

ASYLUM FIRE IN THE NIGHT

Several Insane Women Got-Away During the Blaze and Created Much Excitement in That Vicinity.

BEDLAM BROKE LOOSE

No Deaths Reported and Superintendent States That all of the Inmates are Now Safe.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 22.—Fire in the Central hospital for the insane last night destroyed the north annex (the women's department) and threatened the destruction of other portions, freed many insane women, some of whom are still roaming, and sought by police and citizens who volunteered to round up the fugitives.

When the fire broke out in the north wing at 8 o'clock, some of the patients escaped, but the asylum authorities soon organized the removal of the patients from the burning wing to another portion of the hospital. In the excitement, however, quite a number of them escaped and are running about, some of them thinly clad.

The fire burned fiercely and several firemen were injured by falling walls within the first half hour. Desperate measures were resorted to and at 10:30 the fire was controlled. Most of the patients who were rescued were escorted by guards and volunteers to the south wing, the new portion of the building.

The ferocity of the fire had so alarmed all of the patients that the situation was most threatening and the citizens were appealed to. The patients throughout the asylum were aroused to a pitch of great excitement. Those who were freed gave the guards and volunteers great concern. Several men and women escaped while being transferred from the burning portions. Some of them were captured before they reached the streets, and others were found on outlying streets. Some women were found, thinly clad, sitting on the curbs half a mile away from the asylum and taken back.

Dr. Carriel, superintendent of the institution late last night, said as far as he knew no lives were lost and all of the inmates were safe. He said the fire was confined to the north wing of the north annex and that the female patients who were removed while the fire was in progress did not suffer from exposure while being removed to the south annex.

The property loss is \$40,000. The destroyed portion includes wards 4, 5 and 6, of the north annex. A hundred and eighty women patients were in the wards and it is believed all were removed safely.

A rumor that a number of patients remained in the burned portion is disbelieved. The fire started in the roof of the north wing. The cause is unknown. The flames spread to the fourth floor, where the women were kept. Their screams created a terrific din. The fire drill had taught the employees caution in such emergency, and the attendants in the portions not immediately threatened by the fire did heroic work restraining the lunatics. In the burning section the attendants and officials worked desperately to control the afflicted patients, and successfully removed them to the new part of the asylum.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Governor Charles S. Deneen's application for membership in the University club has been withdrawn because it became a practical certainty that it would be rejected, if not by the membership committee, by a "blackball" in the club.

The ostensible reason for the governor being persona non grata with the club is the fact that he is an alumnus of McKendree college, a small school on the "accredited list" of colleges and universities whose alumni are not eligible to membership in the University club.

GOVERNOR AFRAID OF BLACKBALL

Deneen Withdrew His Application for Membership in the University Club.

Another Illinois, P. O. COLLOM, Ill., Dec. 22.—The post-office safe here was blown open and several hundred dollars worth of stamps taken. The jewelry store adjoining the postoffice was also entered and some five hundred dollars worth of jewelry taken.

Clark's mother told the police her son wore them early Saturday night, came home and changed them. Conductor O'Brien is in a critical condition. Lack of transportation is keeping citizens who believe in taking the law in their own hands from invading Belleville.

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ZELAYA CRUSHED IN THE BATTLE

First Big Battle in Nicaragua Took Place Yesterday and Was a Victory For Estrada.

WAR IS NOW GOING ON

Estrada Expects to Arrive at Managua by Sunday When he Will Attempt Another Victory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The disastrous defeat and subsequent surrender to Estrada of the entire army of Zelaya which has been operating in the eastern part of Nicaragua, was announced today in dispatches to the navy department. More than 2,500 men killed, wounded or captured were lost to the government and Bluefields has been turned into a hospital camp, manned by Americans to take care of the wounded on both sides who are coming to the city.

Captain Shipley of the Des Moines, in a dispatch dated 3 a. m. today says: "Yesterday the Zelaya forces were completely routed after several hours of hard fighting and surrendered in the afternoon. Gen. Gonzales and Castillo with 1,000 men were captured, with field pieces, 1,500 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition. The fighting of the last two days is estimated to have cost 600 men, killed or wounded, on both sides. The wounded are being brought to Bluefields as hospital facilities are very inadequate. I have established a hospital with 14 assistants, a commissary department and a gang of carpenters. It is estimated that the Zelaya killed, wounded or captured will reach 2,500 men."

In an earlier dispatch Shipley said the gunboat Eagle was in the harbor and he urged the necessity of his being prepared to launch men at a moment's notice. According to Shipley Estrada's army began an organized attack on Dec. 20 on the outposts of Zelaya's forces. These were defeated and routed and 200 men captured or killed. Fighting continued that day and the day following. It is reported in Bluefields that Vasquez, former general of the Nicaraguan forces, has been imprisoned in Managua. It is now believed that Estrada will push on at once to Managua, to secure control of the Pacific side of the country. Although the Zelayan army was practically concentrated at Rama and the biggest part of his forces are captured, it is believed that Estrada may yet meet with serious resistance particularly on the part of adherents of Madrid, who are numerous and who have shown their determination to retain their leader in the presidency. If fighting follows in Managua and other points near the Pacific coast, it is possible that a condition of chaos greater than before may ensue. On the other hand it is hoped that an agreement may be reached between Estrada and Madrid whereby further trouble may be obviated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Dr. Castillo, diplomatic representative of the Nicaraguan provisional government, received the following cablegram from Estrada today: "Our victory complete. Preparing to advance immediately on Managua. Expect to arrive there Sunday."

1900 New Recruits. BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 22.—Nineteen hundred Zelayan troops captured in yesterday's battle, constituting practically the entire Zelayan force, today swore allegiance to Estrada and will proceed to Managua with the insurgents army which is bent on capturing the capital.

ARMED GUARD IS CONTINUED Negro in the Bellevue Jail is Surrounded by Deputies to Prevent a Lynching.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Sheriff Cashel last night continued the armed guard of the Bellevue jail. The finding of the coroner's jury that "circumstantial evidence points to William Clark, a negro, as the murderer of Motorman Goudey" was received without comment.

A pair of bloodstained trousers were identified as having been worn by Clark. Clark's mother told the police her son wore them early Saturday night, came home and changed them. Conductor O'Brien is in a critical condition. Lack of transportation is keeping citizens who believe in taking the law in their own hands from invading Belleville.

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QUIET MEETING WILL BE HELD

Big Convention of Deaf Mutes to be Held in Colorado Springs in August of Next Year.

WILL TALK ON FINGERS

Voting Will be Done by Holding up Hands and all Resolutions Must be in Writing.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 22.—A convention with all talking eliminated will be held in Colorado Springs in August, 1910, when the world's congress of the deaf will assemble in this city. In all the meetings not a word will be spoken. The deliberations will be in the sign language.

Among those who have been invited to attend are Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, whose invention of the telephone was a result of efforts to alleviate the deafness of his wife. Steps will be taken to celebrate properly the first centenary of American deaf mute education in 1817 by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, president of Gallaudet college, Washington, D. C., the only surviving son of the founder of deaf mute education, will be the honored guest of the congress. President Taft will also be invited to attend.

Included in the program which has just been announced by President George W. Veditz, will be a discussion of the following topics: "The Deaf Man in the Business World, How Best to Overcome Prejudice and Distrust Toward His Employment," "The Correct Method of Educating the Deaf," "Independent Newspapers for the Deaf," "Homes for the Aged and Infirm Deaf," "A National Home vs. Existing State Homes," "The Deaf in Benevolent Associations," "The Evil Effects Upon the Popular Mind in Classifying the Deaf With the Dependent and Delinquent Classes."

STOVAINO USED VERY SUCCESSFULLY Patient Talked With Doctor and Nurse While His Spine Was Being Cut Into.

SAINT PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—For the first time in the medical history of Saint Paul and the Northwest, stovaine, the new spinal or regional anesthetic has been successfully used, by Dr. F. J. Plouffe, assisted by Dr. George Lemke, at a local hospital. The patient, sixty-five years old, was perfectly conscious and conversed freely, at times jocularly, with the physicians and nurses while the operation was in progress. He submitted to what is usually considered a severe operation and one which heretofore has been performed under chloroform or ether. An examination of his heart showed that the administration of either of these agents would be attended by serious risk, so it was decided to make use of the comparative new drug.

The patient was given about a pint of normal saline solution, distilled water and salt, to stimulate heart action. Before this was administered the heart registered only about forty-eight to the minute, but went up to eighty or more and remained there throughout the operation.

About five-sixths of a grain of stovaine was introduced into the spinal canal in the form of a ten per cent solution in normal salt and alcohol, a similar amount of the spinal fluid having previously been withdrawn as a precaution against the severe headache which sometimes follows the use of the drug.

The introduction of the agent was practically without pain. Anesthesia followed in about ten minutes, and the patient was ready for the operation, no morphine or other medicine being administered.

The operation proper occupied only about twenty minutes, although the dressings which followed required more time. Following the operation the patient was placed in bed; where he said that he never felt better and that he was hungry. He was given a light lunch which he retained, showing no disturbance of the stomach. Four hours after the operation the nurse in charge of the patient reported that he was feeling excellently, that he had retained his nourishment and that the paralysis of the lower limbs had passed away.

"Do you regard stovaine as the anesthetic of the future, the ideal anesthetic," Dr. Plouffe was asked. "I do not," he replied, "it is undoubtedly a great aid to the surgeon, especially in certain cases."

Suggestion for Keokuk. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22.—A fine of \$100 for theatrical managers who permit late-coming patrons to be seated in the progress of a play, is fixed in an ordinance passed by the city council. Late arrivals must wait outside until the end of the act.

Killing the Rabbit. Victoria, Australia, spends \$175,000 per year in the endeavor to exterminate the rabbit.

SKIES CRYING OVER LEOPOLD

Funeral of the Dead King Today Was Marked by Rainy Day, But Great Crowds Were Present.

STREET CROWDED THERE

Even the Rooves of the Houses Were Filled With People Who Watched the Procession Pass.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—Torrential rain today interfered with the spectacular features which were to have marked the funeral of King Leopold. Notwithstanding the downpour the streets were crowded and every available roof was packed. Spectators paid as high as \$100 for window seats along the line of the procession. Brussels never looked more gloomy. Crepe was on every building. The continuous booming of cannons and tolling of bells, added to the rain gave the city a funeral aspect which fitted in well with the obsequies of the dead sovereign.

U. S. Minister Henry Lane Wilson and the new secretary of the legation Hugh Grant Smith were among the foreigners present. Senator Deprais for France; Prince Arthur of Connaught for England; Prince Henry of Prussia; Prince Charles of Bourbon, for Spain, and Prince Ferdinand of Roumania were also present.

KILLED HIS WIFE WHILE INSANE California Ranchman Went Mad and Tried to Butcher the Whole Family With an Axe.

THEN KILLED HIMSELF Threw Himself Upon the Railroad Track in Front of a Train and Was Ground to Pieces.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Killing his wife, fatally wounding two small daughters and severely wounding another child, George Chevront, a rancher, who went suddenly insane today, cast himself on the tracks before a Southern Pacific train and was ground to pieces.

He armed himself with a hatchet and cut down his wife while she was cooking breakfast. He then attacked his daughters who were asleep in bed and hacked another who is seriously injured. One other child escaped from the house and fled.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE GOLD BRICKED Signed up Contracts to Work at \$125 Per Month on Big Western Farm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Thirty-eight ambitious University of Chicago students were victimized out of \$14,250 by a bogus western land company. The sum represents the wages the thirty-eight would have received if the company had made good on contracts for three months' labor next summer in Arizona.

The bogus concern, under the name of the Arizona Irrigation company, advertised in the Daily Maroon for eight young men willing to accept \$125 a month in irrigating work. After thirty-eight contracts were signed Fred M. Walker and Paul Gardner, the "promoters," announced that the work would consist in planting onions around potatoes to make their eyes water for irrigation purposes.

WARRINER GOT JAIL SENTENCE Six Years in the Penitentiary on a Plea of Guilty of Theft of \$5,000.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22.—Charles L. Warriner who confessed stealing \$540,000 from the Big Four railroad while Cincinnati treasurer pleaded guilty in court this morning to an indictment charging the theft of \$5,000 and was sentenced to six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

Animal Industries. Whole tribes of birds are musicians. The beaver is an architect, builder and woodcutter; he cuts down trees and erects houses and dams. The marmot is a civil engineer; he does not only build houses, but constructs aqueducts and drains to keep them dry. Wasps are paper manufacturers. Caterpillars are silk mercers.

CHIEF OF POLICE WAS BLOWN UP

Skillful Plot Laid to Trap Him and He Was Blown to Pieces While in Tenament House.

TERRORISTS ARE BUSY

Man Who Killed the Chief Was Captured by Police While Trying to Make His Escape.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—Col. Karphoff, chief of the police of St. Petersburg was blown to pieces at an early hour today.

His assassination following closely on that of Captain Ballinkoff has convinced the authorities that another Terrorist reign is being inaugurated. The murder was one of the most astounding in Russian murder history. The man responsible for the crime is under arrest.

According to his passports he is Michael Vosskressensky and the police are trying to establish his identity and locate any accomplices. He recently rented a flat. Late last night an elderly man accompanied by one servant called at the flat. To the doorkeeper he stated he was the uncle of the tenant and was shown to the apartment. The later who was apparently awaiting him met him at the top of the stairs and a moment later there was a fearful explosion. The entire front of the building was blown out and the old man was blown to pieces while his servant was fatally wounded. The noise of the explosion attracted the police and as they ran to the scene they were met by Vosskressensky, who was running away.

As the police attempted to stop him, he drew an automatic revolver but before he could use it, it was knocked from his hand and he was captured. The police were mystified. The servant at the hospital revived sufficiently to tell them that the man blown to pieces and whose identity had not been established was Karphoff the dreaded head of the secret police. There is no question in the minds of the authorities but that the Terrorists have started on another campaign of bloodshed.

Roumanian Anarchist. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Foreign Minister Brattiano of Roumania, was shot and seriously wounded by a Roumanian anarchist today according to a brief dispatch received by the American legation at Bucharest. No details were given.

ARE THREATENED BY LETTERS Mayor of Spokane and Other Officials Receive Word That They Are Doomed to Destruction.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Nelson S. Pratt, mayor; S. A. Mann, judge of the municipal court, and John T. Sullivan, chief of the police department of Spokane are "marked men," according to letters received by them from Chicago and other cities in the middle west. The writers say the three officials are doomed to destruction, because of their activity in breaking up the Industrial Workers of the World, more than 200 members of which, mostly foreigners, have been sentenced to jail during the last five weeks, for violating the city ordinance regarding public speaking. Others were convicted for conspiracy. The general tone of the letters is the officials will not be spared if they remain in the city after a certain time. Judge Mann has received offers from a dozen sources to guard him to and from his home to the city hall, also to protect his home during his absence and at night, but he has not accepted any, saying he is able to take care of himself. Mayor Pratt and Chief Sullivan declare they are ready to call the bluff.

Pabat Will Sue. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 22.—Alleging that the explosion of three boilers in their big plant at Milwaukee on October 25 was really three distinct explosions, the Pabat Brewing Co. is preparing to bring suit for \$150,000 damages against the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspecting & Insurance Co. The case is awaited with interest by underwriters, as it will finally decide legally a much mooted point. The Hartford company insists that there was but one explosion and stands willing to pay \$50,000 as provided in their policy for one explosion.

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GOTCH COINING MONEY RAPIDLY

Iowa Wrestler Who Is Champion of the World, Made Over Fifty Thousand Clear During The Year.

BUT HE LIKES FARMING

Wants Jeffries to go in With Him on a Big Ranch Proposition After the Prize Fight.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Wrestlers, and not promoters, appear to be getting the money that is being made in the mat game. This fact was brought out sharply when Jeffries and Gotch, two champions in their respective lines, were drawn into a discussion of farms and farming through some question that arose over the set of motion picture films that the show is carrying.

Gotch stated that after Jeffries was through with the little matter he now has on hand with Jack Johnson he would like to see you get a piece of it. ranch proposition that he has under advisement.

"This will be one of the biggest things ever known anywhere," Gotch told the retired champion, "and I would like to see you get piece of it. The scheme will appeal to you, I'm sure.

"Nothing like the farm for me, and I'd be out there now, and stay there summer and winter if it wasn't that I'm making so confounded much coin in the wrestling business."

"Well, how much did you make wrestling last year?" Jeffries asked the Iowa man directly.

"I cleared exactly \$52,000," was the astonishing reply. "That, of course, includes all of my exhibitions and matches as well. You see, I got more than one-fifth of that out of one match alone—the little bout with Mahmoud the Turk—and that was about the softest match that I had during the entire season."

"But surely it doesn't average up as well as that year in and year out?" he was asked by one of the company.

"No, I can't say that it does, and the big fellow smiled. "If I had cleaned up that well for the last three or four years I would own the whole state of Iowa by this time. But, honestly it's a great game for me. I've made that money because I always win. They talk about wrestling not being honest, but I know of but mighty few spots wherein it is not honest and straight. The best argument is that the better man always wins. That's an argument that nobody can refute."

Stealing Christmas Trees. QUINCY, Dec. 22.—President Parker of the Park and Boulevard association will pay a reward for information that will bring about the conviction of persons who have stolen pine trees from Indian Mound park. It is thought probable that the thefts were committed by boys who cut down the trees and sold them to families desiring them for Christmas decorations.

THE WEATHER. For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature. For Illinois, Iowa and Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions. The field of high pressure remains from the eastern slope of the Rockies to the Mississippi valley and western gulf, lower temperature prevailing in the northern portions of the mountain plateau regions, while the temperature is slightly higher, and there have been light snows from the Missouri valley to the lake region and Ohio valley.

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SECRETARY KNOX CALLED A BULLY

Nicaragua Citizen Who is in the United States on Business Does Not Think Much of His Actions.

NOT LIKE SEX ROOT

Praises Former Official and Roosevelt Administration But Does Not Think Much of Mr. Knox.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—"Secretary Knox is a bully. He has spoiled all the good work done in Central America by Secretary Root and the Roosevelt administration. He has tried to club people into submission and has set back developments in Nicaragua for five years."

This statement was made by former governor of Amataia W. H. Brille and major in the Nicaraguan army under Zelaya. Brille is in Chicago on business. "The attitude of the United States toward Nicaragua has been hypocritical," he says. "The result, I believe is to give certain companies commercial advantages over their rivals. If the United States would step in and take over the control of the Central American countries, I would take off my hat to the administration, but it will not do that. Knox prefers an underhand method. Zelaya has been a tyrant. He could be nothing else and rule the country but if he had been left alone he would now be on the road toward consolidating the five Central American states, into one country more powerful than Mexico and far richer."

O'CANNON IS HIS REAL NAME Uncle Joe Says That There is an Irish O' At Beginning of His Name.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—"My name is O'Cannon," said the speaker of the house, correcting T. P. O'Connor, who was introduced to him.

Asked for an explanation, Mr. Cannon said his family tree, searched out recently by a relative, shows that he is descended from a line of kings. This is the story as reported to the Speaker:

Niall of Nine Hostages, great grandson of Owen More, King of Munster, during the reign of Conn of the Hundred Battles, was an ancestor of Rorry Cannonan, from whom are descended the clan of O'Cannonan, later abbreviated to O'Cannon and still later to "Cannon." Twelve of the family, the report goes, have been beatified by the Popes in as many centuries.

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