

INDEMNITY IMPOSSIBLE, GERMAN PROTESTS

Eleven Are Burned to Death in Hoboken Hotel Blaze

BRUCE REPLIES IN SCHOOL ROW

Heroic Rescues Mark Fire; Guests Trapped In Rooms By Flames

SLAYING PLOT DENIED BY 'SID'

FIRST photograph of Mrs. Irmasula Ogilvie, who claims to be Lady Banff, taken yesterday as she left Juvenile Court with counsel after a fight to recover her three-year-old son, now held by the Board of Children's Guardians.

CLAIM TERMS MEAN SLAVERY

Berlin Calls 57 Billion Too Fantastic to Consider As Obligation.

BURDEN TWO GENERATIONS

Premiers, However, Say Decision Is Final and Threaten Stern Measures.

57 BILLION, 42 YEARS, IS GERMAN INDEMNITY



Colored Superintendent Says Parent-Teacher Forces Fail in Groundless Attack.

ANSWERS CRITICS' CHARGES Cites Record to Show That Charges of Immorality and Inefficiency Are Disproved.

HOBOKEN, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Eleven persons, five men and six young women, were burned to death here early today in the fire which swept the Colonial Hotel.

"Damn Lie," Says Mingo Prisoner—Killing Not Inspired By Desire to Win Widow.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Sidney Hatfield, one of the twenty-one men on trial here for the murder of seven Baldwin-Felts detectives at Matewan last May, denied bitterly yesterday that he precipitated the fatal shooting in order that Mayor Testerman, of Matewan, might be killed, so Hatfield could marry Testerman's wife.

Roscoe Conklin Bruce, colored assistant superintendent of schools, around whom has centered many serious charges, both against his efficiency as a school official and his character, today, for the first time breaks his silence by answering these charges and by giving his opinion of the men and women who have attacked him.

Firemen searching the ruins came upon the body of a young girl, the eleventh victim to be found in the charred ruins of the five-story brick building.

Hatfield said he believed charges to this effect would be brought by the prosecution. This is the first time he has spoken on the subject since daily rumors were circulated some months ago. In the night Testerman was killed, and Hatfield married his widow who is considered a remarkably handsome woman.

Bruce, to a Times reporter, denounced the Parents' League by declaring "the crowd is untutored and easily misled." In no uncertain terms he charged that leaders of the league "entertained, deluded, and exploited a great many men and women of the colored community."

Most of the bodies were so badly burned that identity could not be established. The first of the victims to be identified was Miss Daisy Gray, twenty-six years old, of Jersey City. She was identified by rings she wore.

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"The Parents' League has gone to pieces," Bruce said. "It has lost its following because it has never been able to establish any of its charges against me."

Physicians at St. Mary's Hospital, where he was taken after being found wandering aimlessly about the streets in night clothes, said his mind had been seriously affected.

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"What is needed now," said Bruce, "is a hearty, active and systematic co-operation of all elements in the colored community with the school administration—enlarging and enriching its facilities of instruction, and training in enhancing its efficiency. The staff of the colored public schools in Washington is incomparably the best in character and in service among American colored schools."

Rescued guests were given shelter in nearby residences. An investigation will be made by specially appointed firemen to determine origin of fire, it was said. Detective wiring may have been the cause.

Eighteen men were tentatively in the jury box last night when court (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

With regard to this case, the Parents' League charged Superintendent Bruce with the responsibility of placing M. Benson Moens, who was arrested on serious charges involving colored school children, in the schools.

Several victims were found leaning against the doors of their rooms, where they had fallen in a futile effort to get to safety. Rescued guests were given shelter in nearby residences.

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Bruce declares the Moens case was never directly in his hands; that it (Continued on Page 22, Column 4.)

Senate Oratory High, Says Dr. Cavanaugh; Ranks Borah Leader

Lauds K. of C. Night School for Promoting Course in Public Speaking.



REV. DR. JOHN CAVANAUGH.

Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho is the premier orator of the present United States Senate, according to the Rev. Dr. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., former president of Notre Dame University, who is conducting a course of public speaking at the Knights of Columbus Night School in this city.

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Cleo Is Still Chasing Antony

Nile Vamp Appears to Medium, and Gives Him Pain in Neck.

London, Jan. 30.—According to Medium W. H. Moyer, residing at Hastings, Cleopatra, who died two thousand years ago, is still restless. The medium declares that the Egyptian vamp appeared to him complaining that she is still in torment.

In the following article, written especially for The Washington Times, Father Cavanaugh, who has spent much time listening to debates at the Capitol and studying the participants, analyzes the members of the upper branch of Congress with regard to oratorical talent and rates them accordingly. On the whole, he declares, "there is probably as high an average of oratorical talent in the Senate today as there ever was in any epoch of its history."

Borah, Father Cavanaugh declares, has "every grace and endowment" of the finished orator. Next to him he places Senator David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, of whom he says, "nature was good to him, and grace better."

It is easy to make jokes on the Senate. Many of its members, meditating overmuch perhaps on Senatorial dignity, take themselves not only seriously, but solemnly, and nothing lends itself to humor so quickly as solemnity. That is why Ingersoll was able to scourge a snickering lecture out of so grave and reverend a personage as Moens. He never could have been so amusing over Billy Sunday.

By the irreverent, or the envious, they are often regarded merely as necessary evils, by-products of the political machinery of the country, momentary accidents in public life, emerging out of obscurity, to strut pompously in the Forum for six years or more, returning into obscurity after their term of office, remaining rather much of a mystery while here and becoming much more of a mystery in their ultimate destiny.

POLICE BEAT BACK 60 IRISH RAIDERS

DUBLIN, Jan. 30.—Two savage attacks were made upon military barracks at Glenbowe and Mullinahone yesterday. Sixty men were in the band which assaulted the Glenbowe barracks. The military policemen defending the barracks made a sortie and charged the attackers, putting them to flight. A constable was wounded.

HARDING'S CABINET NEARLY COMPLETE

Seven Appointees Definitely Decided On, Say Friends of President-elect.

Union Employes Buy Plant and Will Split Profits With Workers

The dream of labor—not only the working, but the bossing of its own plant, the elimination of "capitalistic interest altogether" and the division of all profits among the actual workers—is to come true.

It was to be tried out in Norfolk, Va., where the International Association of Machinists has just purchased the Crescent Machine Works outright, intending to run it for themselves.

Since last July the workers have had a "voice" in this plant, the only one of its kind operating in Norfolk, because of a lockout based on the open shop principle.

At that time the union supplied officers of the company with \$40,000 to meet an overdue mortgage, thus enabling the plant to continue operations while its competitors shut down.

But there were trials, and vicissitudes, due the Union claims, to "persecution by the Iron Masters Association, who are bitter against Unionism. This alleged persecution terminated last week, in the request for a receiver for the company, over a trifling debt of \$270 due on an insurance premium.

Before a receiver could qualify, the Union decided to buy the plant outright. The sale was consummated Friday, the price being \$7,800. The plant is now the sole property of the workers.

The plan was set out through largely by a Washington man, O. C. Davison, secretary of the union. He is still in the city.

Three Washington men—all machinists—will be in nominal direction of the plant.

They are William H. Johnson, international president of the Machinists' Union, 224 South Carolina avenue southeast; E. C. Davison, secretary of the union, 54 U street northwest; and Harry J. Carr, member of the union's executive board, also of Washington.

They will be president, secretary and treasurer of the plant—the way the offices will be apportioned has not yet been decided. In addition there will be a board of directors, to be chosen from the union, and, not improbably, from the workers.

The original Norfolk idea was born as a bond-for solution of the problem of the fight against the closed shop. It was planned to insure union labor by enlisting money of union employes in plants they operated.

The Crescent Machine Works, in Norfolk, offered the first opportunity to employ it.

A bitter battle against the closed shop was being waged by the iron masters in the Norfolk section, and plants were shutting down, one by one rather than yield to union labor.

Davison visited Norfolk, found the Crescent Company was having hard sledding because of an overdue mortgage of \$40,000, and volunteered to lend the money, from the Union's funds, provided the plant would continue to operate as a closed shop.

The offer was accepted, and since July it has been the only plant of its kind in the entire section to be in operation.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS INJURED FILMING 'THE NUT'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—Douglas Fairbanks will not appear before the camera for at least six weeks because of an accident yesterday in which the movie star suffered a broken left hand and a sprained neck.

BILL PUT ON GERMANY WOULD WIPE OUT FRENCH DEBT

So tremendous is the amount of war indemnity imposed upon Germany by the allies at Paris that it would pay the American national debt twice over.

Germany Gets the Bill... National Wage Slavery... So Ends That War... The Allies have decided what will do to Germany, in the war indemnity, in addition what has been done already... comes down to this: the Kaiser went to war and his people with him; therefore every man, woman, and child Germany must pay \$1,000 to Allied nations... Multiply Germany's population by 1,000, add export tax, and you have in the indemnity to be paid in two years... the amount, perhaps, CAN be with rigid economy and in industry... But can you get industry, rigid economy, full production from a nation less forty-two years of age... what is asked of many when you remember all the gold in the world, in jewelry, and in hollow amounts to less than ten billion... Therefore, the Allies are giving Germany to give as infinitely at least seven times as much gold as there is in the world... Germany would have to earn gold by selling goods to other nations... She has little gold left; Allies took most of what she had... Germany's task is, by selling its goods to outside nations, to get the gold there is in the world... pay it out to the Allies... the same thing again and again... After she has done seven or eight times she will be free of debt... Nothing exactly it has been suggested since days of Sisyphus, rolling his stone up the hill to have it roll again... the Allies can get money from many only by encouraging many to sell her goods to the world... at the Allies fear Germany's competition; they do not want her workmen to make a living in competition with their own... they put a crushing tax of 10 per cent on the gross value of Germany's exports... They say: "Work hard, produce, pay seven times as much gold as there is in the world, while we do as in to prevent you from bringing up your industries against the foreign trade that we can make possible the payment of our demand..." the world knows now that this is a mistake when they said war was not against the German people; only against the Kaiser... The Kaiser is in Holland... his private fortune... portable, without work... The German people face forty-two years of financial and industrial slavery. That is paying the piper a vengeance... however, there is in favor of the man workers the fact that payments are to be extended over two years... Many things happen in that time, and fifty billions may not seem as ten years from now as ten years would seem today... Germany, now, will work freed of the load of military that led the three millions of German men and cost huge sums... will help... you will know by Germany's loyalty to the Allied demands that it is possible for her to pay the load that has been put her back... If it is possible, many will undertake it, to revolution, anarchy, and content... not, she will refuse, and tell Allies to collect their own indemnity, which would be difficult... the hopeful sign for Germany is that German exchange, the rate of the mark, rose after the indemnity was known... This means men who understand finance ve that Germany CAN pay... is known also that Lloyd George, who rules the Allies, does not want Germany destroyed... He wants a huge decaying nation be heart of Europe would be for ALL Europe... is probable that he consulted well-informed Germans and before fixing the sum that would allow the allies to demand, and that he fixed a sum that many can pay... France and land had suggested indemnities times as great as the chosen business details of the greatest war are now settling... The German people have been them a final statement of the Kaiser cost... the future of the world and Europe's restoration depend on Germany's ability or inability to meet Allies' demands... the Allied nations endeavor to pay Karl Marx's so-called "wage" system to a nation... Sixty or seventy million humans are kept working for forty-two years, while the Allied nations, during their work, will take from everything they produce, except enough to keep them and producing... when this happens to a NATION is a general feeling of sympathy, and we wonder if the nation endure it... do forget that the same thing happens to more than fourteen hundred millions of the people on earth... that are nine hundred and twenty-nine men out of a thousand individuals working for a sal...