



## TWO HARLEM FIRES IMPERIL MANY LIVES.

### METROPOLITAN RAILWAY CAR BARN DESTROYED.

#### Blaze Starts a Few Minutes Later in Paint Factory a Few Blocks Away.

Two big fires breaking out within five blocks of each other at almost exactly the same time kept all the firemen in Harlem busy last night. One of them destroyed the car barns of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, occupying the entire block between First and Second avenues, 56th and 57th streets. The other was in a paint factory at 102d street and the East River. The fire in the car barns started first, and four alarms were turned in for it. The last engine to arrive had not got settled down to work before three alarms were turned in from the other place.

#### BLAZE SPREADS RAPIDLY.

There were about four hundred cars in the building when the fire started and so quickly did the flames spread that only about thirty were got out. It is expected that all the rest will be a total loss. The blaze spread with remarkable rapidity and was one of the most spectacular that has ever been seen in the city. It started in a paint shop on the second floor of the building on the 96th street side. The patrolman on the beat turned in an alarm. A second and a third call were turned in almost immediately, bringing Chief Croker. By the time he arrived the entire building was in flames. A fourth alarm was immediately turned in.

#### On the Second Avenue Side of the Building

were the offices used by the receivers of the New York City Railway Company, in which were stored in a safe valuable papers and documents belonging to the company. As soon as the superintendent of the barns heard of the fire he sent a messenger to these offices to see that the valuables and the safe were pulled out in time and carried away to a place of safety.

#### SEVERAL FIREMEN INJURED.

On the way to the fire Engine 25 was just turning into 104th street when it narrowly averted a collision with a truck that was coming around the corner. The driver turned into a lamppost, killing the animal that was next the curb. The men on the engine were hurled to the street and received cuts and bruises, but no serious injuries. They went on to the fire, after one or two had been treated by a department surgeon.

#### HEAT DRIVES FIREMEN AWAY.

The smoke and heat soon became so intense that it was impossible to fight from the side of the street the building was on. Finally the firemen had to work in relays, a company going in with a hose and working for a few minutes and then coming out to be relieved by another company.

#### OREN ROOT, JR., ON SCENE.

As soon as he heard that the building was burning, Oren Root, Jr., general manager of the New York City Street Railway Company, hurried to the place to look after the interests of his company and direct the work of rescuing these cars that could be taken out. Frank Hedley also appeared soon after the blaze started. Fred Morris was there to act for the receivers, and was the first one to tell about the books and papers that were rescued. They were taken to a cigar store not far away.

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#### DEWEY'S SPARKLING GRAPE JUICE.

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## MORE BANK RECEIVERS.

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#### SAVING THE NEARBY HOUSES.

The firemen devoted greater energy thereafter to the buildings surrounding the Grote building, and in instances the spectators on surrounding roofs had to use brooms to sweep from the roofs the big red embers as they fell.

#### GOULD ROAD TROUBLES.

### General Strike Threatened—Shops Still Closed—Retrenchments.

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## NEAR DEATH ON BRIDGE.

### B. R. T. CAR LEAVES TRACK.

#### Police Lower Passengers to Roadway by Ladders—Trolleys Swamped.

Fifty passengers on a Bay Ridge train of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company's line, were hurled from their seats and badly frightened, when the second car of the train jumped a switch and was torn from its rear trucks at the Brooklyn terminal last night. According to the police no one was injured, and all those on the train were taken to the roadway by means of ladders. The rear trucks of the second car and the forward trucks of the third car left the rails and from 6:30 until after 9 o'clock traffic on the elevated lines running over the bridge was suspended.

#### REUTERDAHL TO RETURN?

### Report That He Is To Face Critics in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 29.—A report has reached here, but lacks official confirmation, that Henry Reuterdahl, the naval artist, has left Admiral Evans's fleet at Callao with the intention of coming at once to Washington to face the critics who have taken issue sharply with his published charges that incorrect methods have been employed in the construction of American war vessels.

#### BISHOP OF WASHINGTON.

### Dr. Charles H. Brent Likely to Succeed Dr. Satterlee.

Washington, Feb. 29.—From present indications, the successor of Henry Yates Satterlee as Episcopal Bishop of Washington will be Bishop Charles H. Brent, Missionary Bishop in the Philippine Islands for the last five years. Bishop Brent made a most favorable impression on Washington churchmen in his recent visit here, just before the centenary at Richmond last fall, and his recognized business acumen, coupled with his eminence as a churchman, has placed him first in the minds of the leaders of the Church in the national capital.

#### 11TH AMENDMENT NO BAR.

### Judge Pritchard Decides State Can Be Sued Without Consent.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 29.—Deciding that his court has jurisdiction and will inquire into the merits of claims of many liquor houses against the South Carolina Dispensary Board and continuing until Saturday next argument on the question of appointing a receiver for the \$500,000 fund left by the late dispensary and now in the hands of a state committee, the state Judge Pritchard rendered an opinion to-day which lays down a broad principle.

#### P. F. GARRETT KILLED.

### Noted "Gunfighter" and Friend of President Roosevelt.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 29.—Patrick F. Garrett, the "gunfighter" who killed in 1881 the notorious outlaw, "The Kid," was shot and killed to-day by J. Wayne Brazle, a youthful ranchman, near Las Cruces, N. M., in a dispute over a ranch lease.

#### HE WAS SELLING TICKETS FOR "LARRY" MULLIGAN'S BALL—ONE BOX SELLS FOR \$250.

To the poor man looking on it was as stimulating as a "raise in salary," almost, just to be present at the Lawrence Mulligan Association rooms last night and listen to reckless bids for boxes at the next ball to be held on March 5 at Terrace Garden.

#### WINNING EDUCATION ON MILK DIET.

### Student at Columbia Subsisting on Meagre Diet to Learn Admiralty Law.

H. P. Baumer, a member of the first year law class at Columbia University, is the student. It was learned yesterday, who has been compelled to live on a diet of bread and milk on account of the lack of funds to obtain better nourishment. Baumer, it is said, is the youngest pilot ever licensed. He holds a license as coastwise pilot, but has sailed before the mast practically to every corner of the globe, according to a fellow classmate at Columbia. He tired of the sea life and entered Columbia to study admiralty law, but his small fund of capital disappeared shortly and he applied to the committee on employment for work.

#### DID NOT ATTACK HERMAN RIDDER.

### Mr. Bryan Says That Part of "Commoner" Article Was Written in His Absence.

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 29.—William Jennings Bryan, who arrived here to-night, after speaking to the Mississippi Legislature, at Jackson, authorized the following statement:

#### CAVE-IN ENDANGERS CHURCH.

### Accident in Gowanus Canal Flushing Tunnel Nearly Causes Collapse of Building.

A cave-in of the Gowanus Canal flushing tunnel in front of the new Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, in Degraw street, near Hicks, Brooklyn, seriously endangered the church property.

#### MANY WOULD BE WATER POLICEMEN.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Three hundred young men from New York City and districts throughout the state took Civil Service examinations here to-day for places on the special police force, which the New York Water Commissioners are organizing to guard the line of the new aqueduct from the Catskills to New York City. The policemen will receive \$100 a month. Many of the applicants are college graduates.

#### THOMAS A. EDISON IMPROVING.

According to the physicians in attendance upon Thomas A. Edison, who was operated upon Thursday, the inventor passed a comfortable day and at a late hour last night his condition was said to have greatly improved.

#### BALMAGATED COPPER RESUMPTION.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 29.—John D. Ryan, managing director of the Balmagated Copper Company, who returned from the East to-day, announced that the mines of the company will resume Monday, when fires will be lit in the Washoe smelters at Anaconda. The order means the employment of a full force in the various mines and at the smelter.

#### PALM BEACH—ST. AUGUSTINE—MIAMI.

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## CONSTITUTION SAFE, SAYS SECRETARY TAFT

### FEDERAL POWER NOT TOO MUCH EXPANDED.

#### National Regulation in Some Directions Could Properly Increase and Should.

#### SECRETARY TAFT'S SPEECH.

### Secretary Taft in a speech last night before the Brooklyn Bar Association declared, and gave arguments in proof of his statements, that the expansion of federal power had not gone beyond the limits set by the Constitution. He showed, indeed, by references to laws recently enacted that Congress had remained so far within its constitutional rights to broaden federal supervision over the relations between individual states and between states and the federal authority as often to imperil the best interests of the country.

#### As an instance of expanded federal supervision Mr. Taft spoke of the interstate commerce supervision so largely increased by recent enactment. He contended, however, that this expansion, which was not in essence but in form, was not only justified by present day conditions, but was within constitutional limits. Of all the commerce of the country when the Constitution was drawn 75 per cent was within the states individually, while 25 per cent was interstate. Now, however, he said, these figures were exactly reversed.

#### Albert G. MacDonald was the toastmaster of the dinner, which was given in the Union League Club, in Brooklyn, and when, in introducing Mr. Taft, who was the guest of honor, he mentioned the Secretary's name, there was deafening and long continued applause.

#### Secretary Taft's speech was:

Gentlemen of the Brooklyn Bar Association: I much appreciate your courtesy in inviting me to be here. A member of your profession, and for some eleven years a judge in the state and federal courts, I have been for nearly a decade, in a sense, separated from the profession. I loved the discharge of judicial duties, and cherish the memory of those sweet and elevating associations which always exist between judges and members of the bar who mutually respect each other and who properly play the important parts respectively assigned to them in the prompt, efficient and impartial administration of justice. It is, therefore, to breathe in again the social atmosphere of the bar, I think it not too much to say that the training that we have and the maintenance of courtesy and self-respect toward each other in the trying and nerve straining circumstances, in the actual practice of our profession, fit us to enjoy a social relation that is known to no other of our leisure. I am glad, therefore, to meet you, and to discuss with you the merits of the division of power between the state and the federal government, and to discuss with you the merits of the division of power between the state and the federal government, and to discuss with you the merits of the division of power between the state and the federal government.

#### TOUCHES ON CENTRALIZATION.

We hear much in these days of the change which has come over our form of government, and of the increase in the power of the federal government. There are not wanting those who regard this change with exultation, and demand that in one shape or another it shall go on and shall cease so long as greater efficiency can be obtained in the exercise of governmental powers by the national government. On the other hand, there are those who insist that the federal government has been a usurpation by the framers of the Constitution intended always to remain within the limits of the original structure of the nicely adjusted and concurrently working functions of the nation and the state which have heretofore made this government so successful and so exceptional in the history of the world.

#### AMENDMENTS ENLARGED POWER.

The Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments, which were restrictions upon state action, depended chiefly for their enforcement by individuals whose rights were thus infringed in the courts of the United States, and to this extent the judicial power of the United States was enlarged.

#### THE TRUTH IS THAT CONGRESS HAS NEVER ENLARGED THE JUDICIAL POWERS OF THE UNITED STATES AS FAR AS IT MIGHT DO SO. IT HAS ALWAYS IMPOSED, SINCE THE ORIGINAL ACT, CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR JURISDICTION OF THE SUBORDINATE FEDERAL COURTS, WHICH NECESSARILY EXCLUDED A LARGE AMOUNT OF LITIGATION WHICH IT MIGHT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION HAVE ENLARGED.

#### FLORIDA, CUBA, SOUTH.

325 A. M. and 2:10 P. M. Unexcelled service via Pennsylvania & Atlantic Coast Line R.R. Florida Information Bureau, B'way, cor. 30th St.—Advt.