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U.S. TROOPS KILL ONE AND CAPTURE TWO OF OUTLAWS

Three Bandits Who Slew Americans Are Surrounded and Two of Them Taken Prisoners—No Change in Mexican Policy, Baker Announces—Border Conferences Come to an End.

Brownsville, Tex., May 12—Three Mexicans who killed Curtis Bayles, an American, near Mercedes, Tex., last night, were surrounded today, one was killed and the other two captured, according to a report received today at Fort Brown. The two captives are held at military headquarters at Progreso, the report says.

No Changes Planned, Secy. Baker Asserts

Washington, May 12—Secretary Baker announced that the cabinet meeting that no change in the Mexican policy had been decided upon. No new orders for militia organizations to go to the border were in contemplation, he said, and indicated that no general intervention in Mexico was being thought of at present.

NEW HAVEN ROAD SOON WILL HAVE HOTEL DE GINK

Accommodations For 350 Provided in Strictly Prohibition Surroundings.

The well-known and popular New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad is going into the hotel business locally. A modified Hotel De Gink, with accommodations for 350, will be opened soon in the old Naugatuck carpenter shop in Railroad Court. The hotel is for the exclusive accommodation of those transients whom the police and railroad may induce to act as freight truck chauffeurs, at the railroad's per diem wage for such labor.

Philanthropy and cold hard business are combined in the railroad's venture into the hotel business. Laborers are scarce hereabouts. The railroad wants freight handlers. The police are anxious to have a steady stream of transients to police. The railroad is given the alternative of facing a vagrancy charge of doing the truckers' ransage at the freight house.

After going to such trouble to recruit a working staff, the railroad intends to hold its laborers. So, the Hotel De Gink, on a modified scale, is being built. The sleeping accommodations for 350 are being arranged in long tiers, one above the other. There will be lounging room of spacious dimensions and other comforts for the guests. The hotel has been mapped out. It is known that guests will be accommodated, when employed by the railroad, under the following restrictions:

1. All guests must be in the hotel before midnight.
 2. Guests bringing intoxicants into the hotel—in packages or internally—will be deported.
 3. Loud talking not permitted.
 4. Loud snoring, same.
 5. Guests must not consider the baths purely for decorative purposes.
 6. Joy-riding in the company's trucks will mean the instant deportation of guests.
- When the hotel is ready for occupancy, a further round-up of prospective guests is promised. The Health Department will aid in the proper preparations for sanitation at the hotel.

HOME GUARD POLICES NEW MEXICO TOWN

Las Cruces, N. M., May 12—After the withdrawal of the two companies of guard from service on the border and because of the presence in the Mesquite valley south of Las Cruces of a large number of Mexican refugees, a home guard was organized last night to police the town. Seven companies of 40 men each were formed.

Mrs. Chamberlain Here.

New York, May 12—Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, widow of the British statesman, arrived here today on the steamer Adriatic to visit friends and relatives in Boston. She is the daughter of William C. Endicott, of Massachusetts, secretary of war in the cabinet of Grover Cleveland.

IRON MOULDERS OF CONNECTICUT VALLEY CONVENE

Report Conditions All Over Country Better For Trade Than Here.

NATIONAL OFFICER ADDRESSES MEETING

Mayor Wilson Professes Deep Affection For Labor Unions.

Iron molders of the Eastern United States, everywhere but in Bridgeport have bettered their working conditions and wages, according to the discussion this morning at the opening session of the Connecticut Valley Conference board, part of the International Molders' Union.

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CONFEREES RETURN HOME

El Paso, Tex., May 12—General Obregon started south before breakfast. Generals Scott and Funston will begin their eastward journey at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

BOY SCOUT, ON COUNTRY HIKE, HIT BY BULLET

Victim of Mysterious Shot, Youth of 16 is Taken to Hospital.

A most mysterious shooting, which has been kept from the public for a week, was the result of a bullet which struck a boy, aged 16 now lies in a precarious condition in St. Vincent's hospital has mystified the parents of the youth, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Lynch of 14 Oak street.

The young man, who has been employed as a delivery boy at the Mohican Co.'s store, started on a boy scouting expedition with about 25 other boys last Sunday morning. They planned to go toward Newtown. Who the boys were, where they went or when the shooting occurred, how the bullet was accidentally inflicted by another member of the party.

Early on Sunday evening, an automobile brought the injured boy to his home and in the excitement of the moment the parents did not ask the name of the people who conveyed him to them although they understood that they resided somewhere between here and Newtown and near where the shooting occurred.

THREE SCHOOLGIRLS DROWN

Hawarden, Ia., May 12—Three Hawarden high school girls—Edna Borman, Neve Johnson and Marjorie Fairbrother—were drowned in the Big Sioux river last night when a boat in which were five pupils and a teacher was carried over a dam. One girl clung to the boat, the teacher and the other pupils held to the dam. The bodies of the drowned girls were recovered.

SOUGHT FOR ABDUCTION

Pequinock, Conn., May 12—A widespread search is being made in this vicinity for Robert W. Chesebro who is accused of abducting his four year old daughter, Rosetta, from her boarding house here, where she had been placed for safe keeping by her mother who lives in Waterford. The parents of the child have not been living together for some time and Chesebro states from all appearances her husband took the child.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: fair and slightly cooler tonight, probably frost in west portion. Saturday fair, moderate north-west to north winds.

KNAPP FAILURE GREAT SCANDAL, SAYS CUMMINGS

State's Attorney Expects to Have Something Definite Within Few Days.

PROMISES "CAREFUL ATTENTION" TO CASE

Results of His Investigation Into Details Now Are Being Assembled.

"I regard the Burr & Knapp failure as one of the most scandalous affairs in the history of the county," said State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings this morning. "I have had the matter under investigation for some time," he continued. "The results of the investigation are now being assembled, and in a short time I will have something to announce."

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MRS. PAPP MAY GO TO FUNERAL OF HER VICTIM

Wouldn't Have Shot Husband If She Thought She Couldn't Take Own Life.

Mary Papp, the youthful Canadian woman who yesterday shot and killed her husband, was arraigned in the county court today charged with murder. At the request of Attorney Jacob Klein, retained in her defense, any inquest, the coroner may conclude the inquest, trial was postponed until May 18.

Anticipating any attempt of Mrs. Papp to end her life careful guard is kept by Police Matron Mrs. David Jack over the child in which she is confined. Her temporary detention at the county jail quarters will be arranged tonight.

MOLDERS' OFFICERS TO DISCUSS STRIKE AT CRANE CO. PLANT

Officers of the Molders' union who are in this city holding a conference will take up the matter of the Crane Co. strikers at tomorrow's session.

MACHINISTS TO ELECT BUSINESS AGENT TONIGHT

A mass meeting of members of the Machinists' union will be held this evening in Hillerian hall, State and Main streets.

BRASS CO. REJECTS MACHINISTS' DEMANDS

Demands of the striking machinists at the Bridgeport Brass Co. union branch were rejected yesterday afternoon by W. R. Webster, Jr., vice president of the company. A committee called on Mr. Webster and presented the following:

1. Forty-eight hours shall constitute a week's work, with a 10 per cent increase in wages.
2. Time and a half will be paid for all time worked after the regular quitting time.
3. Double time will be paid for work on Sundays and legal holidays.

LANGENEGGER DENIES CROWN WORK WAS DONE IN BATCHELLER SHOP

Protesting that it is untrue that Crown Corset Co. work has been done in the George C. Batcheller Co. since the Crown girls struck, A. U. Langenegger, superintendent of the Batcheller Co., sought an explanation today of Organizer John Pierce of the garment workers.

"My information came from inside the factory," said Mr. Pierce in reference to the trial of three officers of the bank.

WOMAN WITH BABE IN ARMS BECOMES TORCH AS KEROSENE EXPLODES

The crowds of workers hustling to their homes in Sterling street for the noonday meal were startled today when a woman, carrying a babe in her arms rushed from a house into the street. The woman was shrieking, the baby crying, and flames were leaping from the bodies of both.

Mrs. May Filippi Michalizo, aged 30, of 163 Sterling street, was the woman.

With a baby in her arms she had been hurrying to get her husband's dinner, poured kerosene on kindling in the kitchen stove and ignited it. In the explosion she nearly lost her life, and if either lives, it will be because of the heroic efforts of passersby to save them.

It was shortly after 12 o'clock when the explosion occurred. Nobody but herself was on the lower floor of the building. When the flames enveloped their bodies, and began to sear their flesh, she rushed about in a frenzy, finally running from the house.

A human torch, she ran wildly about screaming, until James Turrell, a barber of 173 Sterling street, saw her. He grabbed her, overcame her struggles and forced her to drop the child. Antoinette Sala of the same address, a boarding house keeper, got blankets and together they rolled up the woman and child and extinguished the flames.

FOREST FIRES IN TWO STATES DESTROY MANY HOUSES; ONE MAN DEAD

Barkhamsted, Conn., May 12—Damage estimated at more than \$100,000 has been caused by forest fires which burned over an area of timber and farm land about 10 miles square in this town and Canton and spread towards Hartland and Granville, Mass.

The fire started yesterday afternoon at the saw mill of Owen Case, two miles north of Barkhamsted Center and spread rapidly, fanned by a strong wind. The house and two barns of Ernest Case were the first to go and shortly afterwards a barn owned by Marshall Case was licked up by the flames. All the barns at the Roscoe Case place were burned but firefighters saved the house although once or twice it was set on fire.

The dwellings of Henry Galpin was damaged. Hayden Buttel lost his house, two barns, a henry containing upwards of 200 hens, a horse and a cow.

Hartland Homes Menaced

Hartland, Conn., May 12—Two houses owned by William Buttle and valued at about \$7,000 have been destroyed in a forest fire which is raging in this town today and already has burned over an area four miles long and a mile and a half wide.

TWO NEW EXECUTIONER OF RAIDS ON U. S. SOL

Tucson, Ariz., May 12—Mexican bandits are reported to have raided and burned the town of Lochiel, on the American side, 30 miles east of Nogales today.

Tucson, Ariz., May 12—Mexican bandits are reported to have raided Polaris, a mining camp below Lochiel, on the border, yesterday, driving out the Americans, who escaped to Nogales in automobiles.

Col. Sage, commandant at Nogales sent a company of infantry and 20 cavalrymen to guard Lochiel, Washington Camp and other towns on the American side.

CONFLAGRATION SWEEPS SANDUSKY; LOSS MORE THAN \$500,000, REPORT

Entire Business Section of City Threatened When Flames Spread Rapidly After Originating in Stable—Aid Called From Two Cities.

Toledo and Elyria Send Assistance—Eight Blocks Wiped Out in Quick Succession—Navy Yard Force Fights Fire in Wharf on Thames.

Sandusky, O., May 12—Fire that threatened to wipe out the business section of the city here today did damage estimated at more than \$500,000.

The fire is still burning, but is reported to be under control. Fire departments of Toledo and Elyria are assisting the local department.

Four large business blocks and four smaller ones have been razed and others have been badly damaged.

The conflagration started in a livery barn at the rear of Market street. A strong wind from the southeast swept the flames into the old four-story Schmidt block at Market and Wayne streets.

The wind carried firebrands from the burning structure diagonally across the corner of the four-story Kuntz block. A strong gale is making difficult the work of the firemen.

At 10 o'clock the fire was beyond control of the local department. Help was then summoned from Toledo and Elyria.

NAVY YARD FORCE HELPS FIGHT FIRE ON THAMES WHARF

Allyn's Point, Conn., May 12—Fire was discovered at the end of the wharf at Allyn's Point at 11:15 this morning and quickly spread to coal pockets containing 3,000 tons of soft coal. Although no official statement as to the cause of the fire was issued, it was thought sparks from the chimney of a barge were the cause of the conflagration.

Throughout the past year Allyn's Point has been used as a coal depot, the coal being sent from here over the Worcester branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad through New Canaan.

As soon as the fire was discovered, workmen from the railroad hurried to the scene and with buckets attempted to quench the flames. The smoke was seen from the navy yard and the commanding officer dispatched two launches and between 30 and 40 men. A switch engine was sent from New London and help was sent from Norwich. News of the fire reached New London shortly before 11 o'clock.

T. A. Scott Co. sent the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., and the Thames Towboat Co. sent the Acqueduct to the fire. Both these vessels are equipped with special fire pumps.

At 12:30 railroad officials reported that from all appearances the fire was under control and unless the fire spread from the pocket of the wharf to the main coal pocket no additional firefighting forces would be needed.

Including the force from the navy yard there were upwards of 75 men fighting the flames within a half hour of its discovery. No estimate of the loss could be made at this time as it was not known how much coal was destroyed.

Boys With Matches Fire New Dwelling

Torrington, Conn., May 12—Fire today destroyed a dwelling house which was nearing completion on East Main street and damaged the roofs of buildings nearby, the total damage being estimated at \$2,100. The house that was destroyed belonged to E. J. Burns, a real estate dealer. The fire is believed to have been caused by boys playing with matches.

Hughes Not Obligated To Be More Specific In Suit Over Injury

The attempt to find out which nerve was injured when Frank J. Hughes, president of the board of assessors of this city, was hurt in an automobile crash, was frustrated this morning when Judge Webb in the superior court denied a motion for a more specific statement in the \$10,000 action brought by Hughes against Hugh Keegan and George Burns. Hughes claimed his nerves were injured when the machine in which he was riding collided with Keegan's machine but he did not think he ought to go into more minute detail on the subject. The suit is still pending.

60,000 ON STRIKE

Chicago, May 12—Three hundred more garment workers joined the strike here today, bringing the total number now up to 60,000 according to union leaders.