, as well as part of the office fixtures were saved by the heroic work of the postmaster, William M. Stewart.

M. V. Koontz's store, the only business house left standing in Halsey, was saved by almost a miracle. Though buildings were destroyed all around it, it was saved by hard work. Mr. Koontz was also fortunate in saving his warehouse, but this was due in part to the preparations he had made for just such an occasion. He had barrels of water on top of the

building, and ladders reaching to the top of the roof.

The only accident during the fire was a slight injury sustained by Frank Cunningham, of Halsey. While moving some machinery he was struck in the abdomen by a heavy shaft, but was not seriously injured. Arthur Purdom, of this city, suffered a broken finger.

As Halsey has no fire department, the Albany fire department was sent for and responded promptly. The fire alarm sounded in Albany at 6:55 o'clock, and within 25 minutes No. 2's fire engine was loaded on a flat car, and a special train, carrying about 100 firemen and volunteers was pulling out for Halsey. The run of 18 miles was made in 22 minutes. The first half of the trip was not very fast, but the latter part of the distance was covered at a rate of less than a mile a minute.

By the time the Albany department arrived the buildings which had caught fire had fallen, so all they could do was to prevent the fire from spreading further, but in this work they rendered meritorious service for two hours.

Catholics In Convention

Atlantic City, N. J., August 1.—The large and representative character of the attendance at the opening today of the third national convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies was such as to give pleasure to Bishop McPaul, of Trenton, and the other eminent members of the church who have labored incessantly for several years to bring about a working union among the great Catholic organizations of America. When the convention was formally opened this morning there were present accredited delegates from state federations throughout the country. Ohio, where the movement has gained the strongest foothold, was represented by several hundred delegates, while Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and numerous other states had members in attendance. In addition to these delegations, there were present more than two-score archbishops and bishops of the church, and the representative character of the gathering was further accentuated by the presence of delegates from several Indian tribes and Porto Rican societies and from the Centro-Cattolico of the Philippines.

As a preliminary to the convention, the delegates marched in a body to St. Nicholas church, where solemn pontifical services were held. Afterward the business sessions were begun in the Morris Guards armory, with President Thomas B. Minahan, of Columbus, Ohio, presiding.

The rollcall by Secretary Anthony Matre, of Cincinnati, showed that delegates were in attendance, representing the Catholic Order of Foresters, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Knights of America, Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association, German Central Verein, Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, Knights of St. John, Young Men's Institute, National Total Abstinence Union, Young Men's Catholic Union, Catholic Benevolent Legion, Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, Knights of Father Matthew, Polish, French and Bohemian federations, the state federations of Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Vermont, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and many other county federations, state leagues and other organizations scattered throughout the country.

Tomorrow morning there will be a grand pontifical mass in St. Nicholas church. Another feature will be solemn memorial services for the late pope, at which addresses will be delivered by a number of the highest prelates in the United States. The business sessions, which will continue until next Wednesday, will be devoted largely to discussions tending to strengthen the federation movement.

Another Body Found.
Lowell, Mass., Aug. 1.—Another body was found in the ruins today, making a total of 23.

Switzerland's Birthday

Geneva, August 1.—Switzerland today celebrated its national festival, which was established August 1, 1291, and has been kept up without interruption during the six centuries that have since elapsed. The celebrations consisted of patriotic exercises and festivities, concluding at night with grand illuminations of the mountains.

BRIDGE GOES DOWN

Two Drowned Fifty Injured and Six Missing

Platform Breaks Tumbling 140 People Mostly Women and Children in to the River

Portland, Aug. 1.—Six are still missing and believed to be drowned. A hundred and twenty-one are injured, fifty seriously and perhaps fatally. Patients are scattered all about the city, in hospitals and at their homes. At St. Vincent's hospital seven are still unconscious.

Seven tons' weight of shrieking humanity dropped from the eastern end of the Morrison-street bridge into the Willamette at five minutes past 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Two persons, and, it is feared, several others, were drowned. At least 50 were more or less injured, a few, perhaps, fatally.

Without warning a rotten 5 by 12-inch timber broke short off at the point where the bridge walk adjoined the roadway. It was the central support of 40 feet of the walk on which were crowded fully 140 people, largely women and children. The break occurred on the south side of the bridge, opposite the Portland Rowing Clubhouse.

A great throng had assembled to see "Professor" Lutz, the "armless wonder," swim the river, from Kellogg's boathouse to the Rowing Club's float. From end to end the Morrison-street bridge was crowded with spectators. As the swimmer neared his destination, surrounded by a fleet of launches and rowboats the crowd naturally surged toward the eastern end of the bridge to see the finish. No such numbers were assembled, however, to cause danger, had the bridge been sound.

Lutz was about 60 feet from the float, swimming easily in the midst of the swarm of small craft. The antics of four sportive Italians in a skiff had diverted the attention of the crowd. This joyous quartet had just given a burlesque exhibition of a rowboat upsetting, in front of the boathouse, when a scream was heard from the bridge.

Sidewalk Falls With Human Freight.
The people seemed to drop in a lump, as a load of coal is dumped into a cellar. The fall from the top of the walk to the surface of the water was about 20 feet. It was broken by two scows, or small floating boathouses, directly underneath. With a fearful crash the section of walk and its screaming, scrambling load of men, women and children smashed through the roof of these. The walk seemed to fall squarely, thus preventing people from being crushed underneath. A few people slipped off the western end of the fallen walk into the river, but were quickly dragged out. A lot more were tumbling in a heap on top of the debris aboard both floats, but fully one-third plunged in a bunch between the floats, which were separated by about five feet of open water. That so many people could have fallen in so such a space without stunning or thrusting a number of those underneath into the deep water, so that in rising they would be caught under the floats, seems incredible though for a time it was thought no one was drowned. The river here is about 20 feet deep. A person thrust under water, at any angle, rarely rises short of a few feet from the spot of his going down. At this place two or three feet either way would mean drowning, for the victim would be held under by the floats.

Rescue Work Begins.
Professor Lutz finished his swimming feat unaided and unnoticed, for the people in the boats and those on the boat club float rushed to the rescue. Men flung off hats and coats preparatory to going into the water. Several swimmers, in bathing suits, were at hand, and a number of men intrepidly dropped or climbed down from the bridge, to help. Fortunately the walk connecting the bridge with the boathouse was wrecked, else the place would have been overcrowded with anxious and excited helpers and spectators.

No one who saw the accident but would have sworn that at least a score must have been crushed to death, yet not one dead or unconscious person was taken out of the wreckage. A line was quickly formed from the two small floats to the clubhouse, and one after another people were passed but. A dozen had to be carried. All the others with some help, to a number, were able to walk.

In the debris in each of the two damaged floats, several people were found caught under timbers and woodwork. They were extricated without difficulty. The seriously injured were borne into the clubhouse and laid on the floor. In an incredibly short time everybody appeared to have been rescued, and men were searching the wreckage for lost hats, purses, clothing, etc. One woman, in some fashion, lost the shirt waist she wore, her skirt and silk undershirt. She was not much injured, but she was so bewildered that she did not realize her condition until a man handed her a skirt, which she recognized as her own. Blood was sprinkled about the

wreckage and on the floor of the clubhouse. Many of the injured presented a most distressing appearance. All were deadly pale from the shock alone. A score were bleeding from cuts and bruises about the face and head.

Only two were killed so far as is known, they were Lottie Cameron, of Tenth and Glisan streets, and Eddie Shanks, son of E. L. Shanks, of 545 Second street. These were both drowned, their bodies being recovered by dragging the river. It is feared there may be others as six are missing, but though the river has been dragged thoroughly today, none have been found.

Evening Papers Are Unsold

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Not an evening paper has been sold on the streets for three weeks, the boys being on a strike. The publishers want five cents for two papers, and the boys five cents for three. The publishers refuse to arbitrate.

Company is Insolvent

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Justice Herick today confirmed the referees' report, declaring the New York Building, Loan & Banking Company insolvent, in the sum of \$317,000.

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