

OLD SALEM BEWITCHED BY THE FURY OF FLAMES

Nearly One Half of Historic City is in Utter Ruin Today as Result of Great Blaze.
15,000 ARE HOMELESS
Two Mile Avenue of Ashes, Nearly a Mile Wide, Runs Through the Place Now.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SALEM, Mass., June 26.—Nearly half of the historic city of Salem, rich in buildings and traditions, is in utter ruin today as the result of the terrible conflagration which has already cost seven lives, destroyed nearly the whole manufacturing section, several houses, several dating back to colonial times, rendered 15,000 homeless and caused damage estimated at the way from \$7,000,000 to as high as \$20,000,000. At eight o'clock today the fire was still raging but was being held in check to the two mile swath already devastated. The water pressure is restored and unless the wind shifts again, it is just a question for the flames to burn themselves out. Martial law, with ten companies of militia comprising 1,100 men, has prevailed practically since nine o'clock last night. Kahiki clad soldiers, with fixed bayonets and under orders to shoot, patrol all streets to prevent looting by thugs. The usual militia was called out at about 3:30 when panic spread beyond control of the local police and Governor Walsh, who rushed to the stricken city in a high powered auto, later ordered out the whole Eighth regiment. A thousand tents and blankets and 10,000 rations are on their way.

The wildest havoc prevailed today. Thousands of people, homeless, sleepless and rendered paupers in one hour wandered the streets, held back from entering the doomed area where their homes had been. Many frantic with fear for missing friends and relatives tramped back and forth exhausted in their hopeless search. Carts, conveyances, automobiles, even baby carriages jammed the streets in a wild scramble to get out of the city. Many of the flames continued to curl upward completing their devastation while smoke-grimed firemen, completely spent after 18 hours struggle with insufferable heat and smoke, directed their puny efforts to overcome them.

The fire broke out just about 2 o'clock yesterday by a terrific chemical explosion in the Korn Leather Co. In fifteen minutes the factory was in ruins. Tinder box sheds and shops were soon a seething mass of flames, the water pressure failed and aid proved unavailing. Dynamite was resorted to and whole blocks blown to debris but the conflagration seemed only to increase the fury of the conflagration. A capricious sixteen mile wind drove the flames hither and thither, setting three separate fires which ate their way outward until they finally merged in one tremendous swath two miles long and three quarters of a mile wide. From places where witches were banded two and a quarter centuries ago the flames raced upwards to the edge of the old colonial residences, leaving in the ruins of their wake the birthplace of Nathaniel Hawthorne and other historic spots.

The fire has already surpassed the Chelsea fire horror of April, 12, 1908 when 8,000 were rendered homeless, 1,500 buildings destroyed, 1,600 families practically ruined, 300 injured

and property loss of \$8000,000 incurred. The whole industrial section and the French living quarter were entirely wiped out as the vanguard of the fire ate its way to the older part of the city. There many old colonial mansions, the finest example of New England's great ancestral area stood and were the prey of the flames on Lafayette and lower Chestnut streets. They were the homes of the old East India merchants in the days when Salem was among the greatest among American seaports and her harbor was crowded with square riggers and clipper. Hawthorne's birth place, the most famous building destroyed, was built long before the famous witchcraft days and came into the possession of the author's grandfather in 1772.

The "house of the seven gables" which Hawthorne immortalized, was saved. Losses will total \$10,000,000, according to revised estimates given out today by the assessor's office. This is somewhat above the estimate of fire insurance men and considerably below the first estimate made by city officials.

The dead to date are: MISS MARY MISKEL, nurse, died of excitement when on the way to Beverly in an ambulance suffering from heart trouble.

MRS. EDWARD McGLONE, dead of heart trouble when her house caught fire.

JOHN LEE, proprietor of Chinese laundry, body found in ruins.

UNIDENTIFIED CHILD, body found in ruins of house on May street.

INCINERATED REMAINS found in ruins of house at 181 Lafayette street believed to be Mrs. Sarah Abbot, 63, who is among the missing.

TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED bodies found in ruins.

Added to the horror today was a great scarcity of water almost threatening a famine. Many could get only a scanty filled cup full and springs on the outskirts of the city were in great demand. The Beverly water system has been called on for aid.

Red Cross will Aid.

BOSTON, June 26.—Ernest P. Bicknell, national director of the Red Cross today offers assistance to the authorities at Salem, Mass., and also to Governor Walsh of Massachusetts. He also instructed Gardner M. Lane, national vice president of the Red Cross at Boston to make such further offers of assistance as he deemed necessary. He suggested that the Boston Associated Charities, a Red Cross auxiliary, send experienced men to Salem to determine how the stricken city could be helped best. At the request of Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, Secretary of War Garrison today wired Col. H. L. Hawthorne, commanding at Fort Warren, at Boston, to make a full report on conditions at Salem. The war department stands ready to furnish anything necessary, Garrison said.

Later reports from Salem to the Red Cross headquarters here represented the situation to be so serious that National Director Bicknell decided to leave at once for the stricken city. Miss Mabel T. Boardman, chairman of the national relief board, is now at her summer home in Manchester, near Salem, and probably will go to Salem also to assist Bicknell.

Gardner M. Lane, treasurer of the Massachusetts board Red Cross was authorized by wire to draw on the Red Cross for \$5,000 as an initial relief fund.

They were Lovely Girls.

CHICAGO, June 27.—"Ah, but they were lovely girls, and I'd like to meet them again," H. S. Pennington of Knoxville, Tenn., told the police today when he complained that two stunning brunettes escorted him to his first cabaret show last night and relieved him of \$90.

WILL BE ABLE TO PAY OUT

Clafin Failure Not Looked Upon as a Very Serious Business Difficulty.

HONOR COUNTS STRONG
Reorganization Expected to Result in Resumption of Business With All Claims Settled.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, June 26.—Confidence that most of the subsidiary companies involved in the \$34,000,000 difficulties of the H. B. Clafin company will continue business without more than a temporary hitch and that the parent concern will, within a few days, arrange to pay dollar for dollar all their obligations, was general in financial circles here today. John Clafin's whole fortune, it was said, would be placed at the disposal of those who are reorganizing the great concern. Men high in the affairs of the company declared that after reorganization it would be stronger than ever.

That very diffusion of the Clafin paper which caused difficulty of the concern was said today to be one of the best guarantees that no great financial disturbance will follow. Decline of only from one quarter of a point to a point in American securities in London today was pointed to as indicating that money men here and abroad believe the 3,000 banks which hold Clafin paper in the country will be well supported past any chance of embarrassment. While officials of the concern and spokesmen for the creditors said it was too soon to be sure, several declared their belief that the 40,000 employees of the Clafin stores throughout the country would in all probability be out of work for only a few days. This probability, they said was strengthened by the speed with which reorganization has started in the election of Cornelius N. Bliss as head of the United Dry Goods company and the Associated Merchants. This, they declared, an earnest indication that no time would be lost.

Appointment of at least one additional receiver to act with J. B. Martindale and F. A. Julliard was expected today. The name of F. C. McDuff, president of the New York Manufacturing company of Boston, was mentioned for the place, or one of the places. There is a huge amount of work to be done and it is believed a board of five receivers is likely.

Three creditors today filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy in the Defender Manufacturing company, one of the Clafin subsidiaries here. It is understood that the Clafin interests will vigorously oppose receivers on the ground that this firm is perfectly solvent.

Is Isolated Case.

NEW YORK, June 26.—The H. B. Clafin failure is purely an isolated case and cannot be attributed to any "general conditions," according to Jacob Gimbel, president of the firm of Gimbel brothers.

Commenting on the failure today, Isaac Gimble said: "I take on its face value the reason given by Mr. Clafin, for the embarrassment of that concern, namely the shifting of trade centers in New York City. No firm in any line of business ever had a better reputation for highest integrity and business honor and when Mr. Clafin, whose father and himself made that reputation, mentions but one thing as the reason for his embarrassment, nothing else can be blamed. The case is wholly and solely an individual one. It does not in any way reflect general business conditions."

\$5,000 Damages.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] HARTFORD, Conn., June 26.—Victory to the extent of \$4,000 and costs rested with Mrs. Elizabeth C. Holman here today after a sixteen days' battle to collect \$5,000 damages because her former husband and two physicians sent her to an insane asylum. The verdict as to damages were against Rev. Cranston Brenton and Paul Waterman, a Hartford alientist who were dubbed conspirators against the woman. The second Dr. O. C. Smith will have to pay only his share of the heavy court costs in the sensational case.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10 cents per week.

FORD AFTER CANCER CURE

Automobile King Will Spend Some of His Millions in Hospital.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DETROIT, Mich., June 26.—Henry Ford, automobile king, today announced the appropriation of many of his millions for the financing of a last ditch fight against cancer. He made public the details of a plan whereby he will change the Detroit General hospital which Ford recently took over when the promoters failed to obtain sufficient funds to complete it, into an institution for the prevention of cancers. There are many institutions in the country to cure diseases, Ford declared today in discussing his plan. "We plan to prevent cancer, rather than cure it. In that aspect our hospital will be unique."

Operation of the new Ford hospital will start within two months, when all the buildings will have been completed. The auto manufacturer already has spent more than \$400,000 on the hospital and plans to put \$2,000,000 more into it in addition to the cost of the equipment.

Ford said that he would not import so called cancer experts to direct the affairs of his institution, but would put local men in charge who will attempt to work out Ford's theories.

JUNE BRIDES AT THE CAPITAL

All of Them Who Go to Washington Cannot Visit the President.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, June 26.—President Wilson has no desire to spoil the honeymoon of any June bride. Unfortunately, however, affairs of state prevent him from granting all the favors asked by June brides who happen to come to Washington on their honeymoons. That is why a certain June bride and her darling hubby from Pasadena, N. J., had to leave town today very much disappointed.

Accompanied by the aforesaid darling hubby, and clad in a very, very diaphanous gown, this June bride strode into the executive offices today to see Secretary Tumulty.

"We have just been married," announced the bride blushing.

"Congratulations," said Tumulty. "Isn't it delicious?" exclaimed the bride.

"It is," agreed the secretary. "We want to see the president," announced the bride.

"Sorry Miss— I mean madam, but he is very busy."

"But," she pouted, "John and I thought it would be just too nice if he found us for a photo."

"He's too busy, good day," and Tumulty escorted them out.

CHASED OVER ROOFS

Police Give Gangsters a Lively Run But They Made Their Escape.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, June 26.—Shots from guns of policemen and two gangsters as they raced over roofs from where Patrick Scanlon, also a gun man was fatally shot early today, caused great excitement at Sixty-fourth and Amsterdam avenue. Scanlon who is lying in the Polytechnic hospital, was shot four times in an affray in front of a cafe. As he fell to the street, policemen dashed up and followed two of the killers to the roofs. There was a hot chase and many shots were fired but the two men escaped. Scanlon, before lapsing into unconsciousness said a man named Stearns shot him. East side dens were being combed for Stearns.

Strawberry Blondes.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, June 26.—"Red heads" will be with us always, Professor W. L. Tower of the University of Chicago declared today, despite theories of some scientists that the strawberry blondes, as well as other blondes are doomed to extinction. "If both parents have dark hair, about one child in four will have red hair," said Professor Tower, "proving that red-haired children cannot be kept down. If both parents have light hair and if both have fair skins ninety-one times out of one hundred the child will be a blond, proving that the blonde type will not disappear."

—Read The Daily Gate City.

DROPPING OVER FROM THE HEAT

Twenty-eight Deaths Reported in Central and Eastern States So Far.

MANY PROSTRATIONS

Heat Wave is Creeping Eastward and Causing Much Suffering in the Larger Cities.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, June 26.—Twenty-eight deaths and three score prostrations have followed the heat wave of the last three days which is moving eastward from the middle west today. New York felt the hot blast last night and today at 10 o'clock, the temperature had already risen to 80 degrees by the official thermometer. In the crowded sections where suffering was greatest it was much higher. The heat wave claimed the following toll:

	deaths	prostrations
Cleveland, Ohio	3	20
Columbus, Ohio	1	6
Philadelphia, Pa.	4	12
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New York	1	12
Detroit	4	7
Indianapolis, (state)	6	8
Lincoln, Neb.	1	7
St. Paul, Minn.	1	7

Cooler weather was reported today in Chicago and Cleveland. The second death from the heat was noted today when Dr. Wm. B. Mosler, head of the observation wards of Kings county hospital, expert on lunacy, was found dead in the bath tub in his apartments at the hospital.

Jumped into River.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DETROIT, Mich., June 26.—Clutching tightly to her breast her year old girl baby and holding a son, aged four, by the hand, an unidentified Italian woman today walked off the ferry dock and cast herself and her children into the Detroit river. Deck hands rescued the mother and boy, but the baby was drowned.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

For Iowa: Unsettled tonight and Saturday. Probably showers or thunderstorms. Somewhat higher temperature in the northeast portion tonight.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

For Illinois: Unsettled tonight and Saturday. Probably showers and thunderstorms in the north portion. Somewhat higher temperature in the extreme north portion tonight.

Weather Conditions.

In the central valleys the temperature was high yesterday, reaching 100 degrees at some stations, and the weather continued generally fair in all districts except there have been scattered local showers, or thunderstorms in some portions of the northern Mississippi valley.

Unsettled, but generally fair, warm weather attends a depression central in Colorado this morning, and this is followed by high pressure and cooler weather in the northwestern states.

Conditions indicate generally fair weather for this section tonight and Saturday, although local thunderstorms are possible, and little change in temperature.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage	Height	Change	W't'r
St. Paul	14	9.6	x0.2 C'dy
La Crosse	12	7.5	x0.1 Rain
Dubuque	13	9.7	-0.2 C'dy
Davenport	15	8.5	-0.4 C'dy
Keokuk	14	10.2	-0.6 Clear
St. Louis	20	19.9	-0.2 Clear

River Forecast.

Unless heavy rain occurs, the river will fall from Davenport to Quincy for several days. Yesterday's rainfall was confined to small areas.

Local Observations.

June 25 7 p. m. ... 29.96 89 NE Clear
26 7 a. m. ... 29.99 84 SE Clear
River stage, 7:00 a. m., 10.2 feet.
Twenty-four hour change, fall 5.
Mean temperature, 25th, 83.
Highest, 94.
Lowest, 72.
Lowest last night, 78.
FRED Z. GOSEWISCH.

SHOOT DOWN PRISONERS AS MORNING SUN ARISES

Villa Lines up Captured Officers Before Firing Squad and Executes Fifty-seven.

NEDIATION PROCEEDINGS

Rumors That Rebels Will Make Many Demands and That Huerta Will Force Intervention.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] JUAREZ, Mex., June 26.—Execution of Mexican federal irregulars, which usually follows the victories of Gen. Francisco Villa, began at Zacatecas at sunrise today, according to dispatches from the front. Lined up before a firing squad, fifty-seven officers of the irregulars or "Colorados" as they are called, were shot. These are only the first, it is said, of many who are to be slain during the next twenty-four hours. General Villa is continuing the oath he took when he left the state of Chihuahua that he would kill every federal officer "and Colorado" captured.

With the cavalry in close pursuit General Barron and the remnant of his federal army are fleeing in wild disorder towards Agua Calientes, burning bridges and destroying the railroads behind them. The cavalry sent after Barron within a few hours of his departure from Zacatecas, has already captured many stragglers.

Colonel Ornelas, commandant here, received from the quartel general at Zacatecas, a despatch saying Villa today began moving his army of from 17,000 to 19,000 against Agua Calientes. Despite the recent battle, the constitutionalists are said to be in fine shape to stand the long march across the plains. It is 100 miles by railroad and 75 by road from Zacatecas to Agua Calientes and Villa expects to reach the latter city within a few days, even though he should find the railroads damaged beyond immediate repair.

Few details of the capture of Zacatecas have been received. Constitutional officers do not believe more than 3,000 soldiers of General Barron's command escaped, of the 14,000 who participated in the battle. The street fighting was the most desperate of any of Villa's battles, even exceeding that which preceded the capture of Torreon. A Zacatecas dispatch says Generals Benj. Argumendo and Antonio Rojas, of the federal army were killed during the battle but no word has yet come from Villa regarding yesterday's dispatch that Gen. Trinidad Rodriguez had died of his wounds. If the announcement from constitutionalist headquarters at Torreon that General Torres had taken San Luis Potosi should prove premature, constitutionalists say it is only a question of a few days any way when the rebels will have the place.

As soon as Villa's army has left Zacatecas state, Gen. Panof Natera will become acting governor. Appeals were made today by Villa to his border agents to rush provisions and war munitions to Zacatecas. Trains are being sent via Laredo, Texas, as washouts near Jimenez have made the railroad south from here impassable.

Constitutionalists now predict the federals will not defend Agua Calientes but will retreat to Querataro, the largest city north of Mexico City still in the possession of Huertistas. It is a natural fortification, surrounded by rolling hills which make it almost impregnable.

NOT ENOUGH TO LIVE ON

Working Girl Needs \$3 More Per Week Than the Sum of \$8.71.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BOSTON, Mass., June 26.—The \$3.71 figured by the Massachusetts minimum wage board as a living salary for working girls in the brush industry isn't a fair one; it ought to be at least \$11.71, Miss Julian O'Connor, one girl worker who assisted the board, so declared today, explaining that agreement was reached on the lower figure solely to prevent a dead lock.

"We figure," she said, "that the rate of \$5.25 for food and board is wrong. It takes \$2.50 for a room alone and \$7 ought to be allowed for food. Then, too, we want the movies once a week instead of every two weeks, and theatre twice a month, instead of only once. Surely that's not extravagance. Our other figures are: doctor, 33 cents a week instead of 29 cents allowed; clothes, \$1.50 not \$1.44; church fifteen cents, not ten, and insurance 25 cents not included in the board's figures."

Bacon here today before Justice Lehman.

Testifying for the captain, Hall said one day he went to the Bacon home to administer spiritual consolation and found her and a Mr. Lyons, one of the three co-respondents named, in a close embrace in a semi-darkened room. He declared the costumes Lyons and Mrs. Bacon wore "might have been all right for south sea islanders but were not the thing for persons in good standing in the church."

Mrs. Bacon denied the transgression with any of the men mentioned.

SHOCKED MINISTER WHEN HE MADE A SPIRITUAL CALL

Saw Mrs. Bacon's Pink Toes and Bare Legs in Semi-Darkened Room.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, June 26.—"I saw Mrs. Bacon's pink toes and bare legs," was the testimony of Rev. Eugene Perry Hall, which lent snap to the divorce suit of Captain Samuel M.

BACK IN PRISON WITH SAME UNIFORMS AND NUMBERS

Convicted Dynamite Conspirators Are Holding Down Old Positions.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LEAVENWORTH, Kans., June 26.—Paul J. Morrin, workers convicted of the alleged dynamite conspiracy, this is the ten others

who were denied clemency, were engaged in putting up the steel for the west cell building of the federal prison.

A prison rule prohibits giving out of a prisoner's number but it is known that all dynamiters who thus far have been turned over were given the same uniforms, stamped with the same numbers by which the prisoners were known when they were here before. Frank Ryan and his party reached the prison shortly before 9 o'clock. Within half an hour after the arrival of the men, all had been dressed and assigned to the cells they occupied before they were liberated.