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HOTEL BURNED; SIX BADLY HURT

Many of 250 Guests Narrowly Escape as Buffalo Hostelry Is Swept by Fire.

LOSS PLACED AT $425,000

Two Adjoining Structures Are Destroye d— Flames Gain Headway Rapidly.

BUFFALO, Sept. 17.—Six persons were seriously injured and many of the 250 guests had narrow escapes when the Hotel Brozel was swept by fire early today.

The adjoining buildings, occupied by the Eureka Coffee Company and the Dirnberg Popcorn Company, were destroyed. The loss on all three structures will reach $425,000.

List of Injured.

The injured:

John J. Ryan, Boston, Mass., bruises, treated at Emergency Hospital.

M. H. Day, New Manchester, Ohio, bruised on back of body, resulting from a fall down a flight of stairs.

Captain Nerchell, engine No. 7, fracturned left leg.

E. J. Voye, Boston, bruises on right side from fall downstairs.

E. J. Fair, Saginaw, Mich., injured by fall.

W. A. Williamson, Newark, N. J., overcome by smoke and carried to street.

Smoke Fills Corridors.

The hotel corridors were quickly filled with smoke and flame, and policemen and employes of the house rushed through the hallways to arouse the guests. Doors were battered down and frightened men, women, and children were herded down the stairways and elevators to the lobby.

Within fifteen minutes after the first alarm of fire was given the top floor of the hotel was in flames, and it was with difficulty that guests, not aroused when the first cry of fire was raised, made their escape.

C. O. Surney, of Milwaukee, and E. J. Hope, of Jersey City, N. J., after hearing the alarm, ran through the corridors and awakened fifty guests on the fifth floor. These made their way to the street in safety.

Mrs. August C. Zimmer, of Baltimore; W. S. Small, of Portland Me.; Arthur Vester, of Niagara Falls, and G. W. Russell, of Brooklyn, had narrow escapes. Nearly all of the guests lost all their belongings.

The cause of the fire, which originated in the Dirnberg building, has not yet been determined.

MURDOCK DENOUNCES DEBATE AS FARCE

Asks Unanimous Consent for Immediate Passage of the Currency Bill.

Tiring of the academic discussoin of the currency question and common fate of all amendments offered by the minority, Congressman Victor Murdock, the Bull Moose leader, asked unanimous consent in the House today for the immediate passage of the currency bill Mr. Murdock's request was to call attention to the fact that the bill is going through as the Democrats have written it.

He denounced as a farce continued discusion of a measure which had been given the O K of the Democratic caucus. Mr. Murdock thought the House would have tmie by cutting off its talk and sending the bill to a vote.

Minority Leader Mann objected to the request on the theory that even if the Democrats are bowling over all amendments offered by the minority, it is but proper that the House should have the benefit of suggestions on the bill. The debate on the measure was continued after Mr. Murdock's political by-play.

Comparatively slow progress was made on the bill today, and a vote now seems improbable before tomorrow night or Friday. Republican amendments were sidetracked in the customary monotonous way today, and only changes in language advocated by the Banking and Currency Committee passed muster.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.
Debate on currency bill resumed.
Lobby committee held executive session and informally discussed report.
Charges against Judge Thayer, of the Federal Court at Shanghai, heard by Broussard committee.
Congressman Britten introduced bill to increase output of Government torpedo plant.

FULL BOX SCORE IN 5:30 EDITION

FIRST GAME

Detroit	0	0								
Washington	0	0								

Batteries—Dubuc and Gibson; Gallia and Ainsmith.

OLD LADIES ENJOY TIMES' TREAT TODAY

Inmates of Fifteen Institutions Taken on Automobile Trip and to the Columbia.

The old ladies of Washington's institutions are enjoying themselves to the full this afternoon at the "Quo Vadis" show at the Columbia Theater. Their visit is part of The Times treat, made possible through the kindness of local automobile owners, the management of the theater, and the business manager of the "Quo Vadis" show.

There were scores of old ladies present. For many of them the automobile ride, and the matinee performance meant the first trip to the outside world in many years. It is a gala day for them. A group of school children out on a picnic couldn't be any happier than this big group of women, feeble and furrowed, whose lives for a long time have known no touch of real sunshine.

It's a great party. The old ladies got out their party gowns, for which they have had little use since they have lived in the Washington Homes. Bonnets, and lace caps, sacred for years, came out of hiding places today, and the old ladies dressed themselves up with all the pride and care of younger days.

A big group of automobile owners took the aged women from the institutions to the Columbia Theater, and after the "Quo Vadis" performance for a spin around the city.

Fifteen Homes Represented.

Fifteen of Washington's seventeen institutions are represented in the matinee and automobile ride. The Home for the Aged and Infirm, at Blue Plains, D. C., is not represented because of its inaccessibility, and two other homes were unable to accept the general invitation of The Times.

Six old ladies from the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Takoma Park are perhaps happier than any of the Columbia's guests. For the last ten days, ever since The Times announced its plan to give the old ladies of the city a treat, they have been planning for the occasion.

Then it looked as though none of The Times automobiles would be able to make the trip to Takoma Park.

Mrs. S. M. Pilson, however, stepped into the breach early today with an offer to take this party of six from the Takoma Park home—and, that's why they're happier today than the others, who didn't have any doubt about their trip.

Happiness is the watchword, though. It would be difficult to find anywhere in the world today a happier group than The Times' guests. They swarmed into to Columbia lobby quite a bit in advance of the show, and held a sort of reunion. Women way past the three-score and ten mark renewed acquaintance with others they had known as children, and who are now inmates of other institutions. It was just like old times, and not a one in that audience who d'd not think that the picture show and the prospective trip around the city were about the best things they had known for many a long and weary day.

Will Be Taken Home.

After the performance and a short ride, the guests will be returned by the generous automobile owners who have loaned their cars for today. Among those who have assisted in making today's ride a success are E. M. Wallace, the Buick Motor Car Company, Cook & Stoddard, Lester D. Moore, jr., C. Royce Hough, W. P. Barnhart, Commercial Auto and Supply Company, Joseph Strasburger, George H. Williams, William B. Jackson, of Silver Spring, Md., Joseph Hanlein, S. Kann, Sons & Co., Terminal Taxicab Company, Mrs. Adele Chiswell, William Lyles Offutt, Chevy Chase, Ross P. Andrews, William Alvine, of the Virginia Theater; Tom Moore, of the Garden Theater; George Schutt, of the Ebbitt House, E. C. Rogers, Mrs. S. M. Pilson, Tom Grant, Charles Goldsmith, and others, who are too modest to give their names to the committee.

The homes and institutions represented in today's ride are the Lutheran Home for the Aged, at Montello Heights; the Methodist Home, 601 M street northwest; Epiphany Church Home, Eastern Star and Masonic Home, at Takoma Park; Rumpert Home, Good Hope, D. C.; St. Katherine's Home, North Carolina avenue southeast; Baptist Home, Catholic Home for Old Ladies, Eides Home for Widows, and the Presbyterian Home.

Exactly at 1:30 the automobiles began to drive up to the door of the Columbia Theater, and there was a committee of men ready to see that the old ladies were safely taken in and escorted to those seats reserved for them.

Strike of 5,500 Imminent.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Sept. 17.—The general railway strike threatened in England as a result of the Dublin strike today seemed a certainty when 5,500 employes of the various railways centering here quit work. The specific cause of the strike was the dismissal by the Midland railway of a dozen freight handlers.

WOMEN APPLICANTS CAN GET LICENSES

Excise Board Said to Have Reached an Agreement Concerning the New Law.

In the regulations for the Government of the liquor traffic which the Excise Board is now considering, and which will be made public this week, the board will clearly define its view regarding mooted points in the new excise law, according to a statement of Joseph C. Sheehy today. The board, it is understood, already has arrived at the decision that it is authorized under the law to issue licenses to women applicants, official announcement of which will be made within the next few days.

Another question for determination is whether proprietors of saloons in areas in which the sale of liquor is prohibited, shall lose their licenses November 1, or be permitted to continue in business until a year from that date. The contention of A. E. Shoemaker, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, is that these provisions are effective at the beginning of the next license year, whereas it is argued by representatives of the liquor interests that it was the intent of Congress in providing "no licensee who shall conduct his business within the law shall be deprived of his license or required to change his location before November 1, 1914," to allow the saloon men ample opportunity to wind up their business affairs.

LAMAR EXTRADITION FIGHT IS UNDER WAY

"Wolf of Wall Street" in Court. Attorney Condemns His Indictment as Faulty.

Efforts of New York legal authorities to pry David Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," loose from the District in order that he may be brought to trial there, where he has been indicted on charges of impersonating an officer of the United States, were begun today before United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor.

Only the attorneys and three newspaper men were present at the opening of the legal duel which promises not to end until the United States Supreme Court has passed on the question of turning Lamar over to the New York officials. Lamar was represented by Heny E. Davis, former United States district attorney here, and the prosecution's case was presented by Assistant District Attorney James M. Proctor, and by Harold Harper, of the United States district attorney's office of New York.

After admitting that his client was th man named in the indictments, and moving that they be disregarded on account of technical inperfections, Attorney Davis proceeded with his argument, his motion to discharge Lamar having been overruled by the commissioner.

The attorney for the defense talked for nearly two hours, his chief points being that a member of Congress, whom Lamar is alleged to have impersonated, is not an officer of the United States, and that the indictments did not give sufficient proof that the statutes of the United States had been violated. Several times when his attorney made a telling point, Lamar laughed heartily and seemed to be in the best of spirits.

Attorney Davis was followed by Attorneys Proctor and Harper, who also argued the case at length.

Adds to His Charges Against Judge Thayer

Further pressing his charges of misconduct in office against Rufus Thayer, judge for the United States in China, George F. Curtis, an American lawyer of Shaighai, today brought to the attention of a House committee several documents which he said upheld his claims. They alleged that Judge Thayer was absent from his jurisdiction in the summer of 1909 and 1910 for many months, and that though really in Kobe, Japan, Thayer certified to Washington authorities that he was in China in order to obtain his salary. Another allegation was that he charged the Government for expenses incurred on a trip to Hongkong and Canton, outside his jurisdiction.

NEW STAR SHINES AT GOLF MATCH

Wilfred Reid, of England, Makes Course in Seventy-two in Preliminaries.

CHAMPION SHOWS BADLY

McDermott Takes Eighty-two, Being Beaten by Many Other Players.

COUNTRY CLUB, BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 17.—Wilfred Reid, of England, recognized as a rising star, but not as a championship possibility, surprised everybody by doing seventy-two, two strokes better than anyone did yesterday in the morning round of the second day's play in the national open championship qualifying match here today.

Champion Does Poorly.

John J. McDermott, champion for the last two years, turned a morning card of 82, which showing was considered poor in the light of the performance of Vardon and Ouimet yesterday, and the snappy card of Reid today. Jerome D. Travers, open amateur champion, was but one more than McDermott on the first round today and while the golf of both players was nothing extra, better things are expected this afternoon.

Edward Ray, the side partner of Harry Vardon, and accounted one of the longest drivers in the game, turned in a 74, equalling Ouimet's card of yesterday, which up to the time Reid turned in his score, was the record in this year's play for nine holes.

Reid's Card for Match.

Reid's card follows:

Out..... 334 446 445—37
In..... 246 443 245—35—72

A two on the sixteenth (125 yards), the shortest hole, accounted for one stroke on Reid's two in clipping Ouimet's showing of yesterday morning.

Reid started brilliantly with long putts on the first two holes. At the third he was bunkered, but got out within one inch of the hole. On the sixth he put his second into the bunker and his third approach as well. Thereafter he played perfectly, notable points being his three at the fifteenth, where he sank a four-foot putt, he had a yard putt to make his two.

Row Over Late Entry.

Unfavorable comment was caused by the late entry of Heinrich Schmidt, Boston. No names were supposed to have been accepted after last Wednesday. Schmidt was paired with Willie Smith, Mexico, taking the place of Chick Evans, withdrawn.

Best scores:

John Dowling, Scarsdale, 41-36—77.
Jack Dinwall, Stanton Height, 41-36—77.
Robert Andrews, New Haven, 37-40—77.
Thomas Anderson, jr., Oakmont, 41-38—79.
Isaac Mackie, Fox Hills, 41-40—81.
David Honeyman, Newark, 43-35—78.
Wilfred Reid, England, 37-35—72.
John J. McDermott, Atlantic City, 40-41—81.
Alex Smith, Wykagyl, 43-41—84.
Jerome D. Travers, 42-40—82.

Farm Loan Provision Of Bill Is Completed

The farm loan provision of the Glass currency bill was perfected at the final meeting of the Banking and Currency Committee today before the final consideration of the measure.

This was the only committee amendment today. Chairman Glass announced today that he would ask for a vote on the bill not later than Thursday. When the House convened at noon amendments to the "open market" provisions were to be offered.

Atlantic City Selected.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 17.—Atlantic City today was awarded the 1914 convention of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Barred From Navy With "September Morn" Tattooed on His Back

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 17.—Because recruiting officers here thought a reproduction of "September Morn" tattooed on his back would be "demoralizing to the navy," H. L. Foote, twenty-four years old, of Miltonville, Miss., was refused admittance to the United States navy.

Foote, who otherwise had qualified, declared today that he would have the figure draped and reapply.

Utah Senator's Daughter a Bride

MRS. GROVER A. REBENTISCH, Formerly Anne K. Smoot.

The home of Senator Smoot in Provo City, Utah, today was the scene of a wedding and a wedding anniversary. The wedding was that of his daughter, Miss Anne K. Smoot, to Grover A. Rebentisch, of Utah. The wedding anniversary is the twenty-ninth of Senator and Mrs. Smoot.

Miss Smoot was a debutante last season, and announced her engagement last winter.

Senator Smoot was married to Miss Alpha M. Eldredge on September 17, 1884. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1903, and re-elected since then. His term expires in 1915.

THAW IS TAKEN TO CONCORD, N. H.

Under Double Guard, He Is Escorted to Place Extradition Hearing Will Be Held.

LITTLETON, N. H., Sept. 17.—Harry K. Thaw, fresh from his Federal court victory, started for Concord, N. H., today, escorted by United States Marshal Nute and Sheriff Drew, of Colebrook, his joint custodians. The train will arrive late this afternoon at Concord, where Thaw will be held until his hearing before Governor Felker next Tuesday.

Organizations' Choices Are Named at Primaries

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—An extremely light vote and the indorsement of the candidates designated by the various organizations marked the direct primaries held in New York.

The Fusion ticket was indorsed along with the Republican and Progressive, and Edward E. McCall received the Democratic votes.

An attempt to substitute the name of William R. Wilcox for that of John Purroy Mitchel, for mayor on the Republican ticket in Brooklyn was a flat failure. The organization district leaders in Manhattan and the Bronx were re-nominated.

He Gets Gasolene for Kerosene; Brings Suit

NEW BRIGHTON, Minn., Sept. 17.—Charging that the Standard Oil Company delivered gasolene instead of kerosene at his home, Martin Olson, a tannery owner, today sued the company for $12,000 damages. The gasolene exploded.

Say Otis Got Bomb Over Stand Toward Mexico

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 17.—That the Mexican situation is responsible for the sending to Gen. Harrison G. Otis of the infernal machine he received yesterday, was the belief of the police today.

They think some Mexican, angered at the attitude of Otis' newspaper, the Times, toward the Huerta administration, attempted to kill the publisher here.

Reilly to Be Out Soon.

Francis Reilly, youthful clerk for Senator Bristow, will be released at the end of the month from Casualty Hospital, where he has been confined since he was shot by his one-time friend Detlef H. Schultz. Reilly will then take a month's rest before returning to his place in the Senator's office.

AMERICA TO IGNORE HUERTA'S DEMAND

Does Not Intend to Move Warships From Mexican Waters, in Spite of Message.

That the United States has no intention at the present time of removing its warships from Mexico in response to the demand suggested in President Huerta's message to the Mexican Congress, is regarded as certain in official circles here today.

The demand of the Mexican government, while based on a provision of the Mexican constitution, cannot, in the minds of authorities here, have any influence on a matter of international law, under which nations have always claimed the right to station war vessels in the ports of a nation when, in its judgment, the lives of its citizens are in danger.

This and other aspects of Huerta's message were discussed this afternoon by President Wilson and Dr. William Bayard Hale, one of his advisers on the Mexican situation, when the two had lunch together at the White House. Later in the afternoon Secretary Bryan also conferred with the President on the same subject.

The Secretary himself was non-committal on every question put to him this morning regarding this Government's view of the Huerta message.

"We have no comments to make," he replied to every query.

Attention was called to the fact today that the Secretary of the Navy had already, before the message was read, moved the South Carolina from Vera Cruz to Hampton Roads, where it will take part in the target practice next month. This, however, was not done, according to Secretary Bryan, at the instance of the State Department.

As far as the Navy Department is concerned, the situation will remain the same, as far as the presence of the battleships is concerned.

Much interest is shown in official circles here over a report from Mexico City that former United States Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, whose resignation took effect this week, is planning to take the lecture platform in this country to ridicule the Administration's Mexican policy. The information was said to have been conveyed in a letter from the former ambassador to the Rev. C. A. Neville, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Mexico City.

Lind Awaits Views Of Wilson on Message

VERA CRUZ, Sept. 17.—John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy to Mexico, today was anxiously awaiting the views of his chief on Provisional President Huerta's message read last night at the opening of congress.

He said that he attached much importance to what President Wilson thinks of the message and that Wilson's interpretation of Huerta's utterances would undoubtedly have an important bearing on further negotiations between the two countries.

"I ALONE AM GUILTY," CRIES SLAYER SCHMIDT, DR. MURET MERE PAWN

Murderer, Revealed As Criminal Jack of All Trades, Declares That Dentist Was Not Accomplice in Nefarious Schemes—Physician Takes Culture of Blood From Prisoner.

MONTHS SPENT BY PSEUDO-PRIEST IN NEW YORK ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—"I, and I alone, am responsible for the death of Anna Aumuller let her blood be on my hands. Muret was only a pawn."

This was the statement today of Hans Schmidt, held in the Tombs for the murder of the New York girl whose dismembered body was found ten days ago. Schmidt today told the authorities that Ernest Muret, a dentist, with whom he lived in the West 134th street house, where the crime was committed, had no knowledge of the murder, nor of the counterfeiting and other schemes of which the pseudo priest stands accused.

"AS INNOCENT AS A BABE."

"He is as innocent of wrongdoing as a babe," said Schmidt. "In fact, he advised me against things which were inconsistent with my calling. He aided me in the study of photography, but knew nothing of my counterfeiting scheme."

The striking resemblance between Schmidt and Muret has led the police to believe that there is a close blood relationship between them, leading Schmidt to take the blame for his crime, and attempt to exonerate Muret. The dentist is bitter in his denunciation of Schmidt, and openly calls him "a thief."

Gets Two Letters.

Father Evers, the Tombs chaplain, said Schmidt received two letters today, both addressed in feminine hands. One was from Cleveland and the other from Chicago. Schmidt was apparently greatly interested in them.

District Attorney Whitman returned to his office today and conferred with Assistant District Attorney Murphy, who has had charge of the case, and Coroner Feinberg. A physician from the board of health also called at the Tombs today to take a culture of Schmidt's blood. He would not say whether he had been ordered to do this by the police, but it was believed it was at the request of Inspector Faurot.

Murderer, counterfeiter, fake medical practitioner, forger, and impostor were terms written after his name in the police record, and the detectives who disclosed this pentateuch of crime insisted that Schmidt, far from being insane, in reality was the possessor of a master mind.

Alphonse G. Koelble, his lawyer, after a talk with him in the Tombs last night, said Schmidt admitted that he committed the murder, or, as he termed it, "performed the sacrifice;" that he was preparing to manufacture counterfeit $10 and $20 bills, and that he had another impersonation in which he posed as "Dr. Emil Mollere," in which capacity he was working on a medicine which "would reduce the number of children in the world."

Orders By Guard.

Admissions by Schmidt also established the other charges, and as to the counterfeiting and illegal medical practice, Koelble said, Schmidt insisted that he was following out those lines under God-given commands.

Muret is held in $5,000 bail on the technical charge of a violation of the Sullivan law, but is actually held pending investigation of his entire association with Schmidt. Faurot has received information tending to show that Muret was in the Bradhurst avenue flat after the murder of the Aumuller girl there.

The United States Secret Service will take Muret in hand on the counterfeiting charge if the New York police decide he cannot be of any service to them in the murder case. According to William J. Flynn, chief of the Secret Service, some poor imitations of $10 and $20 bills recently were passed at several places in New England, and in a general way the descriptions of the men who circulated them correspond to those of Schmidt and Muret.

Threat To Kill Him.

In this connection Koelble asked Schmidt where he spent the three months intervening between his service at St. Boniface's Church and his latest service at St. Joseph's. But Schmidt insisted that he remained in New York

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Latest News Bulletin

DOMESTIC.

Boston.—Everett E. Stone, former mayor of Springfield, was nominated to the vacancy in the Public Service Commission by Governor Foss today. Under suspension of rules the council confirmed the nomination.

Chicago.—P. C. Davis, an aviator, died from an accident while flying over a county fair.

San Francisco.—Dr. G. Stefanik, noted astronomer and explorer, arrived from Paris en route to Papeete, Tahiti, to superintendent for the French Academy of Science the construction of a large laboratory.

Rockland, Me.—The Argentine super-dreadnought Rivadavia fulfilled her contract requirements by averaging 22.50 knots an hour during nine runs.

Detroit.—Joseph Gallagher, Toledo horse trader, was slain in his bunk and robbed of $500.

Los Angeles.—George H. Bixby, millionaire, was placed on trial to answer charges of minor girls.

Utica.—James Roberts and William Paintar, woodsmen, died at a hotel from blowing out the gas.

Cleveland.—Mrs. E. H. Andrews, of a rich Toronto family, was found dead and bound in her home. Her husband is being held.

New Britain.—Charles Adams, was captured by an armed posse, who sought him for an attack upon Mrs. W. C. Voght. He is locked up.

Montclair, N. J.—For trying to kiss Mena Capenari on a public street, Berendetto De Falco was sent to the penitentiary for two months.

Scarsdale.—Mrs. Sarah A. Weed, seventy-one years old, is dead from burns received while trying to dry her hair over kitchen stove.

FOREIGN.

Dover, England.—King Constantine and Queen Sophia, of Greece, arrived here today incognito from Germany and proceeded to Eastbourne, where they will rest for a fortnight. They will then pay an unofficial visit to France.

Paris.—Thunder storms of great violence have swept over France, doing great damage. At Marseilles the streets were torrents. Hundreds of cellars were flooded and merchandise on the quays was ruined or washed into the sea.

Toulouse.—Capt. D. von Winterfeldt, military attache to the German embassy to France, while following the French army maneuvers, was thrown violently against a tree in an automobile accident, and seriously injured.

Lima, Peru.—Joaquin Miro Quesada has been appointed Peruvian charge d'affaires at Panama.

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