

Did You See Those 20 Century Diamonds in Chamberlin's Window?

OTTAWA SWEEP BY FIRE

Blaze Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

TWO THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS.

Hundreds of Houses and Millions of Feet of Lumber Destroyed—Money Lost Runs Into Big Figures. Water Main Tamped With.

Ottawa, Ont., May 11.—A fire, suspected of being of incendiary origin, destroyed hundreds of houses and millions of feet of lumber in this city. John White, who had just been released from the penitentiary after serving a term of imprisonment for arson, was caught near where the fire was first discovered.

Two hours before the main fire started, two smaller fires were started and quickly extinguished in the lumber yards near the Canadian Pacific railway. When the fire brigade arrived at the third it was found that the water main had been damaged and no water could be obtained. When the brigade did get water the fire was utterly beyond its control. It swept along over the same ground that the Hull fire of 1897 had gone, the only difference being that it was going in the opposite direction. There is a large cliff, which extends from the Ottawa river to the corner of Margaret and Preston streets. The fire area was on the flats below the cliff. At two or three points it came very near getting over the cliff, and had it done so nothing would have saved the city. The fire is under control and was confined to the following area: The Ottawa and Parry Sound railroad on the south, Division street on the east, First avenue on the west and the Richmond railroad on the north. From the Parry Sound road to the Richmond road is about one mile and from First avenue to Division street is about one-quarter of a mile. While the fire was burning fiercely among the lumber piles the whole brigade of the city, which had been summoned, was forced to remain idle.

Fifteen million feet of lumber were destroyed. The loss on the lumber will be about \$30,000. The buildings burned were principally dwelling houses and stores. The loss on buildings is estimated at various amounts. Mayor Cook said there were from 500 to 600 families homeless, or about 2,000 individuals. The mayor said the city would oppose any aid being asked from outside Canada and personally he thought that the city should grapple with the situation without any appeal for outside help.

MATCH CAUSES EXPLOSION.

Prominent New Yorker and His Wife Fatally Burned as Result.

Buffalo, May 11.—Herman N. Blasdel of North Collins, after whom the town of Blasdel, N. Y., is named, and his wife were so badly burned in a fire which started from an explosion and which destroyed their home that they died a few hours later. An adopted son, who was the only other occupant of the house at the time of the explosion, was slightly burned. Mrs. Blasdel was conscious for some time before her death and from her it was learned how the explosion occurred. Awakened early in the morning by a strong smell of gas she began an investigation. When she reached the hall she struck a match and instantly there was a terrific explosion. The walls of the house were forced outward and one side of the building dropped. Fire broke out in half a dozen places, and the whole house was soon in flames.

Fail to Settle Laundry Strike.

Chicago, May 11.—All efforts to reach a settlement of the laundry strike at a meeting of the special committee of the employees and employers failed of results and a disruption of the ranks of the employers' association is expected. All attended the meeting and a strong effort was exerted to induce them to stand by the association, but all arguments were powerless and the Evanston men left the meeting determined to open for business in the morning.

Settlement Reached at Montreal.

Montreal, May 11.—The longshoremen's strike was practically settled at a conference of the strike leaders and teamship men. Following is the basis of settlement: Union or non-union men not to be discriminated against by foremen; men secure the right to wear union buttons; increased scale of wages agreed upon previously.

ALLEGED ASSASSIN ARRESTED.

Sheriff Expected a Fight, but Jett Promptly Surrenders.

Lexington, Ky., May 11.—The capture of Curtis Jett, charged with the assassination of J. B. Marcum in Jackson Monday, was accomplished without bloodshed. He is now in the Clark county jail at Winchester.

Bearing a warrant which had been sworn out by Sam Jett, uncle of the accused, Sheriff McChord and a posse of seven proceeded on foot to the home of Mrs. A. Haggin, Jett's mother, two miles from Jackson's ferry. Six of the posse were stationed around the dwelling and Sheriff McChord and Deputy Stokley approached the front door and knocked. Jett's mother answered and after some parley admitted that Curtis was within. They were admitted and found Jett awake, but still in bed. He shook hands with the sheriff and said that he would give no trouble. Reaching under his pillow, he drew out his pistol and turned it over to his mother to keep. He made no show of resistance and was landed in jail at Winchester.

Jett's stepfather, A. Haggin, charges that when Jett reached his home from Jackson he proceeded to draw his pistol on him and ordered him to get out of the neighborhood. Haggin went to Richmond and swore out a warrant, charging Jett with breach of the peace by assault with a pistol. In the jail Jett was communicative on all matters save the killing of Marcum. "I'll get out of this all right," was the only statement he would make that could be construed as a reference to the charge.

TWENTY YEARS FOR JESSIE.

Supreme Court Affirms Decision of Lower Court in Morrison Case.

Topoka, May 11.—The supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the state against Jessie Morrison. Jessie Morrison was declared guilty of killing Mrs. Olin Castle three years ago at the Castle home in Florado. The decision means twenty years imprisonment.

The opinion, which was written by Justice John C. Pollock, says: "Upon the theory of the tragedy, as maintained by the state, the murder was a butchery of such savage and vicious nature as rarely is equaled and never excelled in the criminal history of the civilized world; that search of a parallel so shocking must be instituted among the traditions of the aborigines. It was a brutal deed, utterly lacking in mitigating circumstances, alike appalling to the mind and shocking to the sensibilities."

Mrs. Kountz May Recover.

Pittsburg, May 11.—Mrs. Margaret E. Kountz, the surviving victim of her husband's jealous attack upon her and her escort, Contractor John E. Walsh, lies in the Homeopathic hospital suffering from the effects of two serious wounds. She is ignorant of Walsh's death and imagines that he is lying wounded in the next room to her. One of the bullets struck Mrs. Kountz in the arm and passing through that member broke her jaw and lodged at the base of her tongue. The other passed through her arm and lodged in her chest. She may recover, but it may be several months before she can articulate.

Sheriff Defies Mob.

Fremont, O., May 11.—Mob violence which was threatened in this city as the result of the alleged killing of Otto Mischke, by one of three negroes, has subsided. The three negroes who are charged with the crime are securely locked in the city jail at Newark. For three hours the jail building was surrounded by the angry crowd, calling upon Sheriff Mason to deliver the prisoners. Sheriff Mason said he would shoot the first man who made an attempt to enter the building.

Nine Convicts Escape.

Birmingham, Ala., May 11.—A portion of the kitchen of the state prison at Flat Top mines, twenty-five miles from this city, was burned and nine convicts escaped. Going to the railroad station nearby the convicts robbed the telegraph operator and left him tightly bound. The signal light was turned causing the next train south on the Southern to stop. The operator was found and released. One of the convicts has been captured.

Iowa Central Switchmen Strike.

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 11.—Iowa Central switchmen here have struck because of the discharge of four men who refused to obey orders. Freight traffic is crippled to some extent.

Warships Ordered to Gibraltar.

London, May 11.—The cruisers Drake, Brilliant and Rainbow have suddenly been ordered from Portland to Gibraltar.

STRIKE GROWS SERIOUS

Two Trains Wrecked and One Man Killed on Engine.

MOBILE AND OHIO ROAD IDLE.

Boilermakers on Southern Pacific Decide Not to Quit Work—Break in Ranks of Chicago Laundrymen's Association.

Jackson, Tenn., May 11.—The strike on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, now on in this city, is assuming alarming proportions. One man killed, two trains wrecked and business badly tied up is the result of the day in Jackson. Chief of Police T. C. Gaston and his force were called to the Union depot by the officials of the road on account of a wreck having occurred there, alleged to be the work of the strikers. A fishplate had been laid between the rails of a switch and a monster engine was dived. The engine was placed again on the rails and returned to the shops and when it returned to carry the train north the switch was thrown and another delay occasioned.

Will Yarboro, a brakeman, was shot and killed on the tender of his engine. The train on which he was killed was the same as that manned by Captain Pringle, a bridge foreman, and his crew of negro hands. South of Jackson the negroes were run off the train and at Bethel Yarboro joined Pringle's train. The strikers say that they know nothing of the identity of the man who did the shooting and deprecate the accident.

Trainmen Go Out.

St. Louis, May 11.—"All conditions considered, we are satisfied with the progress made in the strike. The freight traffic of the Mobile and Ohio is virtually at a standstill and that is the vital interest to which the management must look." This was the expressed opinion of C. H. Wilkins, grand senior conductor of the Order of Railway Conductors, who, with W. G. Lee, first vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, called the strike of the Mobile and Ohio trainmen and yardmen Saturday. Since Saturday morning three passenger trains have moved from St. Louis. Freight trains to the number of four have been moved. Beyond this the traffic from St. Louis is at a standstill.

Railroad Is Idle.

Mobile, Ala., May 11.—The second day of the strike of the trainmen on the Mobile and Ohio has been a quiet one here. The road is still tied-up as tight as ever, no freight of any kind being moved. The passenger trains here all pulled out on time, being run by clerks in the offices and officials of the road. Export Agent Frispen and several of the clerks in the freight office here ran switching cars in the yards all day and have made some progress. Preparations are being made for trouble. Deputy sheriffs are in charge of the yards at Whistler, where many of the men live and forty men are scattered about the yards here ready in case of trouble. No peace overtures have been made by either side.

MENACED BY FOREST FIRES.

Men, Women and Children Fight Flames in Pennsylvania.

Johnstown, Pa., May 11.—One of the fiercest and most damaging forest fires in the history of the Allegheny mountains is raging near Dunlo, this county. Much apprehension is felt for the safety of several camps of lumbermen, who were in the great district which had been swept by the flames. Some of them may have perished. They would have to flee from the camps ahead of the fire and as no tidings have been received from them there is much alarm. The flames came toward Dunlo with terrible fury and soon every man, woman and child in Dunlo was out doing everything possible to save the town from destruction. After hours of fighting, the progress of the flames were checked.

Solomon River Out of Its Banks.

Downs, Kan., May 11.—Rain fell here in torrents for more than twelve hours, causing the Solomon river to overflow its banks. Business houses are under water and boatmen are rowing through the streets. The storm has been very heavy north and west. A great many families have left their homes and moved to places of safety. Stock has suffered heavily and planted grain has been washed out of the ground. The water is higher, it is said, than it has been since the country was first inhabited by the whites.

LEE DISAVOWS STATEMENT.

Says He Testified Before Grand Jury, but Made No Other Declaration.

St. Louis, May 11.—The statement reported to have been made by former Lieutenant Governor Lee of his connection with hooding in the last legislature is in a curious state. Mr. Lee now denies that he made a statement. "I have testified before the grand jury and believe that is all that is necessary. I will not make a statement, nor do I believe a statement is necessary," said Mr. Lee. The witnesses summoned to appear before the grand jury today are: J. T. Wells of Kennett, who is said to have witnessed the delivery of checks to members of the legislature; W. T. Rutherford, prosecuting attorney of Clark county; Joe Shannon and W. F. Lyons of Kansas City.

PROPOSES TO FIGHT TRUST.

Omaha Box Makers to Erect Mill and Manufacture its Own Strawboards.

Milwaukee, May 11.—Because of the aggressions of the American Strawboard trust, A. George Schultz & Co. of Milwaukee and Omaha will during the next year erect a paper mill to make its own strawboard. The mill may be erected in Wisconsin, where good water power is available, or may be located in the west, where experiments have shown that paper mills can be operated with profit by steam power. The company gives as the reason for its plan that in making paper boxes a year ago it was able to buy strawboard at \$18.10 a ton, and now since the trust has absorbed all the mills in the country is forced to pay \$26 a ton.

Day of Rest for President.

Hotel Del Norte, Cal., May 11.—President Roosevelt spent one of the most restful Sundays he has encountered since his trip began. In one of the most beautiful spots in California, two miles from the nearest city, unhampered by curious crowds, he had a chance to thoroughly rest and prepare for the coming week, which promises to be one of the busiest of his journey.

After dinner President Roosevelt held an informal reception in one of the parlors of the hotel. He shook hands with the guests of the house and with the officers who are stationed at Fort Monterey. The uniforms of the latter and the handsome dresses of the ladies made the scene a brilliant one.

Southern Pacific Strike Postponed.

Bakersfield, Cal., May 11.—Official information was received here to the effect that the threatened strike of the Southern Pacific boilermakers, that was to have gone into effect at midnight, has been postponed for fifteen days. The order to this effect was made by President McNeil of the boilermakers' union. The order postponing the strike was issued, it is said, owing to the protest of General Manager Kruttschnitt, who asserts that the company has not received the thirty days' notice required by the agreement between the boilermakers and the Southern Pacific.

No Strike in Colorado.

Louisville, Colo., May 11.—There will be no strike in the northern coal fields, as contemplated. A mass meeting of miners decided to postpone indefinitely their demand for an eight-hour day. The Northern Coal company, which owns or controls most of the mines, refused the demand.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Booth Tarkington, the author, has just passed the crisis in a very serious case of typhoid fever.

The sawmill of the Scofield Lumber company at West Superior burned Sunday, entailing a loss of \$75,000.

Richard Henry Stoddard, the poet and writer, is ill at his home in New York. He suffers from general debility on account of age.

The railroads of Mexico are bringing pressure to bear upon the government for a staple dollar, worth at least 50 cents on the world's market.

Mrs. N. A. Long and her five-year-old daughter are dead and a three-year-old son is perhaps fatally burned as the result of an oil lamp explosion at Frankfort, Ind.

Dispatches from Monastir, European Turkey, say the Musselmans and Turkish troops are murdering Christians in the suburbs of the Christian quarter of the town. Houses are deserted and shops are closed.

Charles D. Lucas, a prominent politician of Kansas City, died Sunday of paralysis, aged sixty-nine years. He was prominent in the Pythian circles, having held the positions of supreme prelate of the supreme order of the world and grand chancellor of Pythians.

PERSHING SETTLES MOROS

Experiences No Trouble After Battle at Taraca.

TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

Prisoners Captured by Americans Swear Fealty and Are Released. Ladrone Situation is Improving—Resume Quarantine of Transports.

Manila, May 11.—Captain Pershing and his column have returned to Camp Vicars, Mindanao, from the expedition through the country east of Lake Lanao. The column experienced no opposition after the fighting at Taraca. The prisoners captured at Taraca took the oath of allegiance to the United States and were released. Among the Moros killed in the Taraca forts were nine dattos and one sultan. The moral effect of this fight has been far-reaching and it is doubtful if there will be any further hostility in the Lake Lanao country.

Four natives have been found guilty of the murder of three American marines at Olangapo, Subig bay, last September, and have been sentenced to death.

The ladron situation seems to have been materially improved. In Albay province it is still unsatisfactory, but the other districts which recently have been disturbed are quieter.

Albert Roberts, cashier of the government ice plant here, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement. His accounts have been found to be \$4,000 short.

The quarantining of transports bound for San Francisco has been resumed on account of the cholera. The epidemic is making slight gains in Luzon.

YOUNG SAILORS AFFLICTED.

Cerebro Spinal Meningitis Breaks Out on Two Receiving Ships.

Philadelphia, May 11.—Deadly cerebro spinal meningitis, popularly known as spotted fever, and one of the hardest contagious diseases to combat, has broken out in the ranks of the 4,200 men aboard the receiving ships Minneapolis and Puritan at League Island navy yard. Already it has killed three young recruits, while five more victims are hovering between life and death. Grave fears prevail that others among the embryo blue-jackets, who ate, worked and slept with the stricken, may fall into the fever's embrace. This prospect has alarmed the officers at the yard to such an extent that an heroic effort will be made to prevent a spread of the disease, not only by constantly watching the men, but by removing them entirely from the two receiving ships. The work of raising thirty-five tents will be started and as soon as the canvas shelters are in place the 1,200 young tars will be put out to camp, giving them plenty of fresh air and more room for exercise, which it is thought will materially lessen the chance for further inculcation of the disease.

White River Extension.

Joplin, May 11.—The White River line of the Missouri Pacific is to be extended to Pittsburg, Kan., making a through line from Topeka to Memphis. A new train service will be established between Joplin and Topeka as soon as the gap between Asbury, Mo., and Pittsburg is contemplated. The White River extension is being pushed rapidly, but it is estimated that it will take three years to complete the work. The building of the road is a remarkable engineering feat, as it is principally composed of tunnels, trestles and grades.

Debts for Whisky Need Not Be Paid.

Topeka, May 11.—The supreme court decided that the price of intoxicating liquors illegally sold in Kansas can not be recovered. A wholesale liquor firm of Kansas City sued a firm in Elgin to secure payment for a barrel of whisky sold on time. The defendant contended that the sale was made in Kansas, and, being contrary to the laws of the state, recovery of the debt could not be made. This view was upheld by the supreme court.

Baseball Results.

National League—St. Louis, 3-8; Chicago, 6-13. Cincinnati, 0; Pittsburg, 1.
American League—Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 6. Cleveland, 6; Detroit, 2.
American Association—Milwaukee, 4; Kansas City, 1. Columbus, 22; Indianapolis, 8. Toledo, 10; Louisville, 2.
Western League—Colorado Springs, 6; Denver, 6. Kansas City, 18; Milwaukee, 1. St. Joseph, 2; Peoria, 3.

INFERNAL MACHINE A MYSTERY.

Police in Doubt Whether it Was Murderous Plot or Hoax.

New York, May 11.—The police so far have failed to solve the mystery surrounding the leaving of a box of dynamite on the Cunard line dock. There is a diversion of opinion among the officials as to whether the matter was intended to be a hoax or not, but all agree that the possibilities of a great explosion and a great loss of life were many.

Superintendent George E. Murray of the bureau of combustibles said that there were no detonating caps attached to the dynamite sticks and that without these caps it is not likely that the dynamite would have exploded from a fuse. He says, however, that if the box had been given a sudden jar at the time the fuse burned down to the dynamite an explosion might have resulted. He also said that he had experimented with the clock work and concluded that it had run about five hours when found and that it still had about thirty hours to run before operating the firing lever. He does not believe that a hoax was intended.

Salonica in State of Siege.

London, May 11.—The Salonica correspondent of the Times says there are ten men-of-war in the harbor of Salonica. A state of siege has been declared and Turkish troops are guarding every square yard of the town. The schemes of the revolutionary leaders may hang fire, but it is not likely they will be abandoned. There have been found documents which convince the authorities that the recent explosions were carried out by officials of the Bulgarian royal engineers. The general opinion prevails, the correspondent says, in conclusion, that the only way to clear the atmosphere is by a war with Bulgaria.

Says Ice Man is Bigamist.

Topeka, Kan., May 11.—The supreme court affirmed the sentence for bigamy of James S. Pendleton, alias Coda S. Morris, the Missouri man who went to Oklahoma, wrote to his wife over an assumed name that her husband was dead and had a cake of ice buried in a coffin as Pendleton. Then he went to Emporia and married a young girl. He was found out and convicted of bigamy.

Railroad Strike in Australia.

Melbourne, Australia, May 11.—There is no prospect of the cessation of the railroad strike. Very few men have accepted the offer of double pay to work in place of the strikers. There have been several cases of train wrecking and molestation of the men who have taken the strikers' places. The strikers are receiving money from all parts of Australia.

Canal Treaty Likely to Pass.

Panama, May 11.—The convocation of the Colombian congress for June 20 is believed by those acquainted with government affairs to mean that President Marroquin is confident of having sufficient support to assure the approval of the canal treaty.

Ex-Senator Baker's Wife Dead.

Leavenworth, Kan., May 11.—Mrs. Mary V. Baker, wife of ex-United States Senator Lucien Baker, died at her home here of apoplexy. She was fifty-three years old. Her husband, a son and daughter, Mrs. C. H. T. Lowens, survive her.

Schengels Urge China to Resist.

Vancouver, May 11.—As a result of patriotic meetings, called because of the situation in Manchuria, the viceroys and governors have telegraphed the grand council at Peking urging the Chinese government to resist foreign aggression.

General Tie-Up Expected.

Denver, May 11.—So general is the belief that a tie-up of all trades in Denver will occur that the Citizens' alliance has made a demand upon the fire and police board for protection of their employes in the event of such a turn.

Its Hints at Trouble Ahead.

London, May 11.—While addressing his party last Friday concerning Manchuria, says the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail in a dispatch, "Marquis Ito hinted that there was trouble ahead."

Bubonic Plague at Callao and Pisco.

Guayaquil, May 11.—Callao and Pisco, Peru, have been officially declared infected with the bubonic plague. The banks and business houses of Guayaquil are subscribing funds for the purpose of cleaning the city. The Cosmos line steamers Herodot and Sesostris, from southern ports, will be refused admittance here. The Ecuadorian troops have been stationed on the Peruvian frontier to stop communication.