

FORTY GIRLS PROBABLY BURNED

Fire in Factory Building Today in Which Two Score Deaths Are Supposed to Have Taken Place.

ONLY ONE FIRE ESCAPE

The Flames Swept Rapidly Through the Building and Cut Off the Only Chance for Getting Away.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 18.—Two score or more women are believed to have been burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the Ellis building, in which were five manufacturing plants employing 500 girls.

There was only one fire escape and the flames swept rapidly through the building. Numbers of the girls made their escape by rushing down this rear fire escape while others leaped from the windows into blankets held by men below.

The flames soon enveloped the rear of the building and the only means of escape was thus cut off.

The walls collapsed and greatly hindered the work of the firemen, many of whom had narrow escapes. After the fall of the walls, the fire chief declared that there must have been more than forty girls caught in the crash and burned to death.

The fire started on the first floor and is believed to have been caused by a gasoline explosion. It is definitely known that several girls lost their lives in the fire and it is feared that when the embers have cooled and a search is made, that a horrible find will result.

BOY AFRAID TO TELL STORY

Murderers Might Have Been Captured If the Lad Told What He Knew

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Jan. 19.—Had the police department of this city had information a week ago that they have today there is a possibility that the murder of Wello Tsonoff, the Bulgarian section hand killed so brutally Monday evening, January 10, would be averted.

After living in fear for a week that the police might arrest him (or knowing something of the crime, twelve-year-old Claude Cummings, of this city, confided to the police that he had seen two strange men leave the Bulgarians' boarding car at about the time of the murder, and board an empty car of an eastbound Northwestern freight train, which was then leaving the city.

The boy was able to give a meager description of the two men, and had the officers had in their possession the same information on the night of the murder, freights could have been searched in towns east of here. The boy's statement as to the departure of the train has been verified by the train sheet, which shows an eastbound freight out of here at 5:24 p. m., which is about the time the murder was committed.

The lad's only excuse for not having told his story sooner was that he was afraid he might be detained as a witness and arrested by the police. The lad said he was picking up coal in the Northwestern yards when he saw the men, roughly dressed, leave the boarding car. Shortly afterwards he learned of the murder, and at once recalled seeing the men leave the car and board the moving freight train.

TWO CHILDREN AND FATHER BURNED

House in Flames and Father Sacrificed His Life in Trying to Save The Girls.

BLUFFTON, IND., Jan. 19.—Two little girls lost their lives and the father in trying to save them was fatally burned at an oil well twelve miles west of here.

The dead children are Mabel, aged 10, and Leota, aged 4, daughters of Elden James, an oil pumper. The father awoke about 4 o'clock and found the house in flames. He tried to get into the room where the two girls were asleep, but failed to do so, and was so badly burned about the face and head that he will die. Mrs. James and two other children escaped from the home without injury.

DAVENPORT MERCHANT DEAD.

DAVENPORT, Jan. 19.—E. W. Dixon, an old and prominent resident of this city, died. He was formerly in the dry goods business and widely known in eastern Iowa.

ANOTHER RECORD FOR FRENCHMAN

Paulhan Makes Cross Country Flight in His Aeroplane Which is Thought to be the Best One Yet.

HE FLEW FOR 48 MILES

Another Marvelous Airship Performance Which Adds to the Reputation That the Air Sooner Be Conquered.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19.—Louis Paulhan, in his Farman biplane made what aviation experts here consider the most remarkable cross-country flight in history.

On the wings of a wind that other aviators hesitated long to face, the little Frenchman rode from Aviation Field to "Lucky" Baldwin's ranch, twenty-three miles away, circled the old Santa Anita racetrack, and bucked his way to his tent.

In all he covered an estimated distance of 47 1/2 miles in 1 hour, 2 minutes, 42-5 seconds. He went down with the wind in 30 minutes and came back against it in 33 minutes. When he climbed out of his car he said that his motor was as cool as when he started.

President, Courtland F. Bishop of the Aero Club of America said last night that he did not know of any flight equal to Paulhan's. It is probable that the prize of \$10,000 will go to him.

Paulhan maintained an altitude of from 1,600 to 2,000 feet on his way over the valley. His highest point was 2,130 feet, as indicated by the instrument in his car.

Under him, speeding over country roads, were automobiles and men on horseback and motor cycles, trying to be near the machine should Paulhan fall or have to descend. Mrs. Paulhan was in an automobile praying and crying.

When Paulhan reached the grand stand on his return he was mobbed. The crowd broke through the barriers. The aviator was lifted up and borne over the field. His countrymen kissed him and wept in joy.

Before the crowd had time to realize it he came over their heads and pointed the flat nose of his big white plane toward the mountains.

"He's off for the cross-country record of the world," announced the megaphone man, when Paulhan started.

For ten minutes the machine flew onward and upward, straight toward the snow line of the Sierra Madre range. Old Baldy Peak was the compass point. It lay in shining white relief against the sky.

Through the glasses Paulhan could be seen rising above the haze and taking a trail, so it seemed, to the summit. Soon he disappeared from sight. At 4 o'clock there was a great shout. Some one had seen the plane. Soon it came into sight, blown from its outward course and on a line with Mount Wilson.

The machine loomed up more and more distinctly and even the experts watching and timing were surprised at the speed with which it returned. Mr. Bishop figured that it would take Paulhan twice as long to come back against the wind as it had to go with it, but the aviator had struck a milder current in the high altitude and was coming home on this.

Soon he was over the field and settling gently. The rush began. The Frenchman stepped stiffly out of the saddle and asked for a cigar. "It will go twice as far some day," he promised.

MONTANA HAS ANOTHER BLIZZARD

Central Part of the State is Wrestling With a Storm Which Holds Up Trains.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 19.—Central Montana is in the midst of a severe blizzard according to reports from that section. Trains are being held up in the vicinity of Judith Gap, which has been the scene this winter of two disastrous wrecks caused by the storms. There is no suffering among the passengers as far as known.

Montana has had an almost unprecedented snowfall this winter.

THE HOWLING OF WOLF CREEK

Ice Gorge Has Broken and the Ohio River Becomes a Rolling Wall of Water 10 to 20 Feet in Height.

THE RAIN MELTED IT

Present Generation Never Saw Anything Like the Ice Display Along the Shores of the River.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Jan. 19.—Breaking its leash of ice at Wolf Creek, the pent-up flood of the middle Ohio River became a rolling wall of water, swelling the depth 10 to 20 feet on the narrow passes of the river for the first twenty-five miles of its course, and completely submerging the naked land of the spread-out bayous in less than an hour from the time it first appeared.

Heavy damage is inevitable. Few lives will be imperiled, for warnings have been so generally given out of the danger that all the bayou dwellers have fled to the higher ground.

The greatest damage will occur to farm houses, barns and cribs containing hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn or other grains. These buildings can be stilted to a level above the highest known stage of water, but no amount of anchorage could save them against the shock of pieces of ice large as houses borne on a flood current of seven miles an hour.

The soft but ceaseless rains of Monday and Tuesday night were too much for the gigantic ice jam beginning at Wolf Creek and lasting for seventy-five miles to the very outskirts of Louisville, Ky. Nature did what dynamite, which the United States, by special appropriation of Congress, was going to employ, would probably have failed to do unless with many hours of hard work, extremely hazardous for the men who would have undertaken it.

The reports from Leavenworth today are that the flood danger there is not past. The river there is higher than three days ago, and it is still rising. The river here continues to rise steadily as a result of heavy rains in the Green River valley. It will reach 35 feet and pass the danger line. The lowlands in this section are inundated, but early warnings enabled most farmers to remove their families and live stock.

Long-distance telephone last night brought news that the gorge is passing Havesville, Ky., eight miles above Evansville.

It is piled up 40 to 50 feet high, presenting a sight never before witnessed there by the present generation.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 19.—Thousands of persons living along the Ohio river are today fearful of the approaching ice gorge that broke yesterday and which is now sweeping down stream.

Heavy rains in the central valley are expected to cause another rise, even if the ice pack flood has spent its force. Local river men say they expect the river to reach the flood stage again. Today it is thirty-two feet and still rising.

It is stated authoritatively that the loss will exceed \$5,000. Several coal barges have been lost.

The river continues to rise and is higher than it was Sunday. The Raymond fleet of steamboats was only saved after heroic work by 200 men.

HAD THIRTY CLOCKS TO WAKEN HIM

Street Car Motormen Was Never Late Because He Had so Many Clocks Striking.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—For the first time in thirty years, Robert Willoughby failed to wake up when his thirty clocks, simultaneously setting off a series of gongs, gave their customary alarms at 6 o'clock. He had died at some time during the night of Bright's disease.

Willoughby was 57 years old and had long been employed as a motorman. He was the most punctual employee in the service. Willoughby was never late.

The secret of his punctuality came to light when his room was inspected. Ranged around near his bed were thirty clocks of different sizes and makes. All struck the same hour at the same time.

A Safe Bet. LONDON, Jan. 19.—Odds of 20 to 1 that the Liberals will control the next parliament were offered with no takers today on the stock exchange.

WILL HAVE PEACE THIS TIME

President of Miners Says That There Will be No Repetition of the Disgraceful Scenes of Last Year.

CALLED MEMBERS DOWN

Ruled Two Delegates to be Out of Order and Made Them Take Their Seats in the Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—"There will be no repetition of the disgraceful scenes at last year's miners' convention, if I can get the co-operations of this convention," declared President Lewis at the close of the first day's session of the United Mine Workers' convention. He ruled out of order Frank J. Hayes, of Illinois, and William Green, of Ohio, leaders of the faction opposed to the Lewis administration, who were objecting to the national organizers being seated as delegates if their salaries were paid during the convention.

Lewis ruled that the convention was not yet organized. Hayes and Green insisted if the report of the credentials committee had been adopted insofar as it seated the delegates against whom no protest was entertained, the action would be final, but Lewis drowned their voices with his gavel and put down the storm of objections.

Green was a defeated candidate against Lewis for the presidency. Hayes is probably successful as a candidate for vice president against the present incumbent, McCullough.

In ordering Green and Hayes to take their seats, Lewis said: "We are representing the men at home. We have only eleven days to transact business here if we meet the operators in Toledo February 1. It is important that we conduct our business as expeditiously as possible, as intelligent men."

Hayes appeared in the light of an obstructionist. The motion to adjourn ended the first clash of the convention.

NOW THE DAVISES ARE ESTRANGED

Writer and His Wife Have Fallen Out and Lawyers Will Fix up Their Mode of Living.

WILL MAKE SETTLEMENT

Separation of the Couple Ends a Romance Which Began With Their Days of Childhood.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Richard Harding Davis, wife of the war correspondent and writer, has engaged counsel to represent her in matters relating to the conditions under which Mr. and Mrs. Davis will in the future live. This fact becomes known definitely, although there was no intimation of the nature of the turn the personal affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Davis would take.

Mrs. Davis has retained the law firm of Jerome & Rand to give attention to her part of a settlement that has been considered as inevitable for some months.

It is known that Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been living apart for almost three years. She is now residing at 33 West Sixty-seventh street, while Mr. Davis is making his home at the Hotel Webster. There has been no announcement as to their plans. Apparently aware of the action of Mrs. Davis in retaining counsel, Mr. Davis had entrusted his side of the case to George Young Bauble.

The separation of Mr. and Mrs. Davis ends a romance that began with the days of childhood. She was Miss Cecil Clark, daughter of John M. Clark of Chicago, who was president of a telephone company. Miss Clark was one of the popular younger girls of her debutante days. She is a

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THE BEEF TRUST MUST DEFEND

Action Started in Kansas Courts, Charging the Packing Houses With Being Engaged in Trust Work.

TEST SUIT IS FILED NOW

State Charges the Packing Companies With Being Liable to a Fine of \$100 For Each Day.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 19.—Attorney General Jackson, of Kansas began suit in the district court of Kansas City, Kan., against the Armour and Swift Packing companies, charging them with being members of a combination illegally to raise prices. The state charges the companies belong to the Kansas City Fruit and Produce Exchange, and are, therefore, liable under the Kansas law providing a penalty of \$100 a day for such membership.

"This suit is a civil action," said Mr. Jackson, "and follows an indictment of the packers in Missouri on similar grounds."

The suit will be a test for the law, this being the first action brought under its provisions.

The headquarters of the Kansas City Fruit and Produce Exchange is in Kansas City, Mo., but there are six representatives of the concern in Kansas City, Kan.

The attorney general charges that a committee of the exchange fixes the prices of poultry, eggs, butter and other farm products, in violation of the Kansas anti-trust law, and that they refuse to sell at wholesale to any one not in the agreement.

FATHER-IN-LAW SWEARS SHE GOT DRUNK

Mother-in-law Also Testifies to Irregularities of Conduct of Artist's Wife, in Suit.

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 19.—The bitterest accusations against Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy yet heard in her suit against her artist husband to gain the custody of their daughter, Natalie, were made by Frank M. Christy, the artist's father, from the witness stand in the probate court here.

Christy's father said Mrs. Christy often visited at his home and that she often became intoxicated. At times, he said, she was accompanied by Purdy, the chauffeur, and they often drank together. He said she was out many nights, often coming home under the influence of liquor.

He said Mrs. Christy was of a violent temper, frequently used profane language in his house and called her husband names.

Mrs. F. W. Christy, the artist's mother, was the next witness. She testified that while on a visit to her son's house in New York she frequently saw Mrs. Howard Chandler Christy intoxicated. She also told of having seen her daughter-in-law drunk at the Christy homestead at Duncan Falls, near here.

CANTON STORE WAS BURNED UP

Night Watchman on His First Hours of Duty Discovered the Blaze.

CANTON, Mo., Jan. 19.—The store of William Holloway, in this city, was destroyed and the building and the entire contents of furniture and pianos is practically a total loss. The loss is estimated at not less than \$4,000, including building and stock, while the insurance is \$2,500.

The Holloway store is on Clark street, just west of the Lewis County bank. The building was of two stories, the upper floors being occupied by Dr. Wallace, the dentist. The fire was discovered at 3 o'clock by the night watchman, being his first night on duty in that capacity. Canton has no engine, but the ladders and hose cart were brought out and the volunteer organization did excellent duty. Within an hour the fire was under control.

Water Power.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19.—In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of water power sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger has temporarily withdrawn from all forms of disposition the following areas: 3,723 acres along the Big Blackfoot river, Montana; 2,408 acres along the Coeur d'Alene river, Idaho; 169 acres along the Fresno river, California; 5,536 acres along the South Platte river, Colorado.

NEW MEMBER OF THE COLONY

Banker Walsh Becomes Number 30 of the Famous Club of Financiers Who Wear Striped Suits at Leavenworth.

TO SERVE FIVE YEARS

Left Chicago at Six O'Clock Last Evening at the End of Wonderful Career Which Started as a Newsboy.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 19.—John R. Walsh, seventy-two years old, who began his business career as a newsboy and later controlled millions in banks, railroads, newspapers and coal fields, left for the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., at 6 o'clock last night, to begin a five years' sentence for misapplying the funds of the Chicago National bank, of which he had been president.

The Bankers' Colony. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 19.—The bankers' colony in the Leavenworth federal prison, of whom Walsh will make an even thirty, are as follows:

Broderick, J. L., Elkhart, Ind.; ten years. Bigelow, F. G., Milwaukee, Wis.; ten years. Conzman, G. A., Terre Haute, Ind.; eight years. Goll, H. G., Milwaukee, Wis.; ten years. Lary, T. E., Waco, Texas; five years. Mabry, F. M., Waco, Texas; five years. Thornton, C. H., Chicago; five years.

King, C. C., Pierre, S. D.; five years. Coghill, T., Seymour, Wis.; five years. Lubbe Fred, Indianapolis, Ind.; five years. Horras, G. D., Sioux Falls, S. D.; five years. Wells, H. T., Kenosha, Wis.; five years. Schmick, W. H., Cleveland, Ohio; five years. Schulte, J. F., Racine, Wis.; five years. Martin, W. A., Granite City, Ill.; five years. Brainard, S. H., Cleveland, Ohio; five years. Hayes, T. G., Washington, D. C.; five years. Fogle, N. J., Scranton, Pa.; three years. Ulmer, Harry, Chicago, Ill.; five years. Spencer, C. M., Des Moines, Iowa; three years. Montgomery, W., Pittsburg, Pa.; fifteen years. Tiers, H. W., Pittsburg, Pa.; five years. Cochran, O. F., Indianapolis, Ind.; five years. Detzer, E. N., Indianapolis, Ind.; five years. Emmerlich, M. P., Indianapolis, Ind.; five years. Nicolai, F. H., Indianapolis, Ind.; five years. Phillips, J. H., Terre Haute, Ind.; five years. Osborne, G. H., Columbus, Ohio; six and one-half years. Abbott, D. C., Columbus, Ohio; six years. Walsh, J. R., Chicago, Ill.; five years.

On the Way. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 19.—John R. Walsh, ex-banker, dressed as he was when he boarded the train last night, even to the same tie and collar, was up early today looking out of the window. He went back to his son's compartment in the sleeper and sat while breakfast was served to him. He ate heartily.

A Kansas City photographer while attempting to take a picture at the depot, was attacked and beaten by Walsh and his camera wrecked. Walsh sat in the depot and refused to see anyone.

Is Now No. 6861. LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 19.—John R. Walsh entered the penitentiary here at 12:05 today. He entered the prison without any more ceremony than a bootlegger sent up for a year. After a day or two of rest he will probably be given some light work in the clerical department. His number is 6861.

Fairfield May Have Federal Building. FAIRFIELD, Jan. 19.—Congressman Kennedy has introduced a bill in the house authorizing the appropriating of \$75,000 for a federal building for Fairfield.

CRITICISM OF THE EX-PRESIDENT

Two New York Congressmen Take the Opportunity of Saying Harsch Things About Mr. Roosevelt.

OVER HIS APPOINTMENTS

Conference Report on the Ballinger-Pinchot Inquiry Resolution Was Adopted Without Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Without debate, by a viva voce vote, the house adopted the conference report on the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry resolution, then devoted almost five hours to further discussion of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. Consideration of this measure was not concluded.

The session was somewhat enlivened by criticisms of Roosevelt, by Representatives Harrison and Fitzgerald of New York, the former denouncing him for appointing representatives to the third maritime conference to be held in Brussels in April without specific authority of law and because of his alleged numerous violations of the civil service law.

Cannon ruled that Roosevelt acted without sufficient authority of law in appointing representatives to the Brussels conference by sustaining Harrison's point of order against an appropriation for the continuance of the service of these representatives.

When Fitzgerald called attention to a letter from the secretary of the treasury requesting that the government employees appointed temporarily and by executive order be placed on the permanent roll under the service law Harrison again attacked Roosevelt, declaring he violated the spirit of the civil service law 100 times, or fifteen more times than any of his predecessors.

Tawney, in charge of the bill, resented Harrison's charges. Gillette, of Massachusetts, declared Roosevelt excepted only a small number of persons, compared with Cleveland.

By a vote of 43 to 33 the appropriation for employes for work in connection with emergency currency was sustained. Increased cost of living was brought into the debate by Fitzgerald when a provision for an additional appropriation, owing to the advance in prices, was discussed.

"It is the maladministration of the republican party that caused these increased prices," Fitzgerald declared amid republican laughter. "You may as well make a confession now," he added, "and be turned out of office, instead of attempting to offer pretenses of hypocrisy as an excuse for your guilt."

These taunts did not draw any response, the additional money for the army being allowed.

PIECES OF MAN FOUND IN SNOW

Section Men Dug Remains of Train Victim out of the Snow Banks Along the Track.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 19.—Section men dug out of the snow part of the body of a man killed by the Milwaukee train east of Dubuque Saturday night. His body was scattered along the right of way. Part of the body was found on the truck of the engine at Savanna, Ill. The head is still missing. The body was well dressed but there is nothing to identify him. Evidently he came from northern Iowa.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight. For Illinois: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight and east and south portions Thursday. For Iowa: Fair tonight with warmer east portion. Thursday fair with colder west and central portions. For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder northwest portion Thursday afternoon.

Weather Conditions.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Thursday, the temperature remaining above the freezing point tonight.

Local Observations.

Jan. 18 7 a.m. 30.03 31 SW Clear 19 7 a.m. 30.05 32 SW Clear River, frozen. Mean temperature, 30. Maximum temperature, 35. Minimum temperature, 24. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.