

STRUCK BY A WALL OF WATER

Residence Portion of Heppner, Ore., Destroyed and Possibly Five Hundred Lives Lost.

CLOUDBURST IN VALLEY

WILLOW CREEK SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A GIGANTIC TORRENT,

Which Was Twenty Feet High and Rushed on the Town, Carrying Everything Before It.

HOUSES WERE WRECKED

AND THEIR OCCUPANTS EITHER KILLED OR DROWNED.

Storm Was Raging and Roar of the Torrent Could Not Be Heard—300 Coffins Wanted.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15.—Following a cloudburst, a wall of water twenty feet high rushed down the gulch of Willow creek at dusk yesterday and drowned nearly half of the 1,300 inhabitants of Heppner, Ore. The furious water carried the residence part of Heppner away. So great was the force of the water that bowlders weighing a ton were rolled along the gulch, crushing everything in their path. Wires, bridges and railroads were swept away and complete reports have not been received. The most reliable reports to-night say that the loss of life at Heppner will be at least 500, though the number of dead probably is larger.

A report from Lone, seventeen miles from Heppner, says that 300 bodies have been recovered. The flood came with such suddenness that the inhabitants were unable to seek places of safety and were carried down to death by the awful rush of water. Part of the business portion of Heppner, which is on high ground, escaped.

IDENTIFIED BODIES. Following is a list of the identified bodies: KRUG AND FAMILY.

ROBERT HINDS AND FAMILY. JAMES JONES AND FAMILY. DR. M'WARD. FAMILY OF C. A. RHEA. MRS. CARR'S FAMILY. MRS. CHARLES ANDREWS AND CHILDREN.

MRS. ROBERT BAIRD AND CHILDREN. WELLS, Sr., AND FAMILY. JAMES MATLOCK. THOMAS MATLOCK'S FAMILY. DR. HIGGS'S CHILDREN. MISS ELLIOTT.

WILLIAM COHEN AND FAMILY. MR. GRIGER. W. M. WALTON AND FAMILY. HERBERT BARTHOLOMEW'S FAMILY. JOHN MEYERS.

GEORGE NOBLE AND FAMILY. GEORGE JONES AND FAMILY. MR. AND MRS. DAWSON. OCCUPANTS OF Heppner Hotel. SEVERAL CHINESE. MRS. CHARLES CURTIS. GEORGE TINSLEY, wife and child. H. A. BOYD'S family.

WRS. W. H. BERG. CHRIS M. ASHBAUGH. CARL JONES and family. GEORGE SWARDER. JOHN M. KERNAN and wife. AGENT OF THE O. R. & N. C. E. MATFIELD and family. BERT CABOTS and family. BEN PATTERSON and family. H. G. GERZER and family.

HAVOC OF THE TORRENT. Early in the afternoon a thunderstorm occurred, covering a wide region of country, and later a heavy rainstorm set in, many of the small streams overflowing their banks in a short time. Bridges were swept away like straws, and the darkness of the night soon made the situation more appalling. The roar of the storm deafened the roar of the water, and the people had no warning of the oncoming flood. Suddenly it rushed through the town, sweeping houses from their foundations and drowning the people in the wrecks of their own homes, the dead bodies and wreckage being borne down the valley. The people were caught in their houses, with no chance to escape. Many persons were killed outright. Others were drowned after heroic efforts to save themselves.

As soon as possible after the flood subsided the work of relief was begun by the surviving residents. Dozens of bodies were found lodged along the bends of the stream, and in several places they were piled two or three deep. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon two hundred bodies had been recovered within the town. Many of the buildings which were not carried away were moved from their foundations or toppled over.

Hundreds of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that had gone into the creek bottoms for water perished.

As soon as possible news was sent by courier to the near-by towns, asking relief for the stricken people. The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company started a train with doctors and supplies from The Dalles shortly after noon, with a party of one hundred, including three doctors, four nurses and supplies of all kinds. At 1:30 this afternoon a relief train, with doctors and supplies, started for the scene from Portland. The citizens of Portland started a relief fund on the news of the disaster spread over the city, and within a few hours \$2,000 was raised.

Supplies will be rushed to Heppner as soon as they can be collected. Fifteen buildings in Lexington, nine miles from Heppner, were destroyed.

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HELD BY CORONER'S JURY.

Bratton and His Men to Answer for Killing Clifford Hamby. ST. LOUIS, June 15.—The coroner's jury that has been investigating the death of Clifford Hamby, member of the St. Louis Reserves, who was killed in a levee riot at East St. Louis Saturday evening, to-day rendered a verdict holding John S. Bratton, W. A. Brown, S. J. Allen, E. Collier and Frank W. Bratton responsible. Bratton is a noted horseman and the others named are employees.

UNIONIST HEAVILY FINED.

Factory Foreman Charged with Extorting Money and Molested \$900.90. NEW YORK, June 15.—Accused of attempting to extort money from employees of a New York (N. Y.) hat factory, David Richman has been fined \$900.90 by the Hat-makers' Union. About eight months ago similar charges were made against Richman, and he was fined \$90.90. He was then foreman in a department in the factory. Although he declared at that time that the charges were trumped up, it is said he has since been paying the fine in weekly installments out of wages. He declares that the charges were trumped up and that he will not pay the second fine. Why the union made the fine 1 cent less, instead of an even dollar, is not known. The union also complained asserted before the union that Richman had asked them to pay him \$2 a week for that wages. They also declared that they knew he was receiving money from other men in the shop. Richman says that he told them that the money was to go to the firm.

MURDER IN COURTROOM

ANTI-POLICY SOCIETY SUPERINTENDENT SHOT DOWN.

Killed by a Negro, Who Barely Escaped Lying—Sensational Tragedy at New York.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Charles F. MacFarlane, of the Anti-policy Society, was shot and killed in the courtroom on the general sessions floor of the Criminal Courts building by William Spencer, a negro, who was to have been placed on trial to-day on the charge of violating the anti-policy law. A detective who witnessed the shooting knocked the revolver from Spencer's hand and placed him under arrest.

Four shots were fired by Spencer, three of which took effect in MacFarlane's body, and the fourth hit Philip E. Bray, also a member of the Anti-policy Society, in the arm, inflicting a slight wound. MacFarlane was superintendent of the Anti-policy Society. The negro told the police that MacFarlane had been following him and telling lies about him. The case was almost immediately taken before the grand jury, and less than two hours after the death of MacFarlane Spencer had been indicted for murder in the first degree.

After the shooting crowds in the courtroom flooded into the corridors, and the greatest excitement prevailed. A crowd of men, uttering cries of "lynch him" and "shoot him in the balcony," attempted to take the prisoner from the detective. It required a strong force of police to save the man from the fury of the men and disperse the crowd.

TRIED TO FIRE THE CITY

INSANE MAN AT FORT WAYNE SET SEVEN FIRES IN AN HOUR.

Placed in Jail After an Exciting Chase—Says He Set the Transfer Barns Afire on Friday Night.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 15.—The police and sheriff's forces were given a desperate chase to-night in locating and arresting a firebug, who before he was lodged in jail, set fire to six barns and one grocery store. His name is Clem Bott, aged twenty-five, and he is connected with a respectable family. He was adjudged insane some months ago, after an operation following a concussion of the brain, due to falling on the ice. Obtaining his freedom later, he began to steal, and also charges were pending against him when he was arrested again. His mental condition saved him from a prison sentence, and he was sent to the poor farm last week. He was there only twenty minutes when he ran away, and the next morning (last Saturday), as he admitted to-night, he set fire to the transfer barn, which entailed a loss of \$7,000. He said to-night he had not seen a fire for a long time, and "as he was the fire chief," he would fire the barns and then notify the city.

While Mr. Lelkauf, a grocer, was running to his barn to save his horses Bott fired the grocery store.

The barns burned were those of J. C. Peters and Ralph McGee, and those attached to Seier's bakery. Ankenboom's grocery and Dr. Sites's office and Fulton's livery were also destroyed.

During the excitement Bott stole back of the counter at Gross's drug store and robbed the safe of \$8. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

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INDIANA COAL FIELDS.

Inspector Epperson Says the Miners Were Never More Prosperous.

James Epperson, state mine inspector, is in from the coal fields of southern Indiana. He says the outlook is for a large increase in the output this year. Between thirty and forty new mines have been opened, chiefly in Sullivan and Greene counties. In opinion of the mine inspector the Indiana miners were never as prosperous as they have been for the last few months. While there is not at this time a great deal of work being done in the mines the prospects are good for better times and when the miners work they can get more than they have earned before at like work.

GREAT HOSTS OF WOODMEN.



Even the Seal of the State has a woodman in it.

WANT A NEW BUILDING

BOARD OF TRADE GOVERNORS AGAIN DISCUSS THE MATTER.

Chief Topic of Conversation at a Dinner at Columbia Club Given by President Perry.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

C. C. PERRY SMILINGLY PRESIDES OVER BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS.

Three Places Filled on the Board of Governors—New Standing Committees Announced.

It is probable that within the next year work will be commenced on a new Board of Trade building. The building movement has taken a fresh start and it looks now as if something substantial would be the result. At a dinner given last night at the Columbia Club by C. C. Perry, the new president of the board, the question of a new building was the chief topic of discussion. Mr. Perry entertained the governors of the board in honor of his election to the presidency.

Nearly every governor present made a speech and the most of the speeches were enthusiastically in favor of a new building—a seven or eight-story structure that will cost from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The sentiment regarding a location for a building has changed in the last few months. Some time ago when the question of selling the present site at Maryland street and Capitol avenue was discussed, there was a good deal of talk about putting up a new building near the business section of the city. The prevailing sentiment among the governors last night favored a building on the present site. It is the feeling that the city is "moving that way." President Perry, in a short speech, declared in favor of a building on the present site and incidentally alluded to a new building enterprise in which he is interested, but which has not progressed far enough to allow of the publication of details. Mr. Perry owns a strip of real estate on Kentucky avenue, about half way between Washington and Maryland streets. He declared that if a certain deal goes through, a building to be erected on the neighborhood of \$100,000 will be erected on this site. The question of a new building was the chief topic of discussion. It was the understanding last night that a committee will be appointed, probably at the next meeting of the board, to consider the building question. Some of the governors favor the appointment of a committee as soon as it can be done. The board of Trade is known as one of the particularly progressive organizations of the city. Its finances are in a flourishing condition, its financial standing is the best and it was predicted last night that the board will be able to complete the new building at 4 or 5 per cent.

MEETING OF GOVERNORS.

New Officers Installed and Standing Committees Announced.

The Board of Trade governors met last night and the new president, C. C. Perry, succeeded John J. Appel in the chair. Samuel B. Sweet, the newly-elected vice president, and the treasurer, E. E. Perry, also took office. The board unanimously re-elected Jacob W. Smith to the office of secretary for next year. Mr. Smith is now serving his fourteenth year as secretary of the board. Three governors were also elected last night. By Mr. Sweet taking the office of vice president a vacancy was left on the board, and at the election a few days ago two places were not filled on account of a tie. The board last night elected Frank M. Murphy, Frank W. Morrison and Albert E. Metzger to fill the vacancies. These men were all candidates at the election. Morrison and Metzger were involved in a tie vote. Mr. Perry, the new president, assumed the duties of office in his usual affable and smiling way and later in the evening he entertained the governors at the Columbia Club.

The grain committee made a report announcing the resignation of John Heiner, chief grain inspector, and recommended the appointment of William Greiner to be chief

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Inspector and Chris Wislimer assistant. The board concurred in the report.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were announced for the year:

Finance Committee—Frank D. Stalaker, chairman; Harvey Mullins, William Scott, Sam B. Sweet, John J. Appel.

Arrangements—John S. Lazarus, chairman; Benjamin B. Mims, Irving S. Gordon, John E. McGottigan, William H. Cooper, Harry J. McGowan, James I. Dissette, John C. Baird, Adolf Schleicher.

Membership—Archibald A. Young, chairman; William H. Cooper, William S. Cannon, J. Gardner, Sidney M. Dyer, Louis J. Blaker, William F. Piel, Frank W. Morrison, Benjamin B. Mims, John E. McGottigan, Robert F. Scott, Milton A. Woolton, Henry T. Hearsey, Albert E. Metzger, Edgar H. Evans.

Law—Albert Baker, chairman; E. B. Martindale, Roscoe O. Hawkins.

Flour Inspection—Louis J. Blaker, chairman; Frank W. Morrison, Edward Hawkins, Irving S. Gordon, Elmer E. Perry.

Promotion of Manufactures—Justus C. Adams, chairman; David M. Parry, James I. Dissette, Irving S. Gordon, Ford Woods, Guy Lewis, Roscoe O. Hawkins, chairman; John M. Shaw, John F. Wallick, Albert Baker, James R. Ryan.

Fringing—Andrew Hagen, chairman; Edward W. Bassett, John M. Shaw.

Arbitration—Smiley N. Chambers, chairman; Edward W. Bassett, William S. Cannon, Thomas L. Sullivan, John B. Cockrum, John Perrin, Frank E. Jones, James W. H. Tompkins.

Grain—William H. Cooper, chairman; Benjamin B. Mims, Robert F. Scott, Arthur Heiler, Charles A. Shottwell, George A. Warren, Edward W. Bassett, William J. Riley, James R. Ryan.

Lumber—Harry C. Foster, chairman; George H. Rehm, John Woelker, Henry Coburn, S. D. Fraser.

Coal—Augustus B. Meyer, chairman; Frank M. Fauvre, William G. Wasson, L. E. Feltus, Samuel D. Fraser.

Railroad and Transportation—Marion W. Elliott, Harry Well, James V. Stanbery.

On Appeals—James T. Layman, chairman; Frank W. Morrison, Charles S. Lewis, William E. Kurtz, Charles A. Bookwater, Merrett Klop, Louis G. Decker, William N. Chambers, Joseph Haas, Charles R. Myers, Hervey Bates, Jr., Henry L. Beveridge, Robert Conde, Thomas A. Wynne, James E. Pierce.

Fire Insurance—Fred A. Gregory, chairman; George H. Rehm, John Woelker, Frank W. Lewis, Adolph J. Mayer.

Real Estate—Charles E. Coffin, chairman; Albert E. Metzger, William E. Stevenson, James S. Cruse, William A. Rhodes.

Edward Reeves, Gilbert B. Thompson, T. Smith Graves, R. R. Shiel, Chauncey H. Clark, David Wallace.

Health—James T. Layman, chairman; Henry C. Adams, John W. Jones, John H. O'Boyle, John R. Gray, William A. Mooney, Robert E. Martindale, William Scott, Harry J. Griffin, A. A. Barnes, A. J. O'Reilly, Albert G. Snider, George R. Sullivan, Henry B. Smith, Thomas C. Day.

Meteorology—John E. Conner, chairman; Edward W. Bassett, Gilbert B. Thompson.

Natural Gas—John P. Frenzel, chairman; E. B. Martindale, William E. English, John R. Pearson, Benet Lyman.

CROOKS ARE ATTRACTED

GRAFTERS HURRYING TO CITY TO PLUCK THE UNSOPHISTICATED.

Police Receive Orders to "Run In" All Suspicious-Looking Characters This Week.

Superintendent Taffe, of the police department, has given orders to the city policemen to place under arrest all suspicious-looking people seen on the streets during the coming week. Word has been received here from other cities that there will be a regular heira of crooks to Indianapolis for the next week or so, as the result of the Woodmen's convention.

Last night patrolmen and detectives were placed at the Union Station and at all points where the crowds are gathered in great numbers, and the diligence of the officers of the law will be unremitting from now on. Superintendent Taffe last night said there was no doubt that the city is being filled with crooks, who are attracted by the reports of large crowds here at the present time, but the police and detective departments will give the public every possible protection if each patrolman is to work sixteen hours a day to do it.

BAILEY'S AIM PERFECT

HAND THAT POINTED A REVOLVER SHATTERED BY HIS BULLET.

Philip Boeglin, a Saloon Keeper Under Surveillance, Pulled Revolver on Patrolman Bailey.

INSTRUCTED TO VISIT SALOON

OFFICERS OF THE LAW WENT THERE IN LINE OF DUTY.

It Was Either Shot or Be Shot and Bailey Pulled the Trigger First—Boeglin in Hospital.

Philip Boeglin, a saloon keeper who has been in considerable trouble lately, attempted to kill Patrolman Bailey late last night, and as a result lies at the City Hospital with every bone in his left wrist shattered from a bullet from the navy policeman's revolver.

For years Boeglin has defied the police, and has, in spite of being arrested and convicted many times, continued to conduct his saloon at Virginia avenue and Bradshaw street in open violation of the law. Only a week he was arraigned in the Police Court before Judge Whallon and fined, but the sentence was suspended on promise of good behavior.

A fight was reported in his establishment last Saturday night and the patrolmen were instructed to investigate the matter and if possible to learn the names of the participants and place them under arrest. It was said that shots were fired, but all the officers around the Boeglin saloon were unscathed and the police found it impossible to learn any of the details of the fracas from the men. The patrolmen running on the district embracing Boeglin's saloon were given instructions by their captains to make a thorough investigation of the reported fight, and in the line of this duty Patrolmen Bailey and Hillman visited the place at about 11 o'clock last night to get the details of the Saturday night brawl, if possible, from the proprietor in person.

BOEGLIN'S PROUD BOAST. Boeglin, puffed up by the fact that he had been arrested many times but always released without serving time, had been making open threats about what he would do to the next policeman who attempted to place him under arrest. He even went so far as to proudly boast that he had a "revolver waiting for Patrolman Bailey whenever he came into his place." Having heard of Boeglin's resolutions, and keeping them in mind, Bailey placed his revolver up his coat sleeve and in company with his partner, Hillman, boldly entered the saloon. He had no sooner entered the door than Boeglin, uttering a number of vile curses, seized his revolver, which he had placed within easy reaching distance, and aimed it at the policeman's heart. Bailey, with all the calmness of a well-trained soldier, deliberately shot the pistol out of the desperate man's hand before he knew what had taken place. The bullet from the revolver hit the hand of the officer of the law struck the left arm of the would-be assassin and imbedded itself in his wrist. On seeing the blood Boeglin gave up the fight and rolling on the floor, begged for mercy. He was taken to the City Dispensary in the ambulance, in charge of Drs. Cunningham and Seaton, and the bullet was probed for and located, but it was deemed advisable to take the man to the hospital, where he could receive the proper attention. Screaming and yelling at the top of his voice, he was taken to the City Hospital, where the bullet was removed and the arm dressed by Dr. Twilling.

TWO ARRESTS MADE. Patrolman Bailey had no more than fired the shot that disarmed the would-be murderer when Patrolmen Kerns and Bixler entered the saloon bent on the same investigation. Two men who claimed to be Boeglin's friends interfered and were placed under arrest and slated at the police station under the names of Samuel Page, 83 Bradshaw street, and Andy Wintzler, 104 Hoesbrook street.

As soon as Boeglin's condition will permit he will be placed on trial for assault on a battery with intent to kill.

The shooting affray regretted at the police station, but no blame can possibly be attached to Patrolman Bailey. He was acting in self-defense and his act is considered justifiable by those familiar with the man he had to deal with.

WOODMEN TAKE THE CITY

Red, White and Green, the Colors that Represent the Order, to Be Seen All Over Indianapolis.

WELCOME, WOODMEN!

Welcome, Woodmen; welcome home! Our city is proud and glad and gay To welcome you in her festive array. A wreath of stars in her floating hair, Banners and streamers everywhere— Our homes are open, our hearts are out, The air is a-shake with the eager shout. "Welcome, Woodmen; welcome home!"

Welcome, Woodmen; welcome home! For where should the home of a woodman be But in the land of the beautiful tree? Come from the wide and treeless plains Where the sun in shades of splendor reigns, Come, in your army's mighty march, From the northern home of the oak and larch. Come from the prairie's scattered groves To the land the ancient forest loves, Where elm and sycamore, tulip and beech, Splendid and stately, with gracious curves, Upright the blue air reach and reach, Till the little frolic cloudlet grieves, Lest it should brush their finger-tips; The wine of the sun is at their lips— The gracious, beautiful, wonderful trees, And the songs they sing in the evening breeze, Is "Welcome, Woodmen; welcome home!"

Welcome, Woodmen; welcome home! We'll know for what we stand— The brotherly heart and the helping hand, The cordial word and the faithful deed, And the eye alert for a brother's need. We'll be true to the ax we bear, And only to cut down sorrow and care, The sick man's trouble, the orphan's wrong, So come, with your fifty thousand strong! We join in the forest's welcoming song. "Welcome, Woodmen; welcome home!"

DEPUTIES BAG THE GAME

BOYD, RANKIN AND MARTIN BRING IN FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Henry La Rue Impersonated Revenue Officer—Old Soldier Charged with Violating Postal Laws.

United States deputy marshals from Marshal Pettit's office made a good haul yesterday. Deputies Boyd, Martin and Rankin were sent out in the State after offenders against federal laws and returned with their men.

Boyd captured Henry La Rue at Anderson. La Rue is wanted for impersonating a revenue officer and playing a slick game on storekeepers and cigar dealers. It is charged that La Rue went to places where cigars were sold and nosed around until he found cigar boxes on which the dealers had neglected to cancel the revenue stamps. Pointing out to the scared dealers the enormity of the offense, he would talk matter over until the dealers were willing to give up a few dollars to keep the matter from coming to the attention of the authorities. La Rue says his home is in New Orleans and that he has been in the employ of a St. Louis revenue officer named Henry Marshall. He served Marshall in the capacity of a private detective, he told Deputy Boyd, but as he could furnish no credentials, his story did not "go" with the deputy. He is held for the grand jury in the sum of \$1,000.

Deputy Martin brought in Charles Whittaker, a colored man, who was wanted for "boot-legging." It is alleged that he violated the revenue laws in selling beer without a license. He had been arrested previously and released on promise to pay a fine of \$40 and costs. He failed to pay the fine and is now held to the grand jury in default of \$500.

Deputy Martin returned from Muncie with William Hillman, an old soldier, who is a colored man. Whittaker is charged with violating the postal laws. It is said he secured the name of a man who had a hold of a registered letter containing \$20. He detected the other Whittaker's name to the receipt. Whittaker is held in default of \$500 for the action of the grand jury.

MONEY FROM A TOY BANK

EARL O. DIVELEBLISS TOOK SAVINGS OF TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY.

He Also Robbed His Father-in-Law, Who Was Supporting Him—Arrested by Detectives.

For stealing money from his father-in-law, who has been his main support, and for the theft of \$7 from his twelve-year-old brother-in-law, who had saved his pennies intending to buy a new suit of clothes, Earl O. Divelebliss was locked behind the bars of the police station last night by Detectives Asch and Manning on a charge of petit larceny.

Divelebliss, with his wife and child, have been making their home with Mr. Miller, father of Mrs. Divelebliss, who lives at 811 Day street, and having been out of work for some time has depended entirely on Mr. Miller for support.

Several days ago, while the members of the family were away from the residence, \$17 belonging to Mr. Miller was taken from his hiding place in the house while the toy bank of twelve-year-old Robbie Miller was emptied of its contents, which amounted to \$7. Divelebliss on being told of the missing money attempted to throw the blame on a neighbor woman who occasionally came to the Miller residence and assisted with the washing. The case was reported to the police department and as a result Divelebliss was located in a near-by saloon, accused of the theft, confessed while shoddy "crocodile tears" and fifteen minutes later was under arrest at the police station.

It may be said that the floods in Kansas and Missouri, two States in which the order of the city this week and Indianapolis might as well throw up its hands and consent. When the convention is called to order every one of the 463 delegates will be in his seat. This statement was given out from the official headquarters of the convention at the Hotel Claypool late last night.

That E. R. Talbot, of Nebraska, the administration candidate, will be elected by a large majority, and that A. N. Bort, of Illinois, who is the administration candidate for the office of head banker, the other most important position in the Head Camp, outside the head clerkship, to which Major Hawes will be elected without opposition, now seems almost an assured fact.

CHILD DIES FROM BURNS.

Mother's Condition Serious as the Result of the Shock.

The two-year-old son of Jesse Day, who was burned in a gasoline stove explosion yesterday morning at the home of the parents in Broad Ripple, died from the effects of his injuries at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the mother's condition is said to be serious as the result of the shock.

The body was placed in the hands of Frank A. Blanchard for burial and the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Union Chapel, where the Rev. Mr. Day and his family were damaged by fire to the extent of about \$200 and only the prompt action of the fire department saved the entire building from ruin.

FIRST SESSION TO-DAY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS THE MOST IMPORTANT MATTER.

Administration Forces Will Fight a Battle Royal with the Men from Kansas.

READJUSTMENT OF RATES

THIS IS ANOTHER MATTER ADMINISTRATION SEEKS TO DO.

Internal Workings of the Great Order—States Have Exhibits—Convention Plans.

Programme for Day and Evening. 10 a. m.—Opening of Head Camp Woodmen of America at Tomlinson Hall. 2 p. m.—Afternoon session of Head Camp. 3 p. m.—Parade drill by Pontiac, Ill., camp, Woodmen Foresters, at Camp Reece, East Washington street. 3:45 p. m.—Baseball at Washington Park, Indianapolis vs. Minneapolis. Evening—Yacht club and boxing match at Empire Theater. Evening—Eugene Cowles at Fair Bank.

Four hundred and sixty-nine delegates of the Modern Woodmen of America, representing a membership of more than seven hundred thousand, will begin this morning the thirteenth biennial convention of the Head Camp in Tomlinson Hall. This convention will be one of the most important gatherings of the Head Camp during the past ten years, if not equal in importance to any convention the order has ever held.

The settlement of the rate adjustment question will be the biggest event of the convention outside the election of officers, which is always of more general personal interest than any other thing on the programme.

Unusual interest attaches to the thirteenth biennial convention because the Woodmen are divided into two factions—the administration faction, which has a plan on foot to increase the insurance rate, and which is thought to be the most influential, and the Johnson faction, which is lined up against the administration faction in the election, and is opposing the administration plan of readjusting rates.

The first event of particular interest outside the routine business will be the contest between the two sets of delegates from Kansas. Each delegation claims the right to seats on the floor of the convention, and neither has been issued credentials by Head Clerk Hawes. Representatives of both delegations were before the credentials committee yesterday afternoon and last night presenting their claims to seats. It has not been announced what will be the outcome of the hearing. But whatever the credentials committee does it is expected that the delegates who are not seated will take their case to the convention for final settlement.

The election continued yesterday to be the absorbing topic of interest, and last night all the state delegations held caucuses, jointly or separately. Just before the caucuses, as a whole, the delegations reached as to what candidates they will stand for has not been given out, but it is thought Mr. Talbot, of Nebraska, who is the administration candidate for head consul, and Mr. Bort, of Wisconsin, who is the administration candidate for head banker, still lead the fight.

The order of business for the opening session of the convention includes the opening address of Head Clerk Hawes, the reports of the head officials, and the appointment of standing committees. It could not be told last night whether the convention would get to the election to-day or not.

CROWDS OF WOODMEN. In point of attendance it is certain that Indianapolis never entertained a larger convention than that of the Woodmen. All the hotels are full to overflowing with the delegates and the visiting Woodmen and every place one goes down town there can be seen crowds of the men wearing the red, white and green, the Woodmen colors. It may be said that the floods in Kansas and Missouri, two States in which the order of the city this week and Indianapolis might as well throw up its hands and consent. When the convention is called to order every one of the 463 delegates will be in his seat. This statement was given out from the official headquarters of the convention at the Hotel Claypool late last night.

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