

# FIRE SWEEPS MINNEAPOLIS

### Business District Damaged to the Extent of \$6,000,000 and Three Persons Killed.

### HARD WORK FIGHTING FLAMES

### The Storm Which Prevailed Prevented the Firemen From Working to Best Advantage.

Minneapolis, Dec. 14.—Three men were killed, two firemen and one citizen, the latter by a live wire, and from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 worth of property destroyed by a fire in the business district of Minneapolis, which began at 10 o'clock last night and at 2 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, is still burning, but partially under control, as the flames are confined to three burning buildings, two of which are gutted and a third, the Powers department store, the largest in the city, is damaged by water and fire to the extent of \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

The fire started in the photographic supply house of O. H. Peck & Co., on Fifth street, and in less than half an hour this building was a mass of wreckage.

Next to the Peck building is the furniture supply house of O. H. Peck & Co., on Fifth street, and in less than half an hour this building was a mass of wreckage.

Next to the Peck building is the furniture supply house of Bontelle Brothers, the largest house of its kind in the northwest. The building soon caught fire and is now burning, the sparks from it wafted for blocks by the north wind which is blowing, small fires throughout the city.

Relief has been secured from St. Paul, that city having sent over all its available fire apparatus. With the strong wind blowing, aided by zero weather, the firemen are experiencing considerable difficulty in their work. The fire is burning itself out in one or two of the buildings and the firemen's work is entirely directed toward saving adjoining buildings.

At 1:30 there was still no abatement of the fire, and though several buildings which it was expected would go, have been saved, the three burning now must burn themselves out.

The firemen of this city and St. Paul are paying no attention to the burning buildings, but are giving all their efforts toward saving property within the block by throwing water on the adjoining property.

Bontelle Brothers, and Peck's stores and total wrecks and are still burning and though the Powers Mercantile store has been saved from the flames, it has been severely damaged by water. Every electric light in the has been burned out and though the fire is practically under control, the dense smoke greatly hampers the fire men in their work.

One man was killed by a live wire which dropped in the street. The wind has died down somewhat, and it is likely the flames can be confined to the gutted buildings, which are still burning. The loss is now estimated at \$6,000,000.

### BETTER HAVE NO LAW.

### German Statesman Criticizes Americans for Trust Legislation.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—In the reichstag today during a discussion of a resolution asking the government to introduce a bill instituting a system of compulsory insurance for artisan workers, Count Von Posadowsky-Wehner, home secretary, warned the representatives of the interests of the so-called middle class against awakening hopes in the minds of artisans for state aid, which can never be realized. Count Posadowsky-Wehner regretted that the tendency against combinations of capital has grown so strong in Germany. Laws against trusts and pools are demanded but no state has yet given a satisfactory model of such legislation.

"In America," he said, "a law against trusts exists, but we all know it is without effect. Whenever a law of that kind is made it must become effective in removing excesses without checking trusts in whatever makes for progress and civilization. We must not make a law of which it can be said: 'I can drive a four-horse team through it.'"

### CONTESTS IN SILVER BOW.

### Fusion Candidates for Judgeships Refuse to Give Up the Fight.

Butte, Dec. 13.—The fusion candidates for district judges and their supporters do not intend to give up the struggle for those offices; and con-

tests were begun in the district court today in behalf of Peter Breen and L. P. Forestell.

The attorneys for Contestants Breen and Forestell are T. J. Walsh of Helena, James E. Healy and John F. Davies. Two suits are begun in behalf of Peter Breen, one against Michael Donlan and the other against George M. Bourquin. Two suits were also begun in behalf of L. P. Forestell one against Donlan and one against Bourquin. The complaint in each of the four cases is an extended one, consisting of over 75 pages of manuscript. Two of the cases will go into Judge Harney's court and two into Judge Clancy's department.

In the opening of the complaints it is stated that the "votes for judges stood as follows as the result of the official canvass of the returns: Bourquin, 6,753; Donlan, 6,502; Breen, 5,594; Forestell, 5,498; Langford, 1,097; Kohl, 928. The plurality for Bourquin is 1,159 and for Donlan, 908.

It is alleged that a number of votes that were cast for the Fusionists in almost every one of the 62 precincts in the county were "wilfully and erroneously counted for Donlan and Bourquin.

It is claimed that in a number of precincts, ballots that were not marked for any candidates for judges were counted for Donlan and Bourquin. In most of the precincts, it is set forth, the alleged "wilful and erroneous" count in favor of the latter candidates amounted only from 2 to 10 in their favor. The greatest fraud claimed is in precinct 34. In this precinct it is alleged that the judges of election counted for Bourquin and Donlan more than 100 votes that were really cast for Breen and Forestell.

On these showings the court is asked to set the contests for hearing, and that after the hearing the certificates of election of Bourquin and Donlan be declared null and void and that Contestants Forestell and Breen be declared elected.

Late tonight affidavits of disqualification were filed against both Judges Harney and Clancy.

Judges Donlan and Bourquin say these contests will in no way interfere with their taking office on the first Monday in January.

### ASSASSINS ARE SENTENCED.

### Men Who Killed Minister Von Plehve Sent to Prison for Life.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Sasonoff, who threw the bomb which killed Minister of the Interior Von Plehve, and Sikorofsky, his accomplice in the crime, were today found guilty by the court of appeals, sitting in the law courts building. The former was sentenced to imprisonment for life with hard labor, and the latter to 20 years' imprisonment. The trial had been expected to last at least two days, but it was rushed to a speedy completion in view of the possibility of revolutionary demonstrations.

The trial was behind closed doors, and all entrances to the building were guarded, and only persons who could produce summons were admitted. Even members of the bar were treated as outsiders.

The grim effect of the troops was enough to deter the crowds of students and workmen streaming along the sidewalks, and no vestige of a disturbance occurred. In the meantime, the accused had been brought to the court room from the adjoining prison through a rear door.

The bench appointed to try the case consisted of President Sar Maximovitch and four associate judges, Selivenoff, Wilkin, Delaroff and Remezoff.

M. Kountousanoff, procurator of the court of appeals, acted as prosecutor, and M. Kara and M. Shevsky, the most prominent criminal lawyers of the empire appeared for Sasonoff. M. Kazarinoff defended Sikorofsky. Twenty-eight witnesses and four experts appeared. The procedure followed closely that of the French courts. The prosecutor opened with presenting the case for the government, the indictment was read and the prisoners were arraigned, pleading justifiable homicide, after which the witnesses were examined. Sasonoff's apologia is declared to be a remarkable document, showing the prisoner to be a man of superior intellect and learning. It fills several closely written pages, was drawn up while he lay in the hospital, and sets forth the aims and purposes of the Social Revolutionary party, and the fighting organization, and the reasons and object of the murder of Minister Von Plehve, also of the commission of the arrest. Sikorofsky, being only a common workman, is no such interesting personality. Toward night, when the shops and factories were closed, the size of the crowds increased and there were occasional shouts of "acquitt him," but there was no attempt at an actual demonstration. A few arrests were made.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the name of the McDonald Creek Coal company has been changed to the Lewistown Coal company.

### The Imp Hon.

This brazen imposture on the credulity of the English public was the result of a wager between the Duke of Montague and another nobleman in 1719. In discussing the amazing gullibility of the English people the former declared that if one were to advertise it well that he would jump into a quart bottle all London would go to see him do it. The wager being made, an advertisement was inserted in all of the leading papers promising that the feat would be performed on a certain date at the Haymarket theater. On the appointed day the theater was packed from pit to dome, and many hundreds were turned from the doors. The supposed magician appeared on the stage and had the temerity to state that if the audience would pay double the price he would enter a pint bottle, shown on the stage table, instead of the quart flask, as furnished. He then hurriedly escaped by the stage door. A riot resulted, in which the theater was badly wrecked, and the duke and his companion had to leave town until the excitement was well over.

### The Original Cradle.

There is, if one comes to think of it, says the London Queen, more connection than is at first apparent between the "tree top" and the cradle of the old refrain, with which generation after generation of babies has been cradled to sleep. The cradles of the ninth and tenth centuries were formed of a section of the trunk of a tree, scooped out, with small holes bored at the sides through which to pass the cords back and forth to prevent the child from falling out. The natural convexity of the wood on the outside enabled the nurse to rock the infant. The enormous antiquity of the now obsolete cradle is startling when one remembers the wicker cradle or basket of the time of Moses, and later it is known on excellent authority that the Roman babies slept in cradles. These were the predecessors of the elaborately carved cradles which formed so important a part of the bedroom furniture until within the last fifty years.

### The Strength of Jefferson.

Jefferson was that one nearest to genius who has lived in the White House. He was a philosopher, a statesman, a scholar, a linguist, an artist and a scientist. He drew plans as an architect, invented the first furrow turning plow, and last, though not best, played on the fiddle. He sent rice from Italy, sneaking it out of Milan in his coat pockets, contra formam statuti, and made the savannas of Carolina and Georgia a source of food supply. He did many notable things. Among others, he lifted 1,000 pounds with his bare hands and gained the title of "the strong man of Albemarle" in a region where men were strong.—A. H. Lewis in Metropolitan Magazine.

### The Child That Wasn't Very Pretty.

Two Germantown women were recently enrolling on a new neighbor, and while awaiting her appearance a little girl came into the room, evidently bent upon the rescue of a doll recently abandoned there. Naturally she was viewed with some curiosity, and one of the callers, secure in the child's obviously tender age, spelled a low voiced comment:

"Not very p-e-e-t-y." To her horror, the small maiden paused on the threshold and, fixing a contemptuous eye upon the culprit, remarked, with lofty composure: "No, not very p-e-e-t-y, but rather s-m-a-r-t!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Marks on Book Pages.

If you look at any novel or other book you will see at the foot of some of the right hand pages either letters of the alphabet or numerals. These numbers or initials are for the benefit of the persons who fold the sheets into the required size. Sheets vary in size and are sometimes folded four and sometimes eight times. Each sheet is a section of the book, and the folder takes section A B C and so on till the correct number of sheets is taken. The numbers and letters will be found on every fourth, eighth or sixteenth page of books, the numbers on the pages varying with the size of the book.

### A Town of Violin Makers.

The only place in the world where violin making may be said to constitute the staple industry is Markneudirchen, in Saxony, with its numerous surrounding villages. There are altogether about 15,000 people in this district engaged exclusively in the manufacture of violins. The inhabitants, from the small boy and girl to the wrinkled, gray headed veteran and the aged grandmother, are employed throughout the year in making some part or other of this instrument.

### The Plodder.

Just before his death William Cary, the great shoemaker, missionary and noted linguist, said about his biographer: "If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will do me justice. Anything beyond this will be too much. I can plod. To this I owe everything."—Success.

### Circus and Church Seats.

If people had to sit on as uncomfortable seats at a church as at the circus, how they would roar! This is one of the things that prove the influence of mind over matter.—Acheson Globe.

### Afflicted Alike.

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