

HANKOW RUINS ALMOST COMPLETE

Two-Thirds of the City Destroyed by Fire and Hundreds of Bodies Are Rotting in the Ash Heaps.

CITY HAS BEEN LOOTED

American Missions, Customs House and Postoffice Were Spared When the Torch Was Used.

HANKOW, Nov. 9.—More than two-thirds of Hankow has been destroyed by fire. The estimate of the loss is \$50,000,000, while 450,000 persons are destitute.

The customs house, the postoffice and the American missions have been spared. The city has been looted, the imperialists taking a hand in the pillage.

Imperialist officers tried to check this work and executed a number of soldiers. Refugees were deprived of their loot on entering the British concession.

The following day new fires started in other quarters. The David Hill Memorial school for the blind, connected with the Wesleyan Mission, was looted.

Thursday there had been considerable gunnery practice before daylight. The imperialist battery behind Hankow moved to the southwest in belated fulfillment of promise to shift the line of fire from the concession.

This battery and another stationed nearby engaged in a duel with Han Yang Hill. The Wu Chang forts used powder occasionally and joined in the defense of Han Yang.

A few hundreds of the revolutionists are still in Hankow. Rifemen on the opposite sides of the Han river fought all Saturday and there has been fighting though steadily decreasing in volume.

Foreigners who have not been given the opportunity of witnessing the engagements except at a distance are hearing horrifying stories of brutality.

The imperialists have hanged men, falling to strangle them, tortured them to death, prodded them with bayonets or crushed them to death with stones.

It was ascertained last night that Yuan Shi Kai is in this neighborhood, but is keeping his presence hidden. It is suspected he went aboard a British gunboat and it is rumored he has been interviewing republican leaders secretly.

The revolutionaries commandeered a British tug which was proceeding up river with two lighters of coal. It was suspected the coal was destined for Admiral Sah's fleet.

Two thousand trained soldiers have arrived from the Poyang district, Kiang Si. A night or two ago the forts sunk an imperialist gunboat, which was seeking to pass down the river, accompanied by torpedo boats.

Another City Joins. LONDON, Nov. 9.—Tien Tsin, China, went over to the rebels last night, according to a message today from the Times' Peking correspondent.

Marching on Peking. SHANGHAI, Nov. 9.—Having broken off negotiations with the government Gen. Li Yuan Hung, the Chinese rebel commander is reported to be marching on Peking today at the head of his forces.

Generals Chia and Peng of the rebel forces at Chang Sha were killed by their men today because their unity of one another was hurting the rebel cause. The two rivals had been quarreling for some time. Finally a committee held a secret session and

JONES' BOOM IS BANKRUPT

The Illinois Progressive Republican League is Dead Broke and Looking for Some Cold Cash.

WE'RE UP AGAINST IT

Letters Sent to Members Asking For Donations of One Dollar Per Month For Five Months.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—The Progressive Republican League which is booming Walter Clyde Jones for governor, is "broke."

Announcement of the league's financial difficulties was made yesterday by Paul V. Perry, secretary of the league.

With the announcement was another, to the effect that the league intends to garner its funds from "the common people."

"We are making the people's fight," said Mr. Perry, "and we expect them to finance it. We believe a campaign for the people should be financed by many giving little and not by a few giving much."

Asked whether or not the few who gave much in the Merriam campaign had been asked to contribute, Mr. Perry said:

"They have not been asked." In order to raise funds the league has sent out the following letter to persons who have signed the league's platform:

Dear Sir:—We're up against it! The progressive republican campaign needs money. Without it, this good government fight will be seriously handicapped.

Please sign the inclosed pledge card and send it to the treasurer, Paul Steinbrecher, 211 South Dearborn St. Very truly yours,

CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE. The letter is signed by C. M. Moberly, chairman of the finance committee.

In contrast to the financial difficulties of the local progressives, the national progressive headquarters, in the Fort Dearborn building, is just getting into action with every indication of having money in plenty.

A scout was sent out yesterday to travel through the north and northwestern states and report actual progressive conditions and another will start out today.

The national headquarters are expected to be in full blast within a day or so.

DYING FATHER HEARD CEREMONY. Wedding of Daughter Was Hurried Before He Passed to Other World.

MASON CITY, Iowa, Nov. 9.—While her father, near death, listened to the ceremony under the influence of stimulants administered to revive him from unconsciousness, Miss Beatrice Clark was married at her home here to Walter McCarthy of Sapulpa, Okla.

The ceremony had been postponed several times during the morning hours, while physicians worked with the patient, whose death is expected any moment.

HER FLIRTATION CAUSED ARREST

Woman Had Escaped Prosecution for Killing Man Who Deceived Her, by Sympathetic Judge.

THEN GOT TOO GAY

When She Lured Another Woman's Husband Away, The Court Had Her Put Back in Jail.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 9.—An alleged flirtation with a married man has caused Miss Katie Fetsch to be rearrested on the charge of murdering Frank Mischler. Her nominal bond has been raised to \$20,000 and she will have to stand trial for her life.

District Attorney Adams has practically abandoned the case, under the unwritten law and sympathy pressure from women's clubs, and the girl would never have been tried if the accusation of flirting had not been brought against her.

Miss Fetsch killed Mischler in October, 1910. He was a widower with three children. She asserted that he had wronged her. Her case attracted attention from all over the country.

The district attorney received hundreds of letters from women and organizations, asking him to deal gently with the girl.

The Era club, the most influential woman's organization in the south, went to her aid. When a child was born to her in jail a month after the tragedy there was a flood of public sympathy and Adams released her with only a scant pretense of formality.

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RUBBER GOWN TOO STARTLING. Chicago Woman is Asked to Leave New York Cafe Because of It.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Rubber gowns, with their accompanying possibilities of fit, are not the thing in fashionable New York restaurants.

One appeared last night in the dining room of the Hotel Breslin and created such a commotion that the management asked the wearer to withdraw.

The gown was of pale, shimmering stuff. It clung to her body. Oak and ivy had nothing on it. When it swished in there was a sudden cranking of necks.

"For heaven's sake!" "How did she get into it?" "Talk about hobbles!" "Paper on the wall!"

C. C. Nobles, assistant manager of the hotel, blushed. He interviewed the hotel waiter and then requested a few words with the wearer of the yellow gown.

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SECOND HUSBAND SHOT IN BELLY

Mrs. Quinn Seems to Have a Hard Time of Finding Her Better Half Dead While on Their Couch.

HELD BY THE POLICE

Story of Masked Burglar Entering the Home Does Not Listen Much Like The Truth.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—The Chicago police do not believe the story of Mrs. Mary Scott Quinn that her husband was shot dead by a burglar while he was asleep—particularly because a former husband of the woman met death in the same way.

Quinn was shot and mortally wounded. To a policeman he gasped that he was shot while asleep and did not know who did it. Mrs. Quinn swore that a masked burglar had shot her husband. A revolver was found thrown under a bath tub a few doors away, of the same calibre as the bullet which killed Quinn and one cartridge had been fired.

Mrs. Quinn said her former husband was a man named McDonald but it was only today that the police discovered that she had failed to mention another marriage to Warren Thorpe of Jackson, Mich., who was shot while asleep in bed.

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Local Observations. Nov. 8 7 p.m. ... 29.79 49 SE Cldy

Nov. 9 7 a.m. ... 29.71 47 SE Lt. Rain

Mean temperature, Nov. 8, 43. Highest temperature, 52. Lowest temperature, 34.

LIKE DRINKING CUP OF HEMLOCK

It Was a Risky Business to Eat a Meal at the Home of Mrs. Vermilya in Chicago.

SOME NEW FEATURES

More Developments in the Case of Woman Who Seems to Hold the Poison Record.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Stirring new developments today in the investigation of the wholesale deaths of those who accepted hospitality of Mrs. Louise Vermilya at her "house of death" today led the police to believe that they would be able to add to the warrant charging her with the poisoning of Policeman Arthur Bissonette, the names of several other relatives and friends.

Friends of Jason Ruppert, a Soo fireman, told the detectives that he died in exactly the same way Bissonette did, and they think after he had partaken of a meal at the Vermilya house.

Despite denials by the accused woman and Charles C. Boyesen, an undertaker who buried several of those whose deaths are under suspicion, the police learned from the secretary of the Home Guards of America, a benefit insurance organization, that Mrs. Vermilya was insured for \$1250, and that the beneficiary was named as "Charles C. Boyesen, affianced husband."

Mrs. Elizabeth LaRoque, an aunt of Bissonette, declared that she became violently ill after eating one meal at the Vermilya home. She said that Mrs. Vermilya cooked the meal but did not eat with her guests.

Detectives are at work running down all clues connected with these three bits of information. They want to learn if the deadly arsenic-filled pepper box was used at these meals and they are anxious to find out something more about Boyesen.

Prof. Walter Haines said today that he expected by tomorrow to submit a report on his analysis of the viscera of Richard T. Smith, the Illinois Central railroad conductor, friend of Mrs. Vermilya and victim of a sudden death. If arsenic is found in Smith's organs, Coroner Hoffman will immediately exhume the body of Charles Vermilya, second husband of the woman. It is known the Bissonette died from arsenical poisoning.

In the meantime Mrs. Vermilya's calm has deserted her. She was near a breakdown today, following a sleepless night, crying spells and nervous exhaustion. She pleaded that Matron Mary Small of the county jail stay with her in the cell and talked hysterically of her troubles through the night.

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PROGRESS ON PANAMA CANAL

Three-Quarters of Culebra Cut Finished, Sixteen Millions Cubic Yards Being Taken Out.

TOTAL COST \$293,561,486

Canal is to be Opened January 1915 According to Schedule But May Open Some Sooner.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The mechanical problems connected with the construction of the Panama canal, which is to be opened in January, 1915, pass in review in the annual report of the Isthmian canal commission, just made public.

The record of the year's achievements worked out, under congressional appropriations that aggregate \$293,561,486, includes: Completion of almost three-quarters of Culebra Cut. Total excavation of material from Culebra, 16,221,672 cubic yards, at average cost of 58.8 cents per yard.

Big plans laid for canal terminals, including storage of fuel, fresh water and other supplies, repair facilities, etc.; Pacific terminal to have dry dock, storehouse and coaling stations.

Elaborate scheme for lighting the canal and safeguarding of the canal against big landslides.

The locks have been a great problem. Designs for the approach walls at all locks, except one, have been prepared. More than 954 tons of castings were made on the Isthmus.

Building of the great lock gates—each leaf of which is 54 feet 8 inches high—was expedited. At each lock entrance strong fender chains attached to powerful springs will be installed to prevent ships from battering down the locks.

A floating caisson gate is being installed for use in closing a lock, so as to enable workmen to repair the permanent locks and the bottom sluices.

Canal illumination will be provided by range lights for establishing the direction of vessels on the longer tangents, and by side lights a mile apart, marking each side of the channel. Buoys and lighted beacons, built of re-enforced concrete, will abound.

Culebra Cut is ten miles long and deep enough to receive the United States capitol, dome and all. In this cut, despite the enormous excavation during the year, on July 1 last, there remained 23,929,140 cubic yards to be removed.

The total appropriations made by congress leave \$81,635,531 of the estimated cost of canal to be appropriated.

For the first time no contract laborers were brought to the Isthmus during the year. There was a decided falling off in immigration, while many West Indian laborers have gone into the bush and can no longer be relied upon for steady work.

BROTHERS-IN-LAW HAVE PISTOL DUEL. Fight on the Streets in Which One is Mortally Wounded and Other Is Shot.

TULSA, Ok., Nov. 9.—Hugh Hall and Fred Scott, brothers-in-law and members of one of the most prominent families in Tulsa, fought a pistol duel at 9 o'clock last night. Scott received mortal wounds and Hall was shot in the foot. Hall surrendered to Sheriff McCullough. Family troubles led to the duel.

Scott was angry at J. M. Hall, his father-in-law and father of Hugh Hall, over a recent court transaction, whereby the Scott building, formerly his, was awarded to Scott's wife.

Tuesday night, Hugh Hall, who is a Pullman car conductor, returned home after an absence of two years. J. M. Hall returned yesterday. Last night Hugh Hall and Scott met for the first time at the corner of Third and Main. Young Hall demanded an explanation of Scott for his attitude towards his father, whereupon, according to bystanders, Scott drew a pistol and opened fire on Hall, who also drew a pistol and returned it. Scott received two vital wounds. Hall's wound is trivial.

EIGHTEEN OF THEM CORNERED

President Taft Has Done More in Three Years Toward Trust Busting Than Roosevelt.

AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

While Roosevelt Was Always "Starting Something" Taft is Finishing up His Work.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—It is expected that before the end of President Taft's term his administration will have to its credit more prosecutions against the trusts than the Roosevelt administration acquired in seven years.

President Taft felt somewhat embarrassed when on September 28 at Fort Dodge, Iowa, a comparison between his and his predecessor's record in this respect was drawn by Senator Kenyon, in an introductory speech to an audience of Kenyon's fellow townsmen. Senator Kenyon had been in the trust busting business as a special attorney of the Department of Justice before his election as senator, and naturally he felt a pride in the record which he wanted to tell his home folks about.

President Taft had to exercise diplomacy in getting out of the delicate situation, but he did it gracefully.

The fact remains, however, that the filing of the suit against the United States Steel Corporation recently brought up to eighteen the number of proceedings against combinations for their dissolution which have been begun by Attorney General Wickersham. This is the same number of similar proceedings that were brought under the Roosevelt regime of seven years.

The contrast might be carried further in order to show results in the way of decisions. While Roosevelt was always "starting something" the finish has been brought about under Taft's administration in a number of the most important cases.

When it comes to criminal proceedings under the Sherman law, the Roosevelt administration had the better of it. That is, it did so far as proceedings to date are concerned. If the tone of the president and of Attorney General Wickersham in speeches is a safe guard, however, the present administration will bring many more criminal suits before it goes out of office. Under the Roosevelt administration, there were twenty-five indictment proceedings for violation of the Sherman measure. Sixteen stand to the credit of the Taft administration.

When it is considered, however, that the present administration has been in office but a little more than two years and a half, it is apparent the assertion of the friends of the president and Attorney General Wickersham that they have been more active against the trusts and combinations than any of their predecessors, is correct.

TAFT HAS BEEN FRIEND OF NEGRO. Never Before Has the Race Been So Well Represented in Federal Jobs.

MACON, Ga., Nov. 9.—In delivering the opening address at the fifth annual session of the Georgia negro state fair, J. C. Napier of Nashville, Tenn., register of the United States Treasury, denounced any negro opposition to President Taft because of the removal of negroes from political offices in the south, and declared that under President Taft's administration negroes enjoyed higher honors and more lucrative positions than ever before in the country's history.

He declared President Taft had made a most significant statement to the effect that the negro was now an American citizen, and that it was the duty of the country to make his path to complete citizenship as smooth and easy as possible. In his remarks, he said:

"The negro stands closer to this administration than he has before in the history of the country. If he has a complaint to make, a claim to urge, or a request he wishes to present, he has only to make his wishes known to the president, or to any member of his cabinet, and his complaint or claim or request is heard patiently and carefully considered without hesitation or red tape delay."

The address was made before an audience of about 2,500 from all sections of the state, who braved the inclement weather to witness the parade and the opening exercises. He was introduced by President R. R. Wright of the fair association.

HEARST HEDGES \$49,500 WORTH. Offered \$50,000 For Impossible Feat But Tries to Award Rodgers With a Cheap Cup.

AVIATOR REFUSES IT. Man Who Crossed Country in Airship Makes an Offer Him. self of One Million Dollars.

PACKING HOUSES MAKE COMPLAINT. Oklahoma Concerns Say Railroads Are Not Giving Them Fair Rates.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9.—Indignantly spurning a \$500 loving cup which had been offered to him by Wm. R. Hearst for flying across the continent, instead of the \$50,000 cash prize offered to the first air man completing the trip in thirty days, Aviator C. P. Rodgers today issued a statement denouncing Hearst.

Writer of Sea Stories Dies. LONDON, Nov. 9.—William Clark Russell, the writer of stories of the sea, is dead. He had been bedridden since April last. Mr. Russell was born in New York in 1844.