

STUBBORN BLAZE THREATENS CITY

Heroic Work of Firemen Confines Flames.

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Five Alarms Turned In for Blaze at Four-and-a-half Street and Maryland Avenue, Which Threatened to Sweep that Section of City—Fire Proves a Spectacular Affair—Capt. Houlihan Slightly Injured.

Only the prompt and capable work of the District fire-fighters saved a goodly portion of the southwest section from destruction by fire, when the Martin Wiegand planing and lumber mill, at Four-and-a-half street and Maryland avenue southwest, was destroyed yesterday afternoon, involving a loss of more than \$71,500.

Ten minutes after the fire was discovered the large mill was a raging furnace, and burning embers and scorching flames soon set fire to adjacent buildings. When the firemen arrived on the scene the whole southeast portion of the block bounded by Maryland and Maine avenues, Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets southwest, was a mass of flames.

While fighting the flames from an alley in the rear of the mill, Capt. Houlihan, of No. 14 Engine Company, was struck on the head by a falling timber. He was taken to the hospital, but soon returned and resumed command of his men.

Blaze a Spectacular One.

The fire was the most spectacular that has occurred in Washington in many years, and was visible from all sections of the city. The lurid flames, capped by an immense volume of black smoke, obscuring everything in the vicinity of the fire, gave the impression that the damage would be much greater than it really was. From a distance of two blocks the fire seemed to be consuming the whole southwest section of the city.

The inhabitants of the streets and alleys near the blazing mill lost no time in emptying their houses of furniture and household effects, and within fifteen minutes after the first alarm was turned in the sidewalks were lined with all manner of household furnishings—beds, bureaus, chairs, chiffoniers, trunks, and bedding.

The first alarm for the fire was turned in at 2:15 o'clock. Within a few minutes a second alarm was turned in, and when the fire chief arrived on the scene a general alarm was sent to fire headquarters.

Stray Spark Fixed as Cause.

Sparks from a near-by chimney or the careless handling of a cigar or cigarette are held responsible for the fire by the officials of the fire department and those connected with the Wiegand company.

Most of the loss is covered by insurance. Starting at a few minutes after 2 o'clock, the fire was not under control until 5 o'clock. During this time more than fifteen engine companies played streams on the burning structure, and as many more streams were played on nearby buildings to save them from catching fire.

Martin Wiegand, senior partner of the firm of Wiegand & Co., was in the office adjoining the building containing his planing mill when the cry of fire was raised. He rushed into the rear part of the mill, and upon opening the door leading into the sawdust department was greeted with a blast of hot air, heavy with smoke and tinged with flame. He walked toward the center of the room, and in a second was hedged in by the fire and smoke. By a dash through smoke and flame he reached a rear door and the open air.

An alarm of fire was immediately turned in. Directly after the arrival of the first engine company other alarms were turned in, and within half an hour Engine Companies No. 4, 14, 15, 2, 2, 8, 1, 12, and 7 were on the scene, assisted by Truck Companies Nos. 1, 2, 7, 4, and 2.

Chief Engineer Wagner was in charge, assisted by Deputy Engineer Sullivan, First Battalion Chief James Kreller, Third Battalion Chief C. B. Proctor, Superintendent of Machinists T. M. Robinson, and Fire Marshal Nicholson.

Police from the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth precincts were called upon to do duty at the fire under direction of Inspectors Cross, Gessford, and Boyle. Maj. Sylvester was at the scene of the fire, as was Commissioner Macfarland.

Mill Abandoned to Fate.

When the firemen reached the scene Wiegand's mill was a mass of flame, and the buildings on Four-and-a-half street to the east and an Army-and-a-half street to the north were catching fire. A cursory examination convinced Chief Wagner of the futility of trying to save the mill, and the efforts of the firemen were turned to saving adjoining property.

Engine Company No. 13 was stationed on the roof of the office next to the burning mill, and in the face of a blistering wall of flame stood their ground and threw streams of water into the burning property. It was only when the walls of the mill fell in that the members of the company abandoned their point of vantage.

It was while Engine Company No. 14 was using effective work in the rear of the mill that Capt. Houlihan, who was in command, was struck by a falling timber.

Although the firemen battled hard, the flames in the mill gained rapid headway, and before the last alarm was turned in had communicated to the buildings in Four-and-a-half street and to the row

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair weather and moderate temperature to-day and to-morrow; light to moderate variable winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC. 1—Village Awed by Yeggmen. 1—British Income Tax Adopted. 2—Hains Sentenced to Hard Labor. 3—Double Tragedy in Maryland. 4—News of Alexandria. 5—Novelist Meredith Dead.

LOCAL.

1—Mrs. Taft Suffers Nervous Breakdown. 1—City Suffers a \$71,500 Fire. 1—Notable Supper Given at Y. M. C. A. 4—Adventists Have a Busy Day. 5—Dewey Urges Haste in Tariff Bill. 14—Probe in Census Bureau Continues.

MRS. CORBETT DEAD.

Mother-in-law of Gen. Pickett and Resident of Washington. Suffolk, Va., May 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Corbett, mother-in-law of the late Gen. George E. Pickett, of Gettysburg fame, died here this afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Waller Ely, aged eighty-three. Mrs. Corbett was taken ill about January 1, at the home of Mrs. Lazalle Corbett Pickett, at the Ontario apartments, Washington. The deceased is survived by three daughters, one son, eighteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Among the grandsons is Maj. George E. Pickett, U. S. A., now stationed at San Francisco.

BIG REWARD FOR BANDITS.

Great Northern Offers \$60,000 for Conviction of Train Robbers. St. Paul, Minn., May 17.—The Great Northern Railway to-day issued a circular offering a reward of \$60,000 for the arrest and conviction of the six bandits who held up the Great Northern fast mail No. 3 at Merize, Wash., early Sunday morning.

The circular states that \$10,000 each will be paid for every one of the six hold-up men concerned in the robbery. Although wages have been searching for them, no word had reached Great Northern headquarters that any of them has been found.

LEPROSY EXPERT COMING.

Dr. Edward Ehlers Will Report on Cases in New York. Dr. Edward Ehlers, of the Royal Friedrich Hospital, of Copenhagen, a specialist in leprosy study, a passenger on the steamer Caracas, in yesterday from Ponce, Porto Rico, said there were many lepers walking the streets of New York City.

He had seen a beggar in a public building, and after examining the man had determined positively he was a leper. The beggar was immediately taken into custody.

Dr. Ehlers said little precaution was taken to keep lepers from coming to this country. He will come to Washington to report this matter to Surgeon General Wyman, head of the Bureau of Public Health, and the United States Marine Hospital.

There is a leper colony near Ponce, with eighteen patients. Dr. Ehlers disputed the theory that leprosy was communicated by blood-sucking insects. It is his idea that the insects are able to discriminate, possibly by taste, and he believes he has proved they will not take in the leprosy bacilli.

ACCUSED OF KILLING WIFE.

Atlanta Business Man Caught and Threats of Lynching Made. Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—George Burge, an Atlanta business man, entered his wife's bedroom some time after midnight, stabbed the sleeping woman to death, and seriously wounded his young stepson. The tragedy was witnessed by Lilly May Burge, twelve years old, daughter of the couple, who was roused by her mother's screams and ran to the door of her bedroom.

The little girl says that Burge stabbed his wife again and again, the woman meanwhile crying for mercy. After killing his wife, Burge began stabbing his little stepson.

Burge then fled, but was captured about 8 o'clock this morning. He denies killing his wife, and says he can prove an alibi. So bitter is the feeling against Burge that there were cries of "lynch him" as he was taken through the streets to prison.

The dead woman was a young widow when Burge married her. He was insanely jealous of her, and some time ago the couple separated. The only known motive for the deed is jealousy.

SEBREE NOW IN COMMAND.

Rear Admiral Sanburo Hauls Down His Flag on Pacific Fleet. San Francisco, May 17.—Rear Admiral W. T. Sanburo, commanding the Pacific fleet, hauled down his flag on the cruiser West Virginia to-day, having reached the age of retirement, and Rear Admiral Criel Sebree, commander of the second division of the fleet, now commander of the whole, raised his flag on the cruiser Tennessee, which hereafter will be the flagship.

The cruisers Tennessee, Washington, and California sailed for Seattle to-day to take part in the navy review at the opening of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, and the other cruisers will follow about May 21.

Harvard Instructor Gone.

Boston, May 17.—Percy A. Hutchinson, Ph. D., an instructor of English at Harvard University, disappeared this afternoon from a private sanatorium in Melrose where he had been under treatment for a nervous disorder. He left a note in his room addressed to the superintendent saying that he was going to commit suicide.

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MODERN MAZEPPA.



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Yeggmen Shatter Vault of Shawnee Institution.

THEN WALK OFF UNMOLESTED

Practically the Entire Population of Kansas Town Watches Looting of Bank and Sees Robbers Carry Off Funds—Three Charges of Nitroglycerin Used to Gain Entrance.

Kansas City, Mo., May 17.—With practically the entire population watching them from darkened windows and shady streets, two yeggmen walked boldly out of Shawnee, Kans., at 3 o'clock this morning, carrying between \$1,200 and \$1,300 in cash, which they secured from the Shawnee State Savings Bank after the safe had been shattered by three charges of nitroglycerin. No one molested the robbers in the least and they were allowed to escape with the loot.

Shawnee is a small town six miles southwest of Kansas City. Several citizens were awakened at 2 o'clock this morning by an explosion in the direction of the bank. Soon after the town was awakened by another explosion at the bank.

See Men at Work.

Through the windows of the financial institution a dim light was shining, and behind the counters the forms of two men could be seen. About the time it had been framed up to swoop down on the safe blowers another explosion shook the village, and everybody on the outside took to the brush. At a safe distance the aggregation of citizens watched the robbers escape with their booty.

CONTEST SPECKELS' WILL.

Two Sons Dissatisfied with Provision Made by Sugar King. San Francisco, May 17.—John D. and Adolph Spreckels, elder sons of the late sugar millionaire, Claus Spreckels, to-day began proceedings to declare invalid the trust clause of their father's will.

The matter came up to-day in the form of their demurrer to the application of Rudolph and Claus A. Spreckels for partial distribution of the big estate. It is understood they are dissatisfied with the treatment given them and their sister in the will.

PARIS STRIKE TO SPREAD.

Labor Confederation Decides to Aid Postal Employees. Paris, May 18.—After a prolonged discussion, the federal committee of the general confederation of labor at 2:30 o'clock this morning declared in favor of a general strike in aid of the postal employees.

Another meeting of the committee will be held later in the day for the purpose of taking the measure necessary for immediate action.

The committee had been in session all the night considering the terms under which a general strike might be declared as a way of assisting the post-office employees, whose strike was on the point of total failure.

Cheap Round Trip to California and Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Via Washington-Sunset route beginning May 24. Liberal stopovers. Return different route. Highest class standard service. Tourist sleeping cars personally conducted without charge, berth, \$8.50. A. J. Poston, Gen. Agt., 56 E. 7th 15th st.

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The estate consists of \$322,500 in stocks, bonds, promissory notes, &c., and \$83,000 worth of real estate, which by the terms of the will is to be equally divided among the widow and a son, and an adopted son of Mr. Babcock, after a legacy of \$10,000 has been paid to a cook, who was in the employ of the family for years.

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