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CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

St. Malachi's Home for Children in New York Was Totally Destroyed Last Night.

SEVEN BODIES FOUND

NEARLY A THOUSAND CHILDREN IN IMMENSE WOODEN BUILDING, AND IT WAS THOUGHT ALL HAD BEEN SAVED—BODIES FOUND LYING TOGETHER.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
New York, Aug. 31.—The bodies of seven young children, burned beyond possibility of recognition, were found in the ruins of the St. Malachi's home for children today.

Firemen are working in the charred remains of the home looking for other bodies.
The discovery that a holocaust had occurred came as a shock today as the police last night reported that all children had escaped from the blazing home.

Hundreds of little ones were saved from death by the bravery of the sisters of the orphanage, and the quick response of the children to a fire drill call.

It is not known how the seven who were killed became separated from their companions. The bodies were found huddled together in a mass room on the second floor of the building, and apparently the children were clinging to each other when death came.

Nearly 1000 children were in the home, which was a wooden structure occupying an entire block, and facing the Atlantic ocean. The children's ages ran from two years to twelve.

The fire started in the engine room of the home at 7 o'clock last night. The children had just retired and the sisters were at their devotions.

When the flames spread rapidly a fire drill was sounded.

Scores of spectators, attracted by the blaze, cheered as the 12-year-olds appeared carrying little children and babies.

As soon as the children were in the street a roll was called, and all were reported safe. It was not suspected that any were missing, and the firemen confined their efforts to fighting the flames.

The refugee children are being cared for at a Hebrew sanitarium situated in an adjoining block.

When a search was made for the records of the home today it was discovered that all had been destroyed in the conflagration.

This will make it practically impossible to determine the names of the dead and missing, as the books and papers contained the "history" of the children who were occupants of the institution.

SHEEP HERDER SHOT; PROBABLY ACCIDENT

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Pendleton, Aug. 31.—A sheep herder known as "Alphonso," in the employ of the J. E. Smith Company, was mysteriously shot in the back near Meacham yesterday. Whether the man was accidentally shot by a hunter who mistook him for an animal, or whether he was the victim of revengeful cattlemen or settlers, is the question officers will be called upon to determine. Though the wound is serious the victim is still alive and it is thought that he has chances of recovery.

The herder apparently has no idea of the identity of the man who did the shooting. According to his brief story he was out with his sheep about a mile and a half east of Meacham when he heard shooting and a ball struck him in the back.

According to information received here, the bullet did not go straight through, but fowwed a rib around, thus saving the man from being killed outright. As soon as he was found he was taken to Meacham. Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Wilson have gone to make an investigation.

Earthquake Shock Recorded.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Cleveland, O., Aug. 31.—The seismograph in the laboratory of Father Odenbaugh, of St. Ignatius college today recorded an earthquake shock occurring somewhere on the North American continent. The vibrations began at 6:11 this morning and lasted until 6:27.

The movement was more pronounced than the shock at Panama yesterday.

MAYOR AND OTHERS CAUGHT KILLING DUCKS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Forest Grove, Aug. 31.—The proudest man here today is J. Alva Lewis, deputy game warden, whose cause for elation is the fact that he succeeded in running down and arresting Mayor Tenbrook of Merrill, Or., and a party of wealthy business men whom he caught hunting ducks out of season.

Lewis came upon the mayor and his party, which comprised T. A. Barrows, a wealthy stock man; C. H. Ennis, a banker; John Martin, flour mill man at Merrill and Klamath Falls, while they were aboard a launch. When the party saw Lewis the engineer put up the river at full speed and Lewis started in pursuit.

On the flight a string of ducks was thrown overboard and Lewis was compelled to stop and take them aboard as evidence. Then he continued the chase until the mayor's party ran upon a sand bar and stuck fast. There they made an ignominious surrender.

Mayor Tenbrook and his companions were marched before Justice of the Peace Ofield, who fined his fellow townsmen \$25 apiece.

A TRAIN WRECKER IS KILLED

Watchman Discovers Thugs Hitting Explosives on the Track—Kills One but Is Wounded.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
M'Neral City, O., Aug. 31.—A plot to wreck the Cleveland and Pittsburg passenger train this morning between here and Canal Dover was frustrated today by Watchman John Mace, who is in a dying condition at Canal Dover, following his brave action.

Mace came upon four train wreckers, who were laying explosives in a tunnel. A revolver duel followed, in which Mace shot dead one of the bandits, wounded another and received wounds that may cause his death.

Section hands, drawn to the tunnel by the shooting, came up, and in a hand-to-hand encounter with the bandits, two of them were shot. The thugs fled after the shooting, leaving the dead comrade. A trail of blood left by a wounded bandit may aid the authorities in capturing the men. An attempt is being made to identify the dead train wrecker.

WIRELESS IS SILENT IN HONOR OF ECCLES

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, Aug. 31.—From 2 o'clock until 2:30 today all the wireless stations of the United Wireless telegraph service were silent, out of respect to George Eccles, the wireless operator on board the Ohio when she was wrecked, and who lost his life while at his post calling for aid.

The general order issued by Manager Armstrong read:
"Out of respect to the memory of George C. Eccles, killed in the Ohio disaster, all wireless communication will cease during the funeral services, to be held between the hours of 2 p. m. and 2:30 today, August 31."

WITHDREW MUCH LAND, RESTORED A LITTLE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—Acting Secretary Pierce, of the department of the interior, today restored 18,000 acres of land withdrawn in connection with the Yakima irrigation project in Washington.

He ordered withdrawn 49,000 acres in Arizona in connection with the Salt River project; 28,000 acres in the La Grande, Oregon, district connected with the Umatilla project, and also 3840 acres along Chocoma creek, in Colorado, with the view of protecting possible power sites from being filed on by private corporations.

THE INCUBATOR KID AGAIN TO THE FRONT

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Bleakley this afternoon declared that she was opposed to the compromise suggested by Mrs. Barclay, who offered to sign away her claim on Marian Bleakley, the "incubator baby," providing all prosecution on the kidnapping charge was dropped. Not only did Mrs. Bleakley refuse to agree to the compromise, but she also promised to prosecute the alleged kidnapers to the fullest extent of the law.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE IS KNOCKED OUT

Fires Between Riddell and Glen Dale Cut off all Communication South From Roseburg.

O.R.&N LINES DOWN

FIRES EAST OF HOOD RIVER AND IN SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASH., SHUT OFF PORTLAND FROM THE EAST—ONLY LINE OPEN IS NORTHERN PACIFIC.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Hood River, Aug. 31.—Forest fires which for several days have been burning through the Hood River country and east of here gained renewed energy today with the result that wire communication with the east is practically cut off. Owing to the inaccessibility of the country where the fires are, details are incomplete.

Portland Almost Isolated.

Portland, Aug. 31.—Owing to forest fires east and south of this city Portland today is practically isolated by wire from communication with California and the east. Though the eastern fires are several miles away the valleys surrounding this city are filled with a thin haze of smoke from burning timber.

Word has been received by railroad officials from various parts of Washington that extensive forest fires are burning owing to dryness of the timber.

Fires in the proximity to the Northern Pacific route between here and Seattle have rendered travel burdensome owing to excessive heat and dense smoke.

Fires Near Kalama.

Kalama, Wash., Aug. 31.—A forest fire is raging in the green timber east of here. The Alger logging camps have been burned out and one or more donkey engines destroyed. More than a section of Alger's timber had been burned over Sunday, and the fire was rapidly advancing toward Barr's camp. The loss will be considerable, especially where the owners are not prepared to log off their lands at once.

REGULAR SPANISH ELECTION

New Orleans, La., Aug. 31.—For three days rioting has been in progress at Port Limon, Costa Rica, over the elections, according to dispatches received here today.

There was a pitched battle yesterday at Reventacon Bridge, in which a score were injured. All Sunday night the rioters fought, and it is believed that some of their number were thrown from the bridge into the stream and drowned.

The authorities have raided their headquarters and confiscated arms concealed there, and 60 arrests were made.

The raids are being continued today. The rioting is general. The halting finished today. It is predicted that Don Ricardo Jimenez will be elected president.

LAUNCH IS BURNED BY EXPLODING OIL

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—The launch Pirate is in ruins today following the explosion of an oil lamp last night which set the launch on fire and caused the death of Carl Schoene, 29 years old, who had been working as a deck hand.

The launch was towing a barge of oil and was opposite Pinole when the lamp exploded. Captain Daniel Webster and Ole Nelson, the mate, jumped to the barge, and fearing that the blazing launch might start the barge to burning, the tow rope was cut. At the time it was thought that Schoene was on the barge but later his form was seen silhouetted against the flames. Soon afterward the launch sank in the bay. No trace of the deckhand has been found, and it is believed that he fell back into the flames and went to the bottom of the bay with the flaming craft.

ROBBER HELD UP TRAIN

Lonesome Bandit Stops Train on Pennsylvania Railroad and Makes Crew Assist Him.

GOT FIVE THOUSAND

CLEANED UP EXPRESS CAR AND THEN WENT THROUGH PULLMANS—COMPELLED FIREMAN TO CARRY PLUNDER—LATER ABANDONED SACK OF COIN.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 31.—After he had exploded a dynamite cartridge on the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad and brought the fast Pittsburgh and Northern express to a standstill when near Lewistown, a lone masked highwayman boarded the engine, and at the point of pistols compelled the crew to assist and accompany him to the express car.

There with the train crew looking on he forced the messenger to place \$5000 in a sack. While this was in progress the train conductor entered the express car. The lone bandit ordered him to throw up his hands. The conductor was slow in obeying the command, and to show his displeasure the highwayman sent a bullet through the fleshy part of the trainman's right arm. This member fell useless at the conductor's side.

Then the highwayman commanded the engineer, a big husky fellow, to pick up the heavy sack containing the money and to follow him. This the engineer did. The bandit led the engineer to the Pullman cars and after awakening the sleeping passengers, he ordered them to get up and follow him. While all this was going on the entire train crew was at the bandit's heels powerless to aid the unresisting passengers.

After loading himself down with valuables and money the highwayman forced Fireman Witus to carry the sack to the top of a rugged hill. After they had reached its summit the bandit politely thanked the fireman and ordered him to hustle back to the engine and help send the train on its way. Willis lost no time in obeying these instructions.

When the train reached Altoona the railroad officials were notified of the robbery and a posse of railroad detectives were rushed to the scene on a special train.

A search of the woods revealed the fact that the highwayman had left the sack containing the money behind. It evidently had been too heavy for him to carry. A number of discarded wallets of the passengers were also found along the roadside. A number of new Lincoln pennies were found in the sack deserted by the bandit.

The railroad detectives have little hopes of apprehending the bandit as he wore a mask which completely hid his features.

WATER RIGHTS ARE BEING ADJUDICATED

Application for the determination of water rights on a number of Western and Southern Oregon streams have been made to the State Water Board, under the new water law passed at the last session.

The Rogue river rights will be adjudicated, if an application filed recently by A. B. Sayling and F. Y. Allen is granted, which in all probability will be done. This will be one of the largest projects of the kind in the state. Petitions are also in for the determination of the rights on Applegate creek, Little Butte creek, Althouse creek, Quines creek and Williams creek.

All applications except those for the Rogue river and Williams creek water have been favorably acted upon by the board. The Little Butte problem will be the first one taken up.

L. H. Higate, superintendent of district No. 1, under the water law, has resigned his position as cashier of a bank at Bonanza, and will move to Klamath Falls, where he will devote all his time to the business of the state.

Slight Earthquake in Rome.

Rome, Aug. 31.—A slight earthquake was felt here this afternoon which, although no damage was done frightened the people considerably. The shake was felt by Pope Plus at the vatican. The vibrations lasted but a few seconds.

DR. BROUGHER MAY GO TO LOS ANGELES

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Los Angeles, Aug. 31.—During the next week Dr. Whitcomb Brougher of Portland probably will receive a formal call to the pulpit of the Temple Baptist church of this city to succeed the Rev. "Bob" Burdette, according to a decision reached by the church pulpit committee. The committee will recommend that the new pastor receive a salary of \$5000 a year. If the Temple congregation, at its meeting called for tomorrow evening, ratifies the recommendation of its committee, a call will be issued at once to the Portland divine, Dr. Brougher left last evening for Portland. When told at the train of the decision of the committee he said:

"I appreciate the honor conferred on me by the committee and I will give the call, as extended to me, the most careful and prayerful consideration."

"The Temple church is a monument to Rev. Dr. Robert J. Burdette and his noble wife, and I would consider it a great honor to be the pastor of it."

THE FLEET ARRIVES IN FRISCO

Cruisers of the Pacific Squadron Stop for Supplies. Leave Next Sunday for Asia.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, Aug. 31.—After hovering outside the heads for nearly 24 hours, the eight cruisers of the Pacific squadron, headed by the flagship Tennessee, Rear-Admiral Sebree commanding, steamed into San Francisco bay early today.

The Tennessee and the cruiser Washington anchored in the stream and the California, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Dakota and West Virginia proceeded to Mare Island navy yard for ammunition and supplies.

The squadron is under orders to leave Sunday for an extended voyage to Asiatic ports.

Between San Francisco and Honolulu an attempt is to be made to establish a new speed record.

While at sea the squadron will engage in maneuvers and have target practice.

The vessels will not return to the coast until February.

WHEAT MARKET A TRIFLE STRONGER

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Chicago, Aug. 31.—The wheat market acted with more favor toward the bulls, and closed 1/4 to 1 cent a bushel higher than yesterday.

Foreign markets started the change in sentiment with the advance of 1/8 to 1/4 at Liverpool's closing, after an opening of 1/2 lower than yesterday.

Cash wheat sales: No. 2 red, \$1.15@1.15 1/2; No. 3 red, 99c@1.02; hard winter, \$1.01@1.01 1/2; No. 3 hard winter, 96c@1.00; No. 2 Northern spring, \$1.01@1.02.

SPANISH VETERANS AND COLORED BROTHER

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 31.—Condemning as "unpatriotic and subversive" the efforts made to exclude from their convention three members of the Harrison Gray Otis camp, colored, of Los Angeles, the delegates to the annual encampment of Spanish War Veterans, which is being held in this city today, passed a set of drastic resolutions.

The split in the order, which was threatened by the protests of delegates from Alameda, Vallejo and Oakland, as a result of the attempts to seat the negro veterans, is deprecated by the resolutions. According to a clause in the document, which will have a place in the archives of the association, the difference of opinion over the race question never existed. Another clause, however, scores the delegations from the Northern California cities who threaten the disruption.

Idaho Clashes With Department.

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Lewiston, Idaho, Aug. 31.—Increased friction between the forestry bureau and the department of the interior is expected to result from the action of officials of the United States land office here today in postponing action on allowing the state of Idaho to select 76,000 acres of national forest reserve in Nez Perce and Shoshone counties. Opposition to the selection of the forest lands by the state was made by the local forestry officials.

RAINING AGAIN IN MONTEREY

Conditions Following Flood Are More Terrible Than Supposed, Is Report of the Consul.

AID IS BEING SENT

TWELVE HUNDRED DEAD AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND HOMELESS IN MONTEREY—NO REPORTS RECEIVED FROM OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

(By Louis F. Correa, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)
Monterey, Mex., Aug. 31.—Optimism is the keynote in Monterey today.

That the flood sweeping away a portion of the business section will have a beneficial effect ultimately is undoubted. Several villages were damaged, but the optimists declare that the water will benefit the farmers, rendering the fields more suitable for sowing wheat.

Timely aid has been received from the vice-president, Ambassador Thompson, of the United States, and the private citizens of Mexico City, who hastened to the aid of the city with provisions and money. The rehabilitation of Monterey is looked upon as a matter of course.

The destroyed buildings will be replaced with modern structures. The poorer classes suffered most in the flood. The residents of the stricken city are taking steps to aid the sufferers and prevent a repetition of the scenes at Guana Juato after the flood seven years ago, when there was much unnecessary suffering on account of the slowness of the government in distributing the relief funds. There were a great many funerals today.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Conditions at Monterey, Mexico, following the disastrous floods, are more terrible than hitherto reported, according to a message received today by the state department from Consul Hanna. He said:

"Please tell the press that the conditions are more terrible than supposed. Twelve hundred are dead, 15,000 homeless and without covering. It is raining again. We are doing all we can."

The Red Cross today sent \$2000 to assist in alleviating the sufferings of the stricken population of the devastated district.

President Diaz has contributed \$30,000 to the relief fund. Money contributions from all parts of the United States and Mexico are being wired into Monterey, which will be put to immediate use in purchasing supplies for the hungry, and in erecting shelters for the homeless.

The war department has shipped several thousand tents to the break in the railroad line. As soon as the railroad is repaired these will reach the city.

HARRIMAN IS ALL RIGHT, SAYS MOHLER

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Omaha, Neb., Aug. 31.—"Harriman has not been on the job," declared Vice-President Mohler, of the Union Pacific here today, in reply to the question when he would return to work.

Mohler received a letter from Harriman today, which was mailed from Arden, the wizard's country home, where he is now confined.

Mohler refused to give excerpts out from the communication for publication, but said the magnate's physical condition is not alarming.

"At no time has Harriman been so sick as to compel him to abandon his work," Mohler concluded.

DOWIE'S SUCCESSOR MUST SERVE SIX MONTHS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Waukegan, Ill., Aug. 31.—Volivia Dowie's successor as the leader of Zion City, was taken to the McHenry county jail today to begin a six-months' sentence, following his failure to pay a ten-thousand dollar bail judgment held against him by Phil's Motherall.

Volivia expostulated all the way to his cell. Before entering upon his term he declared that he will continue his religious work and edit his magazine from the prison during his incarceration.