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## LITTLE CITY IS BURNED

Milton, Del., a Town of 2000 Inhabitants, Destroyed by Fire Early This Morning.

## 300 HOUSES BURNED

BLAZE WAS FANNED BY HIGH WIND AND SOON GOT BEYOND CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT, SWEEPING EVERYTHING BEFORE IT—NO LIVES LOST.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Dover, Del., Aug. 13.—A company of militia with tents, blankets and provisions started today for Milton, 40 miles south of here, which was practically destroyed by fire early this morning when 300 buildings were burned in a fierce wind-fanned conflagration.  
The town has a population of about 2000 and most of the people today are homeless as the result of the fire. No one was killed and none so far is reported missing. When the fire was first discovered a high wind was blowing and in spite of the efforts of the volunteer fire depart-

ment the flames gained headway and rapidly jumped from one building to another until they had laid a wide area in ashes.

No estimate of the damage done can be made yet but the loss is comparatively heavy. Reports received here say hundreds of women and children went without breakfast this morning.

Many persons have lost everything they owned and are without even sufficient clothes.

With the exception of a few stores most of the structures were uninsured.

## TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION DISCUSSES LOS ANGELES

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 13.—The delegates to the International Typographical union now holding its annual session here voted today to turn down Delegate Rowe's proposition to take the Los Angeles typos' fight against the Los Angeles Times out of the hands of National Organizer McLernon and empower the local union to wage the struggle against the publication.

Rowe charged that McLernon was not handling the fight satisfactorily and he wanted the governing body to back the Los Angeles typographical union financially and allow the local men to direct the campaign against the newspaper.

President Lynch took the floor against Rowe and when the vote was taken it stood 186 to 8 against Rowe's proposal.

In Paris, it is reported, the dogs are so numerous that there are not as many as enough to keep them busy. California ought to take the hint and let Paris know where the deficiency can be made up.

## RALPH JOHNSON KILLED

Thrown by His Horse, One Foot Hangs in the Stirrup While Pony Runs Away.

## DRAGGED TO DEATH

HIS SKULL CRUSHED AT FIRST FALL, BUT IS DRAGGED FOUR BLOCKS, HIS HEAD TO GROUND, ENTIRE DISTANCE—FATHER COULD NOT RECOGNIZE HIM.

One of the saddest accidents that has happened in Salem in many years was that which resulted in the death of Ralph Johnson, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, which occurred about 8:45 last night.

Late yesterday afternoon Ralph rode out of his father's barn on Ferry street on a little pony, a regular pet and gentle as a kitten; from that time nothing is known of his actions or whereabouts except as told by Willie Kaiser, until his mangled body was found near the corner of Fourteenth and Mill streets about 8:45 o'clock by Mr. and Mrs. Budd Hill.

The Kaiser boy says he was riding a pony and joined Ralph, but this must have been only a short time before the accident. He says they were riding together and finally got to racing. Ralph's horse got ahead and the Kaiser boy lost sight of it and its rider.

It is probable the horse fell at the corner of Court and Twelfth streets, as there was blood and brains scattered over a big rock there, and marks show where the body was dragged to the point where found, about four blocks. Of this, however, the Kaiser boy knew nothing, and no one saw anything of the accident except Mr. and Mrs. Hill. They were walking down Fourteenth street on their way home about 8:45 when the horse galloped by them, going south on Fourteenth street. It was quite dark but they thought they could see something dragging on the right side of the horse, the farther side from team. As the horse neared Mill street it turned to the west as though to go up that street, but turned again and continued south on Fourteenth. It was at this point the boy's foot was released from the stirrup and the crushed and mangled body tumbled into the dusty street. In a moment Mr. and Mrs. Hill reached the spot, and although they could not see the boy, heard him moan. Discovering the body, Mrs. Hill at once called some of the people living near and telephoned for a doctor, while Mr. Hill carried the limp and almost lifeless body to the sidewalk.

At this time W. N. Savage and E. C. Cornforth came by in a buggy and, taking the poor bruised body in their arms, drove rapidly to the Willamette Sanitarium, where everything possible was done for the poor boy, but he expired in a few moments without regaining consciousness.

The body was at once taken to his undertaking parlors by Coroner Clough, but no one, so far, owing to the terribly crushed and battered condition of the face could identify the body, and in this connection is one of the most pathetic incidents. Mr. Johnson, the dead boy's father, hearing that some one was hurt, went into the undertaking rooms, but failed to recognize his son. He seemed to have a premonition of the sorrow that had come to him, for he telephoned his wife asking if Ralph was home yet. Getting a reply in the negative, he went back to the undertaking parlors, and to Mr. Clough said, "If there is a scar on the left knee, that is my boy." The pants leg was hastily pulled up and the tell-tale mark told his mute story of a bereaved father and mother.

Ralph was the youngest son of

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## TOOK SEVEN THOUSAND FROM BANK

Two Young Fellows Hold Up Santa Clara Bank This Morning and Get Away.

## HAD AUTO AT DOOR

DASHED OUT OF TOWN AT TERRIFIC SPEED, BUT MACHINE BROKE DOWN—ROBBERS TOOK TO BRUSH AND ARE BEING PURSUED BY BIG POSSE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 13.—The two young men who robbed the Santa Clara bank this morning and their chauffeur were captured about noon today about three-quarters of a mile from the place where their automobile broke down. The \$7,000 in gold was recovered by the posse, which was led by Sheriff Langford of Santa Clara county.

The men, when overtaken, were fleeing toward San Francisco on foot, having divided the treasure between them.

The officers who had pursued the robbers in automobiles greatly outnumbered the robbers and as the pursuers were armed with rifles the capture was easily effected.

The robbers were taken immediately to San Jose, where an effort is being made to identify them.

Cashier F. A. Birge and Bookkeeper Charles Johnson left here immediately for San Jose to identify the men under arrest as the robbers.

The prisoner refused to give their names although they willingly confessed that they committed the robbery.

The chauffeur, who was employed by the strangers, was not arrested as he readily proved that he knew nothing of the intentions of the robbers when they engaged the automobile at San Jose this morning.

When the men hired the machine they told the driver to run up to the bank at Santa Clara as they wanted to draw out some money. The robbers forced him to run the car at top speed, under penalty of being shot, after the robbery.

This afternoon Sheriff Langford sweated the confessed robbers and it is probable that they will give their names before daylight. Neither young man has the appearance of a criminal.

Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 13.—Two young men about 20 years old walked into the Santa Clara Valley bank at 10:30 o'clock this morning, covered the office force of four men with revolvers, and compelled the cashier to turn over to them \$7,000 in gold.

The robbers then backed through the door, jumped into a waiting automobile, in which they had driven up to the bank and started towards San Francisco.

The young men did not wear masks and the bank officials say they can easily identify them if they are captured.

About a mile out of town the automobile broke down and the two robbers and the driver of the machine, who evidently was an accomplice, took to their heels.

Chief of Police Walsh, with a posse of citizens, immediately started in pursuit and the capture of the robbers is expected hourly.

When the hold-up men entered the bank Vice-President Albert Harris, Cashier F. A. Birge, Paying Teller F. H. Robert and Bookkeeper Charles Johnson were at their desks.

"Come through!" demanded the younger of the robbers, as he pointed two revolvers at the heads of the cashier and bookkeeper. The other man "covered" the vice-president and teller.

With no chance to reach for the

revolvers under their desks, so sudden and unexpected was the demand, the order was obeyed.

The cashier was forced to hand out all gold in sight.

"Don't hold any back or I'll blow your head off," said the robber, and his voice and attitude gave convincing evidence of the sincerity of the threat.

The cashier was forced to put the gold into shot sacks which the robbers had thrown upon his counter. After this was done, the two men, still threatening the officials if they made any move and warning them not to call for aid, walked backward out of the bank.

Until they had passed through the door they held the bank officials under cover with their revolvers.

The chauffeur was ready to start his machine instantly and no sooner had the men sprung into the car than it was away in a cloud of dust at full speed.

So quickly was the whole robbery and escape accomplished that the bank officials were stunned for a moment. As soon as possible they gave the alarm and every available automobile was put into service by the posse.

The robbers had such a start, however, they probably would have made good their escape if their machine had not broken down.

The Santa Clara bank has a capitalization of \$60,000. The \$7,000 in gold was all that was in sight at the time the men entered. The cashier told them that it was all there was on hand. They did not take time for arguing on this point.

## LOSS OF WARATAH CONFIRMED

Not One of Her 300 Passengers or of the Crew Escaped. Many Bodies Floating in the Sea.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Cape Agulhas, South Africa, Aug. 13.—All hope for the safety of the big liner Waratah, with 300 passengers, was abandoned today when the steamer Inezia arrived here, having covered the course of the lost ship and reported that many bodies were seen floating in the sea off the Bashee river, where the missing vessel was last seen. It is believed that the ship must have gone down in a storm.

Hot Wave Kills Three in St. Louis

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Louis, Aug. 13.—Three deaths were reported today as the result of the heat wave which struck this city yesterday. The sweltering heat continues unabated today and already many reports of prostrations have been made.

## SPANIARDS WHIPPED BY MOORS

Mellilla Surrounded by Horde of Fanatics Whose Ranks Are Hourly Growing Stronger.

## MAY CAPTURE CITY

THOUSANDS OF WILD TRIBESMEN GATHER—DRAG CANNON CAPTURED FROM SPANIARDS UP STEEP MOUNTAIN AND ARE BOMBARDING FORTRESS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Lisbon, Aug. 13.—The Spanish troops at Mellilla have been driven from all advanced positions by the Moors who are bombarding the fortresses of the city with cannon which they captured from the Spanish, according to dispatches from Mellilla today.

The fighting has been going on for a week and both sides have lost heavily during the conflicts. The Spanish troops are taking refuge within the inner fortifications. The Moors have gained a big advantage over the Dons and reinforced by the Rif soldiers and sympathizers from the interior they have the largest force of men that has yet attacked the city.

Cannon have been hauled up the steep slopes of Mount Jugura which overlooks Mellilla. From there the Moors are directing a heavy fire downward into the fortifications.

General Marina, who is command of the Spaniards, led a sortie against the tribesmen in a vain effort to drive them from the outside entrenchments that they have captured.

The Spanish fought bravely. Facing a withering fire directed at them by the Moors, they were gaining ground, when a force of Moorish troops charged their flank and drove Marina back into the fortifications. He was nearly captured before safety was reached behind the walls.

The position of the defenders is growing more untenable. The Moors, aided by their advantage, are pressing forward eagerly, and impelled by religious frenzy are taking desperate chances to capture the town and annihilate the depleted Spanish garrison.

## Start Spanish Republic

Lisbon, Aug. 13.—Dispatches from eastern Spain published here today in the "Mundo" state that a revolt has broken out at Ampurdas, in the Halarugell district in the extreme northeastern end of Spain. It is reported that the citizens have established a provisional republican government and refuse to recognize the suzerainty of Alfonso hereafter.

A strong royalist force is en route from Barcelona to put down the new uprising, according to the "Mundo."

## SIX-YEAR-OLD KILLS LITTLE PLAYMATE

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Macomb, Miss., Aug. 13.—While playing "war" today Eddie Wright, aged six years, shot and instantly killed his playmate Willie Smith, a four-year-old lad, in the back yard of the Wright home.

The younger lad was pretending to be a frontiersman while Wright played he was an Indian.

As the four-year-old lad trotted past him the older boy raised a shotgun loaded with nails, pulled the trigger, and the charge literally blew off the top of the child's head.

The gun was of the old-time "cap" model and had been thrown away as useless.

The boy had placed a match on the cap to "make it pop," and when the hammer struck it the powder was ignited.

The Wichita man who has just completed a dresser containing 35,000 pieces of wood evidently had time as well as wood to waste.

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