

ESTIMATE LOSS IN FIRE AT \$16,000

Loss of Property Yesterday Not so Great as Was First Believed—Insurance Small.

COMPLIMENT FIREMEN

Much Credit Being Given Chief Anderson and Members of the Department for Their Work.

It is believed the total loss in yesterday's fire will not exceed \$16,000. The loss to the property is not so great as was at first feared. Only the building occupied by the Gate City Motor Car company, in which the fire started, was a total loss. The damage to the building next, occupied by the Sheppard Vinegar company, was severe but the loss was not complete. Only the rear end of the livery stable was damaged.

The owners of all three buildings which were damaged, B. L. Auwerda, C. F. Skirvin and E. F. Sullivan, estimate their loss at about \$9,000. On this property was insurance amounting to \$3,000. No steps toward reconstructing or repairing these buildings will be taken until adjustment has been made with the insurance companies. The livery stable and building occupied by the vinegar company probably will be repaired and the garage building rebuilt.

Automobile Company Big Loser. Outside the owners of the buildings, the Gate City Motor Car company was the greatest loser. Their total loss is estimated at above \$3,000, while their property was insured for but \$500. A large amount of valuable machinery belonging to this company was destroyed. Four dynamos, lathes, and expensive machinery of various kinds were ruined by the heat of the fire.

Five automobiles and a limousine body for an automobile were burned. One of the cars was the property of the Gate City Motor Car company, another belonged to C. C. Belt, foreman of the garage, while T. A. Stiles, G. W. Goodman, and F. R. Conner owned cars that were destroyed in the fire. Three machines were removed from the building before they were damaged.

On account of the gasoline, oil and chemicals burned, the fire was one of the most dangerous that has occurred in Keokuk for a long time. Luckily, however, no one was injured with the exception of one man, Charles Griffin, whose arms were blistered by the heat when he assisted the firemen at their work.

Danger From Gasoline. Few of the many hundreds of people who witnessed the fire realized the danger they were in while standing in front of the garage. Nearly one hundred gallons of gasoline were contained in a tank near the walk in

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the front of the building. The tank was but partly underground. The only explosions that took place during the fire, however, were those of the gasoline contained in the tanks in the automobiles that burned. As there was but a small quantity in each car the explosions did not do much damage. Four barrels of lubricating oil that burned, created dense volumes of smoke that proved a big hindrance to the firemen.

Credit Fire Department. Many compliments have been paid Fire Chief Anderson and the members of the department for confining the fire to the comparatively small space which burned. There were few who saw the fire shortly after it started who did not believe the Etes building, and perhaps the entire block, would be swept clean by the flames. Chief Anderson said today the credit for the work of the department should be given to his men. He said he felt very grateful to those men who worked with the members of the department. Without their help it is hardly probable the fire could have been confined to the small space which was burned. The only man who was in any way injured by the fire was Charles Griffin, one of the outside men who worked with the members of the department. Griffin's arms, as high as his elbows, were badly blistered by the heat of the flames.

Workmen Not Injured. None of the workmen in the garage

at the time of the gasoline in the vulcanizing machine exploded were injured, although two of them, B. C. Morris, who was operating the machine, and Carl Belt, foreman, who was using the telephone when the explosion occurred, barely had time to get out of the building.

Twice after the department had left, the fire broke out in piles of rubbish, although no further damage was done. At 1 o'clock last night a still alarm was sent in and the chemical engine used in extinguishing the flames. At 7 o'clock this morning the department made another trip to the scene of the fire, a hose being connected and several places being drenched with water to prevent any further outbreak of the fire.

POPE IN BED AND VERY SICK

Worried Over His People Being at War in These Supposed Civilized Days.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

ROME, Aug. 18.—Pope Pius is very ill. He is confined to his bed with Doctors Amici and Marchisavi in constant attendance. He is suffering from bronchial catarrh complicated with gouty manifestations. In addition, the news of the war and the information that millions of Catholics are aligned on both sides of the titanic struggle, has resulted in such extreme melancholia that his household is alarmed. Today doctors gave strict orders that under no circumstances is his holiness to be permitted to receive any news of the progress of the war. No one will be permitted to mention it in his presence. But whether this will have the effect hoped for is uncertain, as the pontiff has taken the outbreak of hostilities so much to heart. His holiness refused to believe that in this late day of civilization, nations of the culture and refinement of those now engaged, could resort to the sword to settle their disputes. When confirmation reached the vatican that war had actually begun, he was greatly troubled.

"It is a pity," he said to his intimates, "and when I remember that they are all my people and that now they are fighting each other, it breaks my heart."

So deep was his grief that those who witnessed it were themselves overcome. All efforts to distract his attention failed. Finally he became so weak that he was forced to remain in bed. Today there was no improvement in his condition. He had a high fever and this added to the maladies from which he is suffering, prevented him getting any sleep.

Canadian War Legislation. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 18.—Special war legislation will be taken up immediately by the Canadian parliament. \$50,000,000 or possibly \$75,000,000 will be voted. The government has been assured of the co-operation of all parties toward the passage of special measures. These will include a bill empowering the government to declare a moratorium; regulate food prices and supplies; amend the criminal code so as to cover acts of a disloyal or traitorous character, and amendments covering the issuance of emergency currency. The duke of Connaught opened parliament with a speech from the throne, dealing entirely with war measures.

Mrs. Kate E. Billings

Died at Topeka, Kans., Burial in Keokuk.

Not many days ago the burial of Mrs. Kate E. Billings, a prominent and popular former resident of Keokuk, took place at Oaklawn cemetery and was sorrowfully attended by her old friends and neighbors of this community, many of whom had the pleasure of intimately associating with this gifted and cultured woman in the earlier days of Keokuk, and remembered her for her attractive personality.

There comes to The Gate City a copy of the Rocky Mountain News and Times of Denver, Colo., where she lived so long, away from her devoted Keokuk friends, and it contains an attractive newspaper portrait of her, beautiful in life, as she was lamented in death, together with an obituary of her which will no doubt be of interest to those who knew her so well when she resided here and what the Denver paper says is given below, under date of Sunday, July 26, 1914:

"Mrs. Kate E. Billings, eighty-five years of age, widow of the late J. Bradley Billings, charitable worker and club woman of Denver, died last Friday at Topeka, Kas.

"Mrs. Billings was born in Massachusetts in 1829. She married J. Bradley Billings in 1854, and lived in Missouri during the civil war, after which they came to Keokuk, Iowa, where they resided a good many years. On account of Bradley's ill health they were required to come to Denver in 1884. They lived in one place, the Flisk hotel, Nineteenth and Broadway for twenty-seven years. After Billings' death here, four years ago, Mrs. Billings left for the east where she lived with her daughter till her death.

"Mrs. Billings was a member of the art and literature department of Woman's club and was well known as a charitable worker, her kind and charitable deeds during her public career making her prominent. She occupied one pew in the First Congregational church twenty-five years. The church is closed at present on account of the absence of the Rev. Tanner, so memorial services will be postponed till the first of September. Burial will be in the family lot, Sunday, July 26, at Keokuk, Iowa."

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FT. MADISON MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Walter Lester Found Dead on Island Near Quincy—Was Despondent, Friends Say.

FT. Madison Gem City: Walter Lester, who disappeared last Monday night, reported to his mother from St. Louis, and then was not heard from, was found dead on Wards Island near Quincy last night at seven o'clock by a fisherman. Investigation showed that a bullet of a 38 calibre revolver, found near him, had entered the right side and brought death. The body had been lying there two or three days.

A description received here this morning stated that a man five feet tall, brown hair, about 27 years old, wearing a blue serge suit and black and white checked cap, had been found dead. In the coat pocket where the bullet had penetrated the name was so smeared with blood that nothing but Walter or Waldon could be made out. He carried an open face watch and a gold monogram attached thereto bearing the initials "W. R. L." Mr. Bergthold stated that he may have sold the man such a cap a month ago. Mr. Outhbert identified the monogram and general description as did others.

Last Monday night Lester was to go to West Point to repair an automobile for the Corsepus garage people of this city. He did not go, and a letter received by his mother would indicate he went to St. Louis, for he wrote her to that effect Wednesday. She left for Lawrence, Kansas, to visit her brother-in-law, Fred Fein. She was expected to return last night, but had not arrived home this morning. She resides on Elm street with Mrs. Hill. How he turned up at Quincy, of course, is not known yet.

An inquest will be held this afternoon at Quincy. Word was sent by the local police to the authorities at Quincy that this must be Walter Lester, who had disappeared from here last week, for the identification is practically complete. Word was also sent to Fred Fein, the relative in Lawrence, Kan., asking for the mother and for disposition of the body.

The cause of this deplorable affair is not generally known, but it has been said that the man had been down-hearted for some time. It is likely that some domestic unhappiness led him to commit the deed.

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Germany	Government	34.89	21.5
Great Britain	Government	22.81	14.1
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ACKLES HAS SOLD FT. MADISON HOUSE Quincy Firm Buys Theater in Neighboring Town—Baker-Dodge Lease Holds.

Fort Madison Gem City: The Grand opera house was this morning sold to Govert and Lancaster, a law firm in Quincy, Ill. The transfer will not

affect the running of the theater this winter, but it could not be learned what are the definite plans of the new owners. The theater has been owned for some time by M. S. Ackles of Keokuk, and he had an agreement with Mr. Shaffner of this city to manage it. The plans of neither of these men could be learned today. The latter, however, has gone to Keokuk this afternoon and will probably be able to enlighten us on the subject tomorrow.

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xNo. 40, K. & W. to Sedan, C. B. & K. C. to Carrollton leaves..... 8:15
xNo. 4, St. Louis, west and south, leaves..... 1:15
xNo. 10, Quincy, Hannibal, Kansas City, St. Louis, leaves..... 8:45

NORTHBOUND.
xNo. 7, St. Paul and points west, leaves..... 2:15
xNo. 13, Burlington, Chicago and points west, leaves..... 7:45
xNo. 3, Burlington, Chicago and east, leaves..... 1:45
xNo. 1, Burlington and Chicago, leaves..... 7:15
xNo. 51, Mt. Pleasant branch, leaves..... 3:15
No. 5, K. & W., Sundays only, leaves..... 7:15
xNo. 3, K. & W., leaves..... 9:15
xNo. 4, from K. & W., arrives 11:15
xNo. 50, from Mt. Pleasant branch, arrives..... 11:45
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