

VALLEY TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

WHOLE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF FRENCHTOWN WIPE OUT IN EARLY MORNING.

BLAZE SEEN FOR MILES

Flames First Discovered as They Burst From Window of Room in Rear of Western Hotel—Train Whistle Arouses Residents—One Man Has Narrow Escape From Death.

A bit of brick wall, warped with the heat and blackened by smoke—a part of the wall of what was the Marion Brothers' store—stands as a lone monument to mark the spot where stood, until early yesterday morning, some 15 or 20 buildings which comprised the entire business section of Frenchtown. An early Sunday morning fire that started in a backroom of the Western hotel, the origin of the blaze not having been fully determined, wiped the complete business section of one of the oldest towns in Montana off the face of the valley and burned so fiercely and spread so fast that nothing of the contents of the buildings could be saved and the one piece of brick wall is about the only "ruin" now visible. The loss is estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000, while the insurance carried will probably not total \$10,000.

It was just 4:20 a. m. yesterday when the crew of a Northern Pacific train passing through Frenchtown noticed the fire bursting from a window of a room at the back of the Western hotel. It was the whistle of the engine that first aroused the sleeping residents and which was responsible for the saving of at least one life. Within two hours the whole business district of the town was totally destroyed. It was 4:55 o'clock when Mayor Evans of this city received a telephone message asking for help from Missoula. It was learned, however, that Mill creek and the slough at Frenchtown were both dry and after learning the extent of the flames Chief Fox of the fire department decided it would be useless for the department to attempt to take any apparatus to the scene. A voluntary crew of men would have been offered, but it was also learned that with the men in town and those of several threshing crews who came in from the near-by ranches, there were enough to use all of the water that could be furnished from the several wells. The bucket brigades that were formed did splendid work and their efforts saved a number of residences and valuable buildings adjacent to the burned district. So fast and fierce did the fire burn that within five minutes after the alarm was sounded there was no chance to do any fighting or to even carry anything from the building anywhere in the business district, the only work that could be done to advantage being from outside the square of flames. Many of the wells used by the fire-fighters soon had to be abandoned on account of the heat which was so intense that the curbing and boxing of the wells and the pumps themselves, except the iron ones, were ignited and consumed by the flames.

Buildings Burned. The following were the principal buildings burned, the list being given in order along the main street from west to east: North side of street—DuMouchel store building and John Richard residence, directly north; Western hotel and barn, owned by Mrs. L. A. Barrette; Marion stables; small house of Theodore Bedard. South side of street—George Grove's saloon; Mrs. McGowan's restaurant; Hamel & Deschamps butcher shop and saloon; Marion Brothers' store, which was owned by the First National bank

CARELESS MEN KILLED IN MINE

SIX MINERS GROUND TO DEATH BY FLYING DRILLS IN SHAFT IN BUTTE.

RULES ARE DISREGARDED

State Law and Rulings of Company and Miners' Union All Forbid Riding on Car Carrying Steel, but Men, Anxious to Reach Top, Take Chance and Are Swept to Death.

Butte, Sept. 3.—Caught in a vortex of whirling steel machine drills in a mine cage, while being hoisted to the surface, five miners met instant death in the shaft of the Black Rock mine of the Butte Superior company at 3:15 o'clock this morning while the sixth, James Lee, died a few hours later in the hospital from the effects of the injuries he received.

In their anxiety to reach the surface the workmen jumped on the cage upon which dull steel was being taken to the surface. It is presumed that in their crowding they dislodged the steel shafts from the box in which they were held and they caught in the wall plates on the side, the ends whirling with terrific force among the men on the cage, clearing the deck of the miners, fairly mincing their bodies as the steel bounded back and forth, and sweeping them into the sump, 1,400 feet below. Charles Green, station tender, finally was hurled from the upper deck of the cage to the lower level by the impact when the brakes were applied and was decapitated, as were all the other miners with the exception of Lee, whose head was smashed to a pulp.

The dead: CHARLES L. GREEN, 28 years of age, married. IEO CHEVRIER, 21 years of age, unmarried. PATRICK O'NEILL, 32 years of age, unmarried. DAN SHEEHAN, 40 years of age, unmarried. JAMES LEE, 34 years of age, unmarried. DANIEL SHEA, 36 years of age, unmarried.

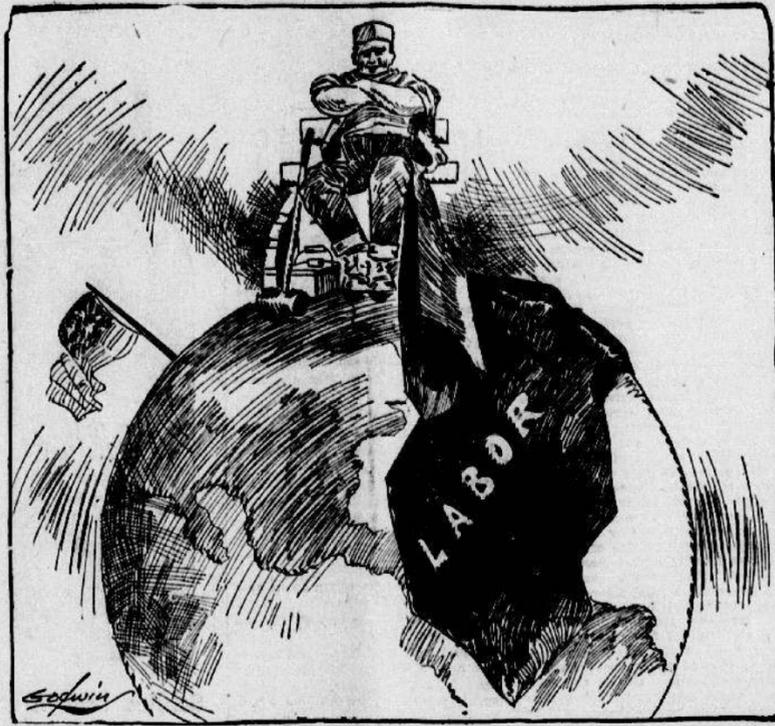
Thomas Dennihay, station tender, pleaded with the miners not to board the cage while steel was being hoisted, as the act was in violation of the company's rules, but they passed by him as they were anxious to reach the surface before "tally."

All stepped on the car below the 1,000-foot level with the exception of Green and Lee. Dennihay left the cage at that station and was succeeded by his partner, Green, and Lee pushed on just before the gates were closed and the safety bar was lowered by Dennihay.

The signal to hoist had been given and the cargo had shot upward to a point between the 400 and 300 foot levels when the steel began to move, being from outside the square of flames. Many of the wells used by the fire-fighters soon had to be abandoned on account of the heat which was so intense that the curbing and boxing of the wells and the pumps themselves, except the iron ones, were ignited and consumed by the flames.

Engineer Stops Car. The first intimation of the accident came to John McGlynn, the engineer, when he felt a pull at the cable of the east cage. He paid no attention until the car had been hoisted a distance of 50 feet more and then he threw on the emergency brakes. Jack Cowan, a shaft man, was lowered in the sister compartment to the point where the cage was held and there found Green and Lee, while blood splattered the wall plates and timbers. He summoned aid at once and the miners, under the leadership of James Fleming and John Wallace, shift bosses, went to the sump just below the 1,600-foot level, where

GREATER THAN ANY KING



BEATTIE TO APPEAR IN OWN BEHALF TODAY

ALLEGED MURDERER WILL TAKE THE STAND THIS MORNING—APPEARS WORRIED.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Sept. 3.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife, had a conference with Harry M. Smith, Jr., his lawyer, today. Beattie will take the stand tomorrow in an effort to clear himself of the charge against him. The conference was brief. Mr. Smith finally took the hand of the prisoner and bespoke his best wishes for the events of the morning.

"I am very glad to get the chance to go on the stand," said the prisoner to an Associated Press representative. "They could not keep me off if they tried."

"Did somebody try to keep you off the stand?"

"Yes. Some people thought I would weaken my case if I testified but I have told them, and I say now, that I'd go on the stand and tell my story. If I thought I was going to be killed the next moment, I want to tell the jury my story and when they hear it I am confident their verdict will establish my innocence."

Attorney Enthusiastic. Attorney Smith talked enthusiastically and hopefully about the testimony which he expects the prisoner to give tomorrow.

"I am sure Henry Beattie will clear himself," he said. "Why, just consider that what has been said against him has been almost entirely circumstantial evidence and just remember what Mr. Kestelberg's testimony showed about the danger of accepting circumstantial evidence. The discovery of Mr. Kestelberg as a witness was an accident and when we found out what he knew we literally had to drag him to court. He shows that it was he whom the boys saw fixing that automobile on the night of the murder and does not that cast a big doubt as to other evidence which the prosecution has brought out?"

The attorney said he was confident that the prisoner would convince the jury of his innocence. Beattie did not look as bright today as he has on other occasions since the trial began. His face was pallid and his eyelids sagged as if he has lost sleep. The little cell that he occupied was cheerless. Tonight two dainty little girls, one in pink and the other in white, proudly brought the prisoner his supper. He retired early to rest for the ordeal of tomorrow.

Large Crowd Expected. Labor day's respite for the public is expected to bring an unusually large crowd to the courthouse tomorrow, but as its capacity is limited to barely 100, there will be a scramble for seats at an early hour. The prisoner will take the stand immediately after court convenes at 10:30. The prosecution is prepared to attack the prisoner's story with a merciless fire. Prosecutor Wendenberg is primed for the occasion with dozens of letters and statements with which he expects to surprise the accused. In the rebuttal which will follow Tuesday, the commonwealth will bring to the stand many witnesses which it has purposely withheld until the story of the accused is before the jury. Beulah Binford, the so-called "girl in the case," may take the stand to confront the prisoner.

ERRING MOTHER REGARDING HIS RESIGNATION

BOY OF ELEVEN YEARS CRUSHED BY TRAIN AND REFUSED COMFORT OF PARENT.

Wallace, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Lying spent and weak in a ward at Providence hospital, after the physicians had amputated the leg crushed beneath the wheels of a freight car in the Wallace yards of the O. W. R. & N. a few days ago, his nerve giving way at last to the yearning for the comfort and consolation that none but a mother may give, Edgar Cradlebaugh, 11 years of age, is crying for his mother, while a stern and unforgiving father refuses to allow her to visit her child. Friends have interceded, and failing to secure the father's consent, have telegraphed to Portland for the mother to come and see her boy, who may be dying.

A couple of years ago the Cradlebaugh home was wrecked, and the wronged husband followed his wife and her lover to Denver, where Cradlebaugh shot the man to death upon one of the main streets of the city. The case attracted country-wide attention at the time. Cradlebaugh was tried for murder and acquitted by what is said to have been the unanimous vote of the jury, after a few minutes deliberation. He returned to Wallace, and the whereabouts of his wife has remained a mystery until a short time ago, when former friends learned that she was conducting a hotel in Portland. Last night Sheriff Nicholson sent a telegram to the Portland chief of police, asking him to find Mrs. Cradlebaugh and send her to Wallace.

DIVERGENT TESTIMONY OFFERED BY WITNESSES

Wallace, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—After listening for a day to the widely divergent testimony of witnesses for the state and defense in the case of the state against Mrs. Ida Mattson and Joseph Turvo, charged with assault upon W. M. Smith, with intent to commit murder, Probate Judge West took the case under advisement, and will announce his decision Monday morning.

Smith claimed that when he objected to Turvo and Mrs. Mattson entering his home for the purpose of giving his wife intoxicating liquor, Turvo held him helpless while Mrs. Mattson pounded him over the head with a piece of a heavy heavy stock, cut down for use as a potato masher. Mrs. Mattson and her witnesses claimed that Smith was the aggressor, that he struck Mrs. Mattson with a piece of heavy chain attached to an iron bar, knocking her insensible, and injuring her so that she was under the doctor's care for several days.

CONCENTRATES SHIPPED. Libby, Mont., Sept. 3.—Two more cars of concentrates have been shipped from the Snowshoe mine to the smelter at East Helena. This makes four carloads that have been shipped since the property was started up and there is a large amount still on hand.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL. Reno, Sept. 3.—A successful operation for appendicitis was performed here today on Governor Tasker L. Odie of Nevada.

HILL DECLARES THAT HE WAS DELIBERATELY DISCREDITED—SHOWS LETTER.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—David Jayne Hill, the retiring American ambassador, on the eve of his departure from Berlin, has broken silence as to his resignation, which was accepted by President Taft last April. The ambassador gave out a statement today intimating that there had been a deliberate intrigue to discredit him and misrepresent the reasons for his resignation.

He announced his declination of a decoration which the emperor offered him. "At the time of my resignation in April," says the ambassador, "there was much speculation regarding the reason therefor, and a legend concerning my course in the negotiations between my government and Germany over the potash controversy was carefully prepared and widely circulated, positively declaring on alleged authority that my conduct was displeasing to the department of state. Under the circumstances the duty of a loyal diplomat is silence and faithfully I performed this duty."

"I have believed that the American people, careless as they often are of reputations, love fair play, and knowing that the official record there would speak the truth at the proper time, I have taken no notice of either the source or the motive of these allegations. I have now no comment to make upon them."

"On leaving office six months after my resignation I believe that it will be a pleasure to the president if I make public at this time an autograph statement made by him some months ago, which should effectually silence and exterminate the legend which certain newspapermen have endeavored to keep alive. He says:

Taft's Statement. "I write now to assure you that I never had the slightest reason to criticize your course and service at the very important post of Berlin. You have vindicated your appointment in every way and it has given me pleasure to deny emphatically and categorically that your resignation grew out of any disagreement on the part of the administration with your conduct in this country's relations with Germany in regard to the potash or any other question. . . . I write this to you, for you are entitled to have a full statement as to your satisfactory service, written by him whom you have worthily and well represented at the great capital of Berlin."

"I make public this statement for the purpose of assuring my friends in Europe and America of my faithful allegiance to the principles of loyalty by which I have been actuated throughout my official life, which has been of considerable duration, and to show appreciation of the sense of justice by which the president was inspired in recognizing the wrong done me by others, whose misrepresentations he has desired as far as possible to repair, in circumstances which I have reason to believe he at present entirely understands."

Ambassador Hill was not willing to indicate more closely the persons he believes were interested in discrediting him. The ambassador of Mrs. Hill will leave Berlin tomorrow after a luncheon in their honor given by Herr von Kiderlin-Waackert, secretary of foreign affairs, to which many notables have been invited.

REYES STONED BY MEXICAN RABBLE

AGED GENERAL ATTEMPTS TO SPEAK BUT IS DRIVEN BY MOB TO SHELTER.

POLICE ARE POWERLESS

Reyes Starts to Open Presidential Campaign Against Madero With Open Air Speech and Riot Follows—Police, Under Orders to Not Fire, Are Driven Back by Maderistas.

Mexico City, Sept. 3.—Stoned and forcibly robbed of 3,000 pesos today by a mob of Maderistas, in the principal thoroughfare of the capital, General Bernardo Reyes, candidate for the president in opposition to Francisco I. Madero, was forced to abandon an effort to address his constituents and to run the gauntlet of a jeering crowd upon whom the police had received orders not to fire except as a last resort.

Repeatedly the police charged the turbulent element, however, and the records of the Red Cross, the White Cross and the commissaries account for 43 wounded as a result of the day's disorders. Most of these were injured by stones, but many gashes by the sabres of the place.

The stoning of the aged general was the climax of a riot which began about 10 o'clock this morning and had not been entirely quelled late tonight. Since its beginning police and soldiers have patrolled the streets, but because of the government's desire not to use the iron hand, the heavily armed horsemen had but an intimidatory effect upon the rabble.

Placing their faith in the word of the government that equal guarantees would be given all parties in the campaign, and trusting Madero's words that he would welcome honest opposition, the backers of Reyes last week called an open-air meeting for today. It was announced that General Reyes would make his initial speech of the campaign, the site selected being in front of the \$10,000,000 National theater in course of construction.

Party Attacked. Early this morning groups of Maderistas began forming and threats to interfere with the Reystas' meeting were heard. Shortly before 10 o'clock the partisans of Reyes began gathering and the two elements clashed near the western end of the Alameda. Near this turbulent scene, General Reyes, his son Rodolfo, and a group of party leaders, drove in an automobile. Far outnumbering his supporters, the Maderistas crowded about his machine, making further progress difficult.

Stepping from the car the general rebuked the mob, but his words provoked louder jeers, supplemented by a rain of missiles. The automobile was abandoned. Its occupants walked four blocks to the center of the disturbance, the rowdies following and throwing stones. Mounted police who had been trailing now rode their horses into the center of the mob, which gave way. Entering a building Reyes and his escorts went to the second story, from where Reyes stepped to a balcony with the intention of addressing the crowd, now grown to great proportions.

Aged Man Faces Crowd. Such was the disorder, however, that Reyes' escort attempted to dissuade him. The old man would not be deterred, and raised his hand for silence. Instead, the tumult grew and chunks of marble and rocks were hurled at the white-haired figure. A number reached their mark and yet Reyes stood despite the efforts of his son to induce him to seek shelter. For 20 minutes he remained there, dodging missiles which wrecked the windows of the building. The police, hated by the populace as the instrument used by Diaz to maintain order with an iron hand, had drawn their sabres and charged the crowd.

Content with momentary success and remembering their orders to deal gently with the mob, the police reformed after each charge and held their position on the opposite side of the street. Seeing that the police did not intend to use drastic measures, the rabble turned its attention to them, hurling a shower of stones.

For more than an hour the fight continued. Inside the building Reyes' friends had succeeded in convincing him that it was useless to try to carry out his program. The party had an automobile brought to the entrance and in it they started for the Reyes home in Santa Maria.

The flying automobile escaped most of the stones, but the escort of mounted police was stoned at every jump by the crowd.

BUSINESS MAN SHOTS SELF. Victoria, B. C., Sept. 3.—D. T. Ferguson, a business man of Victoria and Vancouver, shot himself through the heart in a steamer stateroom en route from Vancouver to Victoria late yesterday. He leaves a family in Kenora, Ont., and a brother in Winnipeg.

GIANTS READY FOR MATCH TODAY

GOTCH AND HACKENSCHMIDT REST IN PREPARATION FOR CONTEST.

ODDS FAVOR BIG FARMER

"Talent" Gives Russian Lion's Supporters 2 to 1—Humboldt Champion Attacks Ball Game—Hackenschmidt Is Petulant But His Trainers Express Confidence—Chicago Crowded.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—How Gotch and Hackenschmidt compare: Gotch. Hackenschmidt. 33 years. Age. 34 years. 206 pounds. Weight. 224 pounds. Height. 5 feet, 11 inches. 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches. 45 inches. Chest. 52 inches. 34 inches. Waist. 40 inches. 42 inches. Hips. 42 1/2 inches. 22 inches. Thigh. 28 inches. 17 1/2 inches. Calf. 18 inches. 73 inches. Reach. 69 inches. 14 1/2 inches. Biceps. 19 inches. 14 inches. Forearm. 14 1/2 inches. 7 1/2 inches. Wrist. 8 inches. 9 inches. Ankle. 9 inches. 18 inches. Neck. 19 inches.

Facts About Match. Principals—Frank A. Gotch, champion, born April 27, 1878, at Humboldt, Iowa; George Hackenschmidt, challenger born August 2, 1877, at Porpat, Russia.

Conditions—Best two out of three falls, pin falls to count, for catch-as-catch-can wrestling championship of the world.

Division of purse—Gotch, \$21,000 and 50 per cent of moving picture profits; Hackenschmidt, \$11,000. Place—American league baseball park.

Time—3 o'clock. Referee—Edward W. Smith, Chicago. Weather—A special United States weather bureau forecast promises dry weather for the match unless it extends too late in the day. The forecast reads: "Monday—Fair in the morning, with increasing cloudiness in the afternoon, showers at night."

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Frank Gotch, the Iowa farmer, and George Hackenschmidt, the cultivated Russian student, tomorrow will determine who is the mightiest wrestler in the world. For tomorrow at the American league park here, at 3 o'clock, these premier grapplers will meet to settle the supremacy. Gotch won their former match in Chicago, April 3, 1908, but he did not pin the shoulders of the Russian "lion" to the mat. For that reason he has never been given universal credit for his victory. Tomorrow, however, both contestants declare, the match will not end until one man has obtained two falls. It may be necessary to finish the contest under the glare of the giant arc lights that adorn the roof of the grandstand, but regardless of this, the wrestlers are determined to settle their dispute beyond all possible doubt before they leave the park.

With the contest less than 24 hours away, there is great interest tonight in the match. From all parts of the country followers of the sport are coming in. All hotels in the loop district are crowded. All today the downtown ticket office was busy disposing of coupons. The total sales up to tonight approximated \$70,000. It is expected that at least 25,000 persons will attend the contest and that the gross receipts will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Whatever they are, it is certain that they will be larger than any that have taken place in any previous wrestling contest.

Although the turnstiles at the park will not begin to revolve until 11 o'clock tomorrow, tonight ardent devotees of the sport had begun to gather outside the grounds to seek vantage points for an early entrance to the field. Many of them were already provided with tickets, but they did not desire to be caught in the crush a few hours before the contestants enter the arena.

Odds Favor Gotch. Stories of Gotch's wonderful condition, which have been circulated since he arrived here Friday, have created the biggest odds on him up to 2 to 1. While he was still training in Humboldt, Iowa, he was but a six to five favorite. But his work here has caused his stock to rise rapidly.

Very little betting is being done, however. As an explanation for this condition, veteran sports say that the element that habitually plunged on big contests of all kinds has not forgotten the prizefight in Reno on July 4, 1910. The so-called "talent" plied and lost on that occasion and although this match in no way resembles that one, the big bettors, having once been bitten, are still timid.

Gotch partisans maintain that he will win because he is the cleverer

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Class Ad History

XCIX—FINDING A GIRL.

Don't waste any time when you need a girl in the kitchen. There's just one best way to get one and this is that one best way:

GIRL WANTED — FOR GENERAL housework; 716 South Fifth west.

There were two publications of this little ad required to bring just the girl who was wanted. She came on the second day. There had been other girls ahead of her, but they didn't suit. The right one came, however, as she will always come if the class ad is used. The cost is one cent a word. That's not much when you consider how much you get for it. If you are out of work and want a job, The Missoulian will print your ad for nothing.

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