

STEAMER J. S. DESTROYED BY FIRE ON UPPER RIVER

Well Known Excursion Boat Burned Last Night Near LaCrosse, Wis., While 1500 People Were on Board the Craft.

THE PASSENGERS THROWN INTO A PANIC

Burning Boat Was Beached on Battle Ax Island and All of the Excursionists Appear to Have Been Saved.

LA CROSSE, Wis. June 25.—The excursion steamer "J. S." carrying nearly 1,500 passengers was destroyed by fire on the Mississippi river, near the little town of Victory, Wis., tonight, and it is feared that several lives were lost.

The steamer brought 1,500 excursionists from Lansing, Iowa, to LaCrosse this afternoon and was on the return voyage when she caught fire. The excursionists were thrown into a panic.

POSTAL WINS INJUNCTION SUIT

New Mexico Contract Litigation Causes an Injunction to be Issued.

[Special to The Gate City.] LAS CRUCES, New Mexico, June 25.—The Postal Telegraph Co. has obtained an injunction against a subsidiary Bell Telephone Co. in New Mexico for violation of a contract with the Postal Company made with an independent telephone company last July for five years, by which the Postal Company reached a number of towns in New Mexico by an extension of its service from El Paso to Silver City, New Mexico.

WILL FIGHT BOY SCOUTS

Organized Labor Does Not Like the Plan of Training the Youth of the City.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, June 25.—Organized labor in Chicago tonight took steps to block the organization of the "Boy Scouts," a juvenile military body. "The boys who would join this organization, come mostly from the laboring class," said President Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Cloudburst at Williams.

WEBSTER CITY, June 25.—A cloudburst struck the town of Williams, ten miles from here, last night, flooding the place with five inches of water. The storm was accompanied by a strong wind and several small buildings were blown down.

CANADIAN TORNADO KILLED SEVERAL

Three Are Known to be Dead and Many Were Injured by the Storm.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WINNIPEG, Man., June 25.—Three persons are known to be dead and a score or more injured as the result of a tornado which swept the "south country, fifty miles south of Moosejaw. Edward Madigan and two of his little children were killed and several other members of his family were injured. The tornado struck the south country late Thursday, but news of it was not received here until tonight.

MEMPHIS CHARTER BILL CONSTITUTIONAL

City Under Commission Form of Government Receives Supreme Court Decision.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] JACKSON, Tenn., June 25.—The Tennessee supreme court today rendered a decision declaring the Memphis charter bill constitutional and upholding the commission form of government which had been in force in that city since January 1.

Wife Shoots Husband.

DES MOINES, June 25.—E. M. Metcalf, with a shattered jaw and a bullet in his neck which may cause his death, is lying on a cot at Mercy hospital, and his wife, Cora Metcalf, is out on bond charged with the shooting. The trouble took place last night when Mrs. Metcalf refused to allow B. P. Baker, a leader of a religious sect, to enter her house. Her husband struck her and her daughter. Florence, aged 22, struck the father in defense of her mother. Metcalf choked the girl and the mother, thinking her life in danger, rushed and got a revolver with the above stated results.

Looks Like Murder in Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, June 25.—The postmortem by the coroner on the body of John Babcock, a retired tobacco manufacturer, revealed strong reasons for foul play. When the victim was found his body was near a raft on the levee and the wound in his head was thought to be a bullet wound. This gave rise to the belief that he had shot himself and tumbled into the river, but upon examination it proved that the skull had been crushed by a heavy blow and was then thrown into the river. The authorities are convinced that the victim was slugged.

CONGRESS ENDS AT 11 O'CLOCK

Speaker Cannon Says he Bears No Malice Toward Anyone at the Close of the Session.

POSTAL BANK MEASURE

President Has Signed the Bill Which Will Go Into Operation Within a Short Time.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, June 25.—"I leave behind me the contest of this winter in the house with malice toward none." With these words amid perfect silence Speaker Cannon at 11 o'clock tonight adjourned the house of representatives for the second session of the sixty-first congress. For five minutes in a low monotone, Cannon spoke to the house. No other sound was audible. When he finished the applause was moderate, and the leave taking of the members unusually quiet.

"As this house is about to close, as one member and as the speaker, I wish to say that I pass from Washington to my home, putting behind me the contest through which this house has passed and I go with malice toward none. I have nothing to apologize for as a member or as speaker. I presume each member of this house can now say the same. And so the chair adjourns this house, wishing each member health, during the vacation period, hoping that we may meet in next December, looking not backward but forward to the duties of which we must perform."

Shortly before the closing hour the senate passed a resolution praising the fairness of the vice president as presiding officer. Sherman replied, with a speech expressing his appreciation and gratitude and announced adjournment.

The absence of the usual uproarous termination was surprising to many, but followed a night session that was full of serious work. The senate also adjourned sine die in formal fashion at the appointed hour without any demonstration.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, June 25.—President Taft signed the Postal Savings Bank bill at six o'clock this evening. The new banking system will be put in operation as soon as a suitable plan is devised by the trustees which are the postmaster general, the secretary of the treasury and the attorney general.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, June 25.—A resolution for the investigation of the charges of bribery made by Senator Gore was adopted by the senate tonight. It was introduced by Hughes, (Dem. Colo.) and provided that the probe should be conducted by five senators.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, June 25.—In the "president's room" just off the lobby of the senate, President Taft put in exactly an hour tonight signing his name to bills and holding impromptu receptions with various members and senators. With him were Private Secretary Norton, Captain Butt, Secretaries Wilson, Ballinger, Knox, Nagle, MacVeagh and Postmaster General Hitchcock. Assistant Attorney General Lawler, Secretary of the Navy Winthrop, Wade H. Ellis, Solicitor General Bowers, Census Director Durand and a host of other government officials.

At 10:45 the President signed the bill for publicity of campaign expenses, and a moment later, the sundry civil bill. At 11 o'clock precisely the President signed an act to authorize the loan by the War Department of tents to the Appalachian exposition.

This was the last measure approved. When the committee from the house and senate waited on the President and informed him that congress was about to adjourn, Senator Hale, the

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WHY NOT PUT HIM IN TRUCK

Alienist Says That Chariton Show Twenty Different Moods Each Hour of the Day.

BACK TO ITALY

Captain Scott Wants to Have Chariton Taken Back and Made to Suffer For the Crime.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, June 25.—Although the Italian government has made an informal demand upon the United States that Porter Chariton, slayer of Lake Como, be returned there for trial, the belief is growing stronger tonight that the youthful bank clerk will never suffer the consequences of his deed.

An insanity commission will be demanded by Calton's lawyers next week. If he is proved of unsound mind, he will be sent to a mad house in America and the case will drop. Attorneys representing Captain Henry Harrison Scott, of the coast artillery, brother of the dead woman, will employ alienists to try and show that Chariton is sane.

Acting Consul Gustave Di Rosa today declared that he would endeavor to have Chariton returned to Italy. Dr. William Jerome Arlitz, the alienist retained by Judge Paul Chariton, Porter's father, spent two hours with the prisoner this afternoon at the jail and declared that the prisoner was suffering from "dementia praecox" and growing worse every hour, owing to his confinement.

"During the time I was with him," he said, "Chariton displayed forty different moods. One moment he burst into laughter at some question I asked him, another moment he was weeping and lamenting his fate. Then he would fly into a terrible rage."

Dr. Arlitz was the only visitor who saw Chariton today. R. M. Ilfuchs, representing Captain Scott, the dead woman's brother, declared that he intended to work to have Chariton sent back to Italy. To this end, he will, if necessary, bring witnesses from Italy to show that Chariton's actions shortly before the crime were not those of an insane man.

OIL FIELDS ARE IN FLAMES

Ten Tanks at Beaumont Burned and the Flames Spreading to the Others

ENTIRE FIELD DOOMED

Loss up to Midnight Had Reached \$100,000 and Blaze was Spreading Very Rapidly.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] NEW ORLEANS, June 25.—Meager telegraphic reports from Beaumont at midnight say that the Beaumont oil fields in Texas are threatened with complete destruction by fire, which started at Elvista a few miles from Beaumont tonight. Ten oil tanks have burned according to the report. The flames are spreading rapidly.

Many other tanks are reported aflame. Fanned by a strong wind the fire jumped from one to another, and it is feared that the entire field is doomed. Nearly all of the tanks are built close together. The loss up to midnight is estimated at \$100,000. The tanks destroyed were the property of the Gulf Pipe Line company and the Texas Oil company. The fire originated along one of the pipe lines of the former company and spread to other lines.

Suicided in Jail.

MASON CITY, June 25.—Theodore Koerber, whose home is thought to be in Mankato, Minn., committed suicide last night in his cell at the county jail by hanging himself with a wire. He was taken into custody Sunday. From his peculiar actions it was thought his mind was unbalanced.

HUGHES IS IN FOR IT NOW

Col. Roosevelt Will Likely Try and Influence Him to Run Again for Governor of New York.

THOUSANDS OF LETTERS

Library at Oyster Bay Looks Like the Back Room of a Post Office on Valentine Day.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] OYSTER BAY, N. Y., June 25.—That former President Roosevelt intends to take an active part in the coming gubernatorial campaign in New York state is practically assured. He fully realizes that the republican party's salvation in the coming contest is Governor Hughes, and he is expected to exert all his influence to persuade Hughes to relinquish the supreme bench for the present, and run again for governor next fall.

This question will be thrashed out when Hughes visits Sagamore Hill next week. Republican politicians of the state feel that only two men in New York can lead them to victory. Roosevelt is one, Hughes is the other. Roosevelt is eliminated, and upon Hughes they look for aid.

The ex-president this afternoon took into his confidence the newspaper correspondents stationed at Oyster Bay. Meeting them on the vine clad porch at Sagamore Hill he led the party into the library which was stacked with thousands of letters, unanswered, books carefully wrapped and magazines unwrapped. "I want to show you newspaper men why it is impossible for one man to handle all the mail I am receiving. Even if my correspondents should stop writing now, it would take me, with my present clerical force, six months to properly answer that batch of mail," said Roosevelt, pointing resignedly to the mountains of mail.

"Among that conglomeration there are probably lots of letters from close friends that ought to be answered, but it is now impossible."

"The first letter," he said, removing one at random and opening it, "is from a prominent member of congress enclosing his speech, which he requests me to read and render a judgment on it. It would take several hours for me to give this appeal proper attention."

The next was post marked Arkansas from a man who had recently patented a window shade and who was eager to come to Oyster Bay so that he could bring it to the immediate attention of the Colonel.

"Now here is an appeal," said Roosevelt, opening another letter, "that I like to respond to, but it is out of the question. It is from an old friend of mine who was recently discharged from the land office and asks me to have him reinstated. As much as I would like to do as he asks, it is literally out of the question. I must draw the line somewhere and if I start to grant favors now, there would be no end to it."

When asked whether he had requested prominent politicians to come to Oyster Bay to consult with him on political issues, the Colonel snapped back, "positively no." The only one whom I have invited to Oyster Bay is Governor Hughes and he has not given me a definite date as to his arrival.

Asked whether he would likely meet President Taft next week, at Beverly, in connection with his trip to Cambridge, for the Harvard commencement, the colonel said he wasn't sure.

PRIZE PACKAGE LOST IN MAILS

Ten Postoffice Inspectors are Trying to Find Out Who Stole the Letter.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, June 25.—Ten inspectors are working among the clerks in the Chicago postoffice tonight trying to solve the mystery surrounding the theft of a letter containing securities worth \$100,000.

S. B. Turner, the negro publisher, in whose possession \$40,000 worth of the securities were found, steadfastly maintained that he found the missing property on the street. The remainder of the securities, which belonged to W. O. Ford, a shoe manufacturer, have not been found.

JURY WAITING FOR BRIBE, PERHAPS.

Jury in Sensational Bribery Case Came to no Agreement in 30 Hours and Locked up For Night.

LOOSE AT TEN TODAY

Judge Will Open the Door in Time For Church This Morning If Agreement is Reached.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, June 25.—After wrangling for 30 hours the jury in the case of Lee Onell Browne charged with bribery in connection with the election of U. S. Senator Lorimer, had not reached a verdict at 10 o'clock tonight and at that hour was locked up for the night.

Judge McSurely will reconvene court at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning if the jury wishes to report. It is generally believed that the jury stands 11 for conviction and 1 for acquittal.

Browne who appears to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown, kept a lonely vigil in the court room throughout the early hours of the night. Although Judge McSurely, the attorneys and most of the spectators had left the room, the defendant remained before the bar at which he had been tried and paced the floor ceaselessly. His face was haggard and drawn and his hands twitched as he spasmodically clasped and unclasped them behind his back.

Judge McSurely did not return to the court room after his departure in the afternoon adjournment. At ten o'clock he telephoned to the court building and upon learning that no verdict had been reached, announced that court was adjourned until tomorrow.

MEXICO ELECTION WILL BE QUIET

Today is the Day and the Soldiers Seem to Have Control of the Situation.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] MEXICO CITY, June 25.—Danger of a serious uprising as a result of the national election is believed tonight to be past. Troops have been distributed throughout the district where trouble is most likely to break out and knowledge that the U. S. soldiers on the border are being held in readiness to protect American property, has had a quieting effect on the agitators.

The removal of Francisco I. Madero, the liberal leader, from the prison at Monterrey to San Luis Potosi, in the interior, is considered a check against an outbreak. It was practically certain that had Madero been kept in the Monterrey prison, there would have been an attempt to liberate him tomorrow.

Indicted for Illegal Voting. DES MOINES, June 25.—W. H. Payne was indicted by the grand jury for alleged illegal voting at the primary June 7. It is probably the first case in the state. He swore in his vote in the fourth precinct of the fourth ward and the grand jury says he lives in the fifth ward. He gave bond.

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, June 25.—Weather forecast for Iowa: Generally fair Sunday and Monday.

Missouri: Partly cloudy, warmer in southern portion, Monday fair. Illinois: Moderately fair Sunday. River Bulletin. KEOKUK, June 25.

Table with columns: Flood Height Change Rain Stage, River, 24 hrs. Fall. Rows: St. Paul, La Crosse, Davenport, Galland, Keokuk, St. Louis.

Local Observations. KEOKUK, June 25. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 25.7 a. m. 30.08 68 NE Clear 25.7 p. m. 30.00 85 NE Cloudy

River Forecast. The river will remain nearly stationary, or fall slightly, until Monday. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

FATAL ATTEMPT TO GAIN RICHES

Paymaster Murdered on the Street While Carrying the Satchel Containing \$6,000 in Cash.

ROBBERS ALL CAUGHT

Holdup Which Holds the Record in New England for Sheer Deviltry and Audacity.

[Gate City Leased Wire Service.] LYNN, Mass., June 25.—Three men dead, one dying, two wounded and one of those a candidate for the electric chair, is the final end of a hold up in this city which for sheer deviltry and audacity is without a parallel in the annals of New England. The dead:

TOMAS LANDREGAN, 45, member of the big shoe manufacturing firm of Welch and Landregan of this city. JAMES H. CARROLL, 50, a policeman.

"JOE," a Russian-Polish bandit. The wounded: ANDY ABSON, Russian-Polish bandit of 33 East 22nd street, New York, shot through the head and chest; WILLIE.

ABRAHAM LYONS, citizen, shot in the thigh by bandits, will recover. It was just at the beginning of banking hours today when Landregan, with a satchel containing \$6,000 in bills and silver, in hand, stepped out of the Central National bank. The money was the weekly payroll for his factory.

As he started up the street Landregan was joined by Policeman James H. Carroll, who was to guard him to his factory. Immediately behind the two as they walked up the street, came the unkempt foreigners closing in gradually on the unsuspecting manufacturer and his guard. Only a few steps from Landregan's establishment one of the trio drew a black jack and struck the policeman on the head.

Carroll staggered and as he went down two of the robbers grabbed at the bag in Landregan's hand. Landregan resisted and, without a word, one of the trio shot him down. Then a bullet found Carroll. He reeled over, mortally wounded. Landregan's body shows seven bullet wounds. He died instantly. Carroll was shot nine times. He lived 1 hour.

The robbers grabbed up the bag containing the money, fired a few shots at the crowd gathering around, and fled. As they ran along the street hundreds of workmen, armed with hammers and other tools, rushed out and tried to prevent the escape. Revolvers were fired and when Abraham Lyons, a citizen fell with a bullet in his thigh, the crowd drew back and the three bandits passed unmolested.

Fully 2,000 people were in full cry after the thugs as they breasted the hill. Their pursuers were distanced for the moment. The trio stopped, abstracted \$4,500 in bills from the satchel and parted.

One, since identified as Andy Abson, took a lone trail. He had gone only a short distance when he was sighted by Solomon Thompson, and refusing to halt, was brought down with a bullet through the head and another through the breast. He is in Lynn hospital tonight and will die within a few hours.

When Abson turned off the two other bandits fled into a marsh nearby and within a few minutes were surrounded by 30 policemen and a crowd of hundreds of infuriated citizens. Officer Crowley, one of the line forces, saw a man hiding in a bush and fired. The robber pitched over, shot through the brain. The third man who was shot down, Ivankowski said he knew only as "Joe." The trio he declared had lived in New York for some months, then in Pittsburgh and finally came to Boston six months ago. About ten days ago they came to Lynn and planned the robbery.

Residence Burned. [Gate City Leased Wire Service.] FERRIS, Ill., June 25.—The residence of Matthew McImoh caught on fire early this morning. The house was not all destroyed. The fire broke out in the attic above the kitchen.

Mr. John Brown was living in the house and his household goods were all saved but some were broken. The house was insured.